

Major General Anupinder Bevli visits Shri Krishan Chander GDC Poonch, inspires NCC cadets

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POONCH: In a landmark visit aimed at reinforcing the NCC framework and motivating young cadets, Major General Anupinder Bevli, VSM, Additional Director General of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Directorate NCC, accompanied by Brigadier DN Pandey, Group Commander Jammu NCC, visited Krishan Chander Government Degree College (SKC GDC), Poonch.

The visit marked a significant milestone in the college's NCC journey, focusing on reviewing the progress of the unit and inspiring cadets to reach greater heights. Upon arrival, the dignitaries were warmly received by Prof. Jasbir Singh, Principal of SKC GDC, Col. Naresh Kaushik, Commanding Officer of 5 J&K Battalion NCC, Lt. (Dr.) Youngish Kumar Sharma, ANO Boys Wing, and Assistant Professor Mehnaz Kouser, CTO Girls Wing, along with the Principals and ANOs from nearby colleges and



General Anupinder Bevli, VSM, Additional Director General of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Directorate NCC during visit to Poonch.

schools in Poonch District. The NCC cadets of the college, dressed smartly, presented a Guard of Honour, impressing the visitors with their discipline and precision. The visit commenced with the National Anthem and an interactive session with the cadets, during which the NCC unit presented their annual activity report. The cadets also showcased the history of Poonch Linkup Day and highlighted their

achievements in national-level events, including blood donation camps, yoga sessions, and trekking expeditions, demonstrating their dedication to service and self-improvement. In a special moment of recognition, Major General Anupinder Bevli awarded the prestigious Director General NCC Commendation Card to Junior Under Officer Mahima Maini for her exceptional performance at the

National Level Shooting Championship, further motivating the cadets to strive for excellence in their respective fields. In his address to the cadets, Major General Bevli lauded their hard work and exceptional achievements. He also shared a personal connection to the region, recalling how his grandfather served as an Education Inspector in Poonch in the 1930s and his own tenure as a Colonel in the Rajouri-Poonch area. The ADG emphasized the Government of India's commitment to empowering NCC cadets, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to expand NCC participation to 25 lakh cadets across the nation. He announced plans to increase the strength of the 5 J&K Battalion NCC Poonch from 2800 to 3500 cadets, with a special focus on enhancing female participation. Furthermore, the ADG acknowledged the growing participation of cadets from Poonch and Rajouri districts in national-level camps and training

programs and urged the cadets to further elevate this trend. He also highlighted the opportunity for NCC cadets to participate in overseas deployment camps, offering them invaluable global exposure. Major General Bevli encouraged the cadets to fully engage in the NCC's diverse activities, push their limits, and strive for excellence in every aspect of their lives. He reiterated that the NCC not only serves as a training ground for leadership and discipline but also plays a crucial role in shaping the future of the nation. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks, an inspection of the NCC office and a group photograph, capturing the significance of the occasion. This visit not only reinforced the strong relationship between the armed forces and educational institutions but also inspired a renewed sense of purpose among the NCC cadets, motivating them to contribute to the nation's growth and security.

Dy CM furious over slow road construction in Miran Sahib market, rebukes officials



Dy CM Surendar Chaudhary during visit to Miran Sahib Market.

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R S PURA: Deputy Chief Minister Surendar Chaudhary expressed his strong displeasure over the slow pace and poor quality of road construction in Miran Sahib Market. Arriving at the site around 1 PM on Sunday afternoon, he found that the construction work had been stalled for several days, causing significant inconvenience to shopkeepers and residents.

He issued strict instructions to the concerned officials to accelerate the work and complete it within the stipulated timeframe.

The shopkeepers of the market complained to the Deputy CM that the road construction was progressing at a sluggish pace.

Additionally, there was no proper drainage system alongside the road, which could lead to waterlogging issues in the future.

Traders also reported that due to the ongoing construction, traffic congestion had become a major issue, preventing customers from reaching their shops and affecting their businesses.

Speaking to reporters at the site, Deputy CM Surendra Chaudhary stat-

ed that he had been receiving continuous complaints regarding the slow progress of the road construction in Miran Sahib Market.

Upon inspecting the site, he confirmed that the work was indeed moving at a slow pace and that the quality of the completed portions was unsatisfactory. He emphasized that the government's priority is to provide people with well-constructed roads.

He has issued necessary directives to the concerned department to expedite the work and ensure it is completed efficiently and on time.

International Women's Day Celebrated at BJP District Headquarters Poonch



BJP District President Gurdeep Singh Khalsa along with women workers during the event.

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POONCH: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Headquarters in Poonch witnessed a grand celebration of International Women's Day, where hundreds of aspiring women from different parts of the district participated in the event.

The program aimed to recognize and honor women achievers for their invaluable contributions to community development and self-reliance.

During the event, several distinguished women were felicitated for their efforts in empowering society. BJP District

President Gurdeep Singh Khalsa extended his congratulations and best wishes to BJP Mahila Morcha President Poonch Jyoti Bhalla, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Convenor Ambika Saraf, social activist Neetu Sharma, Suman Sharma, and the entire team for successfully organizing the program.

Speaking on the occasion, Khalsa emphasized the importance of women's empowerment and appreciated the role of women in shaping society. The event concluded with a pledge to continue supporting initiatives that promote women's rights, education, and self-reliance.

SMVDU hosts Smart Solutions Exhibition 2025

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KATRA: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) hosted Smart Solutions Exhibition 2025 as part of Annual Festival by the Board of Professional Activities (BPA), SMVDU.

The event was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU wherein Dr. Yatheshth Anand, Head, School of Mechanical Engineering, was also present on the occasion.

Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU encouraged the participants and took a keen interest in every project on display.

He interacted with students from various colleges and universities, asked insightful questions, and appreciated their innovative approaches, making the experience even more enrich-



Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU visiting a stall at SMVDU Katra.

ing for the participants.

Dr. Ankush Raina, President, BPA stressed that events like this not only provide insight into the latest technological developments but also open doors for future collaborations and partnerships.

With over 20 teams from MIET Jammu, Government

College for Women Parade, Khalsa College Amritsar, GCET Jammu, SMVDU, among others, participated in the exhibition.

Young Minds from GCET, Jammu, bagged the first prize in the Model Display category for their outstanding innovation, followed by Vadar KCET from Khalsa

College in second place and Team Civil Engineering from SMVDU in third place.

In the idea/ Presentation category, The Clean Code from GCW Parade impressed the judges and secured the first position, while Srijana from SMVDU and Hydroponic Curtain from GCW Parade claimed the second and third spots, respectively.

A panel of judges evaluated the projects based on originality, feasibility, impact, technical depth, and presentation skills.

Prof. Ankush Anand, Coordinator of the event stated that objective was to explore the possibilities of collaboration, exchange of ideas, and real-world problem-solving techniques.

Dr. Mir Irfan ul Haq, Associate Dean, Alumni and

International affairs and co-coordinator of the event expressed, "It was incredible to witness such fresh, inspiring, and impactful ideas come to life. The energy, enthusiasm, and creativity displayed here today reaffirm our belief that the future is in great hands." With unwavering participation, groundbreaking projects, and a spirit of innovation, the Smart Solutions Exhibition 2025 set a new benchmark for future editions, inspiring young minds to think big, create boldly, and innovate fearlessly.

The untiring efforts of dedicated and enthusiastic student coordinators Muskan Gupta, Dhiraj Kumar, Rannik Sharma, Astabhujanath Pandey and others led to the successful completion of the event.

Mohan Lal inspects Flood Control and Irrigation projects, emphasizes quality assurance

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AKHNOOR: MLA Akhnoor, Mohan Lal Bhagat inspected various flood control and irrigation projects in the region to assess their quality. During his visit, he examined the ongoing modernization work on the Main New Pratap Canal between RD 4200 - 10000 meters, being carried out by the Irrigation Department at a cost of Rs 70.24 lakh. Local residents praised the quality of this work.

The MLA also toured flood-affected areas along the Chenab River, including Chak Kirpalpur, Muthi, Maira, Chak Sikander, and Sittar Dyala, where rising water levels have impacted the region.

He directed the Flood Control Department to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) on a priority



MLA Akhnoor, Mohan Lal Bhagat inspecting flood control and irrigation project at Akhnoor.

basis. He acknowledged that despite ongoing embankment and protection works, some areas were left out, leading to submerged farmland due to recent water level rise.

He revealed that the department has prepared a Rs 5.04 crore DPR, which he will present to the concerned minister.

Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner of Jammu has

assured Rs 40 lakh under SSSY for emergency relief work. To address delays in Maira's ongoing flood control work, Mohan Lal facilitated coordination between department officials, contractors, and local residents, ensuring the resumption of work.

He urged the public to monitor construction quality and shared his personal mobile number, encouraging people

to report any irregularities. He made it clear that negligence and corruption will not be tolerated, and strict action will be taken against those responsible.

The MLA assured that all flood control and irrigation-related issues in Akhnoor will be addressed on priority.

During the inspection, key officials and dignitaries present included Assistant Executive Engineer (Flood Control) Sanjeev Engineer (Irrigation) Mohit Kerni, BJP District President Kuldeep Sharma, along with Kuldeep Singh, Anil Sharma, Suman Singh, Ravinder Singh, Daler Singh, Kali Das, Pandit Sham Lal Sharma, Jograj, Chaman Verma, Suresh Kumar, and other local officials and community representatives.

BJP leaders address issues in Kothe Kalyana village, inaugurate link road

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R S PURA: BJP MLA Prof. Garu Ram Bhagat and former minister Shyam Lal Choudhary visited Kothe Kalyana village in the Suchetgarh Assembly constituency to listen to the concerns of local residents. During their visit, they inaugurated a newly constructed link road in the village.

Panchayat representatives and prominent members of the area were also present at the event. Villagers raised issues related to electricity, water, roads, healthcare, and education. They mentioned that they had been facing road-related problems for years, which became worse during the rainy season.

Speaking at the event, Prof. Garu Ram Bhagat



BJP MLA Prof. Garu Ram Bhagat inaugurating the road link.

stated that the BJP government is committed to rural development and is prioritizing essential facilities like roads, electricity, and water. He assured the villagers that their concerns would be addressed as soon as possible. Former minister Shyam Lal Choudhary also emphasized that the BJP govern-

ment is working continuously to bring development to every citizen. He announced that more development projects would soon be initiated in Kothe Kalyana village.

On this occasion, BJP district president Rinku

Choudhary, Mandal president Devi Ditta, former Panch Somanath, and other dignitaries also shared their views. The residents urged the government to accelerate development projects in the area.

Dr Rajeev vows to make Bishnah constituency a model of progress, harmony



MLA Bishnah, Dr Rajeev Kumar Bhagat starting mecadamization work.

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BISHNAH: MLA Bishnah, Dr Rajeev Kumar Bhagat started the mecadamization work of 1.5. Kilometer long link road at village Purana Putha, Sohara near Kunjwani. The road will be constructed under the NABARD by the PWD (R&B) Division R.S Pura Sub Division Bishnah.

The MLA assured for transforming Bishnah Constituency into a Model

Constituency. The MLA urged the engineers and officials of the PWD Department to strictly adhere to quality protocols to ensure that the road serves the community for years to come.

Ex-Sarpanches, Ex-Panches and other prominent and general public of the area were present in the occasion, thanked MLA Bishnah for fulfilling long pending demand of general public.

Udhampur Police holds Thana Diwas



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: "Thana Diwas" was observed today at Police Post (PP) Roundmail under the chair-

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(VDGs), and other matters concerning civil administration. Several issues related to the police were redressed on the spot, while assurance was given to take up civil-related matters with the concerned authorities.

A key highlight of the event was an awareness session on the implementation and key features of the New Criminal Laws, different types of cyber crimes, and cyber hygiene. Citizens were urged to cooperate with the police in addressing various social issues and maintaining law and order in the area.

The event witnessed a gathering of around 80-90 people and commenced at 10:30 AM, concluding at 12:00 Noon.

The police officials expressed their commitment to strengthening community policing and addressing public grievances effectively.

SSP Kishtwar sensitizes public on new criminal laws



SSP Kishtwar, Javaid Iqbal Mir and locals after the meeting.

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KISHITWAR: In continuation of efforts to strengthen public outreach and enhance legal awareness, SSP Kishtwar, Javaid Iqbal Mir-JKPS, accompanied by SDPO Marwah, Sh. Vijay Kumar Bhagat, visited Police Station Marwah, where they were warmly welcomed by SHO, Insp. Nazir Ahmed.

During the visit, a Police-Community Partnership Group (PCPG) Meeting was convened to address the con-

cerns of local residents. The public raised key demands regarding mobile communication, road connectivity, and the availability of essential commodities, particularly in light of the ongoing holy month of Ramzan. SSP Kishtwar patiently listened to the grievances and assured the community that their concerns would be taken up with the relevant authorities for necessary redressal.

As part of the awareness initiative, SSP Kishtwar

sensitized the public about the implementation of new criminal laws, including the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), 2023, which have been introduced to modernize and strengthen the criminal justice system. The officers also briefed the attendees on various digital initiatives such as eSakshya, eSummons, and MedLeaPR, designed to enhance transparency and efficiency in law enforcement.

Additionally, SSP Kishtwar inspected the newly constructed SDPO office at Marwah, marking a significant step in bolstering police infrastructure in the remote region. This new facility is expected to improve administrative efficiency and enhance policing capabilities, ensuring better service delivery to the people of Marwah.