

## Tara Chand pitches for restoring statehood to J&K

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BILLAWAR: Continuing its initiative "Har Ghar Congress", a mass public outreach programme was held at Billawar on Saturday under the leadership of Former Minister and President DCC Kathua and was chaired and attended by galaxy of senior party leaders including Ex DyCM Tara Chand, Former Ministers, GM Sarori, Jugal Kishore, RS CHIB, Garu Ram Choudhary, CH Akram (Ex MLA) Subash Gupta (Ex MLC), Jahangir Mir (Ex MLC), Naresh Gupta (EX MLC), Jahangir Mir, Salman Nizami, Varun Magotra, DS Bindu, Amolak Singh, Adv Ashok Sharma, Adv Maheshwar Singh, Rajinder Prasad, Sharma, Vinod Mishra, Ashwani Handa, Jagjyot Singh and Ankush Raina.



Ex DyCM Tara Chand and other senior Congress leaders during campaign at Billawar.

While speaking on the occasion Former DyCM Tara Chand said that today masses of the country and J&K are suffering due to anti people policies of Modi government. He said Congress while fight for the rights of the people of J&K and this outreach programme of Har Ghar Congress has been launched for mass contact with people and make them aware of anti people policies of BJP government. He further

said that Congress party is the oldest party of the country and again said congress was united, is united and will remain united. He also pitched for return of statehood to J&K.

While welcoming all the senior leaders Dr Manohar Lal Sharma said that J&K especially Jammu witnessed lot of development when G N Azad was the Chief Minister of J&K. During Azad's tenure lot of developmental

projects were carried out for Jammu such as creation of new districts, Medical colleges, AIIMS, and much more but during BJP- PDP government state witnessed no development and was driven to backfoot i.e from a State to an UT. He further said that people are now fed up with BJP and want to see the golden era of development under leadership of Ghulam Nabi Azad again.

In last all the leaders said they Congress party will not sit quietly unless Statehood is restored to J&K and other burning issues such as Unemployment, Price rise solved at the earliest and told people CONGRESS is the only solution for development of the J&K & the country. Scores of local leaders, party workers, youth congress leaders were present.

## BJP committed to full-fledged development of J&K: Ravinder

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RAMBAN: BJP is committed to full-fledged development of J&K, said Ravinder Raina, while speaking at a function at Ramban.

Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir held a Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelan of Organizational District Ramban. J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina and J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul were the main speakers in the Sammelan which was also addressed by party General Secretary Sunil Sharma (former Minister), former MLA Neelam Langeh, District President Rakesh Thakur and other senior party leaders.

Ramban Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelan was attended by party senior leaders, State Office Bearers,



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina addressing party workers.

District Team, Mandal Presidents & General Secretaries and party's Shakti Kendra Pramukhs from all the Mandals of Organizational District of Ramban.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the Sammelan focused mainly on the organizational matters. He congratulated the local party activists for creating an

example in serving the society during the Covid 19 lockdown and asked them to further contribute at the front foot as the danger from Pandemic still exists. He explained that the Shakti Kendra signifies an entity in between the Mandal i.e., Block and Polling Booth that can be compared to the wards in the urban areas thus including average minimum number of

Polling Booths per Shakti Kendra for the effective management.

Raina, highlighted the indispensable role of party activists in formulating the policies as well as its implementation in the society. He said that the party is just based upon the common principle of Nationalism and strong stances for the Nation development with no place for opportunism, nepotism or favoritism, making it an altogether different party from others.

Ashok Kaul in his address explained the strong role of the organizational understanding at the very ground level. He picturized the rise of BJP in simpler words before the party cadre and also explained the role of Shakti Kendra Pramukhs before them. He also apprised them of future party programmes.

## Shiv Sena for massive participation in Shoba Yatra on 1st Navratra

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: The leaders of the Shiv Sena (Bala Saheb Thackeray) J&K unit has appealed to the people to ensure mass participation in the Shoba Yatra and Chhari Pujan on the first day of Chaitra Navratra i.e. on April 13. Shoba Yatra commencing from Baglamukhi Temple Samba and concluding at Chichi Mata Temple, Chhari Pujan will be performed with great devotion and enthusiasm.

This information was provided at the Shiv Sena party office Samba, by the Women Wing President, Meenakshi Chhibber on Saturday.

Speaking during an impressive function held at the party office in Samba,

Meenakshi said that on April 13 at 11:30 am on the first holy Navratra, with all tradition and worship from Baglamukhi Temple Samba along with the grand Shoba Yatra passing through the main market of Samba, shall conclude at the Chichi Mata temple with Chhari Pujan. Meenakshi has appealed to the devotees to be participate in the Shoba Yatra in large numbers and get the blessings. However, she insisted upon the intending Yatrīs to strictly follow the COVID-19 SOPs issued by the government from time to time in this regard. She made a fervent to the devotees to ensure wearing of masks, use of sanitizers besides maintaining proper distancing while participating in the Shoba Yatra

or Chhari Pujan on this most auspicious occasion.

Meanwhile, dozens of women joined the Shiv Sena on the occasion. Prominent among the new entrants were Anita Devi, Neelam Devi, Jyoti Rani, Chanchla Devi, Revi Devi, Kiran Bala, Kamla Devi, Nirmala Kumari, Sumita Devi, Chano Devi, Rani Devi, Sanadni Devi, Neetu Devi many others.

Others present on the occasion included party's Samba District President Neelam Sambhal, Women President Srestha Devi, Vice President Arun Kumar, Vijay Manyal, Rakesh Bhatti besides state Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Secretary Balwant Singh, Geeta Lakhotra, Dimple and Meena Devi.

## Dr Vikas Gupta gets Young Scientist Award

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Dr. Vikas Gupta, son of Kulkubhan Gupta and Aruna Gupta, resident of Jawahar Nagar-Udhampur get Young Scientist Award 2021 by "Agriculture Today Group" in Agriculture Extension Awards 2021 ceremony held on 09, April 2021 in New Dehi on virtual Mode for "Tribal Youth empowerment through mushroom cultivation for livelihood security in High Himalaya".

The award was presented to Dr. Vikas Gupta by Director General, ICAR Dr. Trilochan Mahapatra in presence of Vice Chncellor of

SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir, Prof. J.P. Sharma and Dr. Rajbeer Singh, Director KVKs North Zone which contains a certificate of excellence along with memento.

Dr. Vikas Gupta is working as Scientist in Krishi Vigyan Kendra-Leh (Ladakh). He has been honored with young scientist award



in above said National Programme for his outstanding contribution and recognition in the field of Research and Extension regarding development, introduction and promotion of Mushroom cultivation in Ladakh Region.

## KVK Reasi organises field day on chickpea crop

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised field day on chickpea (gram) crop here at Dhanva village in Pooni block of Reasi district which was attended by a number of farmers of the area.

KVK, Reasi has laid Cluster Front Line Demonstrations (CFLDs) on chickpea crop of variety GNG-2144 in the area. The programme was organised under the guidance of Director Extension of SKUAST-J, Dr. SK Gupta. The SOPs pertaining to COVID-19 pandemic were strictly followed while conducting the programme. The objective of the programme was to showcase the

performance of the demonstrated variety of chickpea crop to the farmers of the area. The programme was initiated by Dr. Banarsi Lal, Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi who addressed the farmers on the importance of cultivation of pulse crops and educated the farmers on the scientific cultivation of chickpea.

Dr. Stuja Nabi Qureshi, Scientist said that there is dire need to increase the quantity and quality of pulses in the area. He added that pulses are rich in proteins and it should be taken regularly in the diet specially by the vegetarians. He stressed on seed treatment in chickpea crop and guided farmers on value addition in pulse crops. He also guided farmers on the bio-control agents in chickpea. The laid chickpea fields were demonstrated to the farmers and the

farmers were impressed by observing the results in the demonstrated fields. The scientist interacted with the farmers and got feedback of the Cluster Front Line Demonstrations (CFLDs) on chickpea of variety GNG-2144 laid by KVK, Reasi. Farmers showed keen interest in the technologies demonstrated by the KVK scientists and they were ready to adopt them. In this programme various queries were raised by the farmers which KVK scientists answered in a satisfactory way. Farmers of the area appreciated the KVK, Reasi strenuous efforts for the promotion of pulses production in the area and thanked KVK for the demonstrations laid in their village. The programme was assisted by Manohar Lal and concluded by Dr. Banarsi Lal with the formal vote of thanks.

## Samba Admn initiates doorstep delivery of prosthetic aids

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: District Administration, Samba, in its endeavour to maximize the deliverance of public service at the doorstep of the beneficiaries, today provided a wheel chair to specially-abled girl at Rajpura Block.

Deputy Commissioner, Anuradha Gupta, had recently issued directions to the social welfare department to felicitate specially-abled persons, who cannot come to the district office for getting prosthetic aids, by providing them the same at their doorsteps.

The DC said that the move aims at maximizing governance and assimilate maximum possible persons under the ambit of

social security schemes and to attain zero pendency in the district.

"Efforts are afoot to provide opportunities and proper facilities to specially-abled persons and children to empower them so that they can realize their dreams and aspirations", added DC Samba.

District Social Welfare Officer, Deep Kumar said that in compliance to the directions of the DC, a wheel chair was today provided to a beneficiary named Ridhima Singh aged 13 of Mawa, Rajpura at her residence as she was unable to visit the office, he said same efforts will be continued in future also to facilitate the specially-abled persons in the district.

## Gul tours Pirpanjal, seeks up-gradation of infra-projects

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Chairman of JKRDS and former Speaker JK Legislative Assembly Haji Mubarak Gul along with core group JKRDS functionaries toured the remote areas of Manjakot, Ballakot, Bhimber Gali, Totali-Wali-Gali, Bhata Dhuria, Kota and Mendhar in Poonch and Rajouri.

While touring the blocks, he made stopovers at various places and interacted with various sections of people from various sections of people. While touring the area, he was accorded warm welcome by the people. During the course of his visit, he was apprised by the locals about the various issues confronting them in terms of development deficit and administrative inertia. The locals also apprised him about the paucity of basic



Former Speaker JK Legislative Assembly Mubarak Gul interacting with students at Poonch.

civic amenities in the region and also the scarcity of medicines.

The local people praised the Chairman for his consistent view on the indispensability of peace process between India and Pakistan. While interacting with the chairman, the locals said that in case of any fair up in the LOC and IB, it is the local population that bears most of

the brunt. However the locals said the renewed truce between the neighbouring countries has brought them respite from everyday fear and anxiety.

Addressing the people at various places Mubarak Gul also sought bringing of the entire Pir Panjal region on the railway map. He impressed upon the GOI to establish rail link between

Srinagar and Jammu via Poonch and Surankot, saying the measure will bring the region on tourist map of the country and give flip to the employment activities in the mountains region. He also demanded special incentives for the upgradation, and augmentation of road, electricity, health and education sectors in the twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri.

Gul also urged to the present Government to expedite the process of recruitment in Jammu and Kashmir so that the youth doesn't feel alienated. On the occasion Ex MLA Javed Rana, Ex MLA Ajaz Jan, Chairman JKRDS Youth-wing Adv. Yunis Mubarak Gul, Provincial Press Secretary JKRDS Subash Chander and other prominent people of the area were present.

## GDC Nowshera organises awareness event on Disaster Management

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: NSS Unit of Government Degree College, Nowshera, in collaboration with Civil Defence and SDRF Rajouri, organized Awareness - Cum - Demonstration programme on Disaster Management under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav celebrating 75 years of Independent India.

The main motto of the programme was to make the students aware about varied natural as well as man-made disasters. The event was initiated with a formal welcome address by College Principal, Dr. Surinder Kumar. He shared his views and highlighted the responsibilities of the youth in times of calamities.

Sub-Inspector, In-charge, SDRF, Mohammad Azam

Choudhary, acquainted the students about the role, objectives and importance of civil defence in times of disaster.

On this occasion, Civil Defence Warden, Gopal Sharma, and Jasbir Singh, gave a vivid description on life saving methods like CPR, Fire-fighting techniques and the importance of first aid in times of accidents. An efficient professional team of SDRF/Civil defence performed mock drill activities during the training session.

Social activist, Vinod Sharma, was also present on the occasion. Isha Sharma, NSS Volunteer presented the vote of thanks.

The whole event was hosted by Atul Sharma, a student of Sem. Vth of the college.

## Harvesting of wheat crop resumes in Kathua plain belt

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Harvesting of Wheat crop has started early well before Baisakhi in Kathua plain belts by local Combine Harvesting Machines. Previously, this area was dependent on Men and Machinery (Combines) coming from outside after completing harvesting in Punjab and adjoining states and harvesting was delayed and sometimes huge losses occurred due to inclement weather.



Departmental issued Combines in Palli belt of Kathua district said that with the initiative of Government of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the tally of Combine Harvesters in the district provided to the farmers on subsidy has reached to 5. This has been a great relief to the farming community dependent on outside labour and harvesting machines. COVID-19

pandemic has also contributed to labour shortage. It is a matter of great relief and satisfaction that harvesting Operations have started well in time and farmers are expecting bumper harvest in irrigated food bowl of Kathua plain belts, though, Kandi belt is reeling under massive drought like conditions as there has been no rains for past 3 months and grains have shrivelled. He further stressed the need for water harvesting and micro-irriga-

tion to mitigate crop losses in Kandi belt. To this end, Government has taken numerous initiatives for water harvesting structures and mechanisation in Agriculture sector to boost economy. Numerous Custom Hiring Centres and Machinery Banks have been opened for providing services to the farmers in their villages.

The farmers present on the occasion expressed gratitude to Government and Department of Agriculture Production; Farmers Welfare. Others who were present on the occasion were Krishan Kant Subject Matter Specialist- DL, Pradeep Kumar Sharma SDAO Dayala Chack, Agriculture Extension Officer Palli, besides numerous sarpanches, panches, prominent farmers and department officers.

## Army organises amity meeting

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RAJOURI: In continuation of its efforts to foster peace, communal harmony and prosperity in the region, the army organised amity meeting at Hanjanwali in District Rajouri (J&K). Participation of a large number of locals from all communities itself was an indication of social harmony existing in the area. Interaction with members of the society helped in knowing the pressing requirements of society. A number of measures have been instituted to resolve the grievances which include initiating Sadbhavana projects, skill development courses, training youth for Army recruitment, running coaching classes and projecting the grievances of Awaam to the appropriate authorities in civil administration.

The meeting was attended by 52 locals.

## Course on basic concept of security concludes at SKPA

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: One week 'Orientation/refreshers/Basic Concept of Security/Awareness Course' which was commenced on April 5, 2021 at S.K Police Academy Udhampur culminated on Saturday. Thirty four officers of the rank of Constable to Inspector attended the training programme. The course was designed to raise awareness about the different security threats and how to avoid situation that might put the VIP, vital installation at risk.

To achieve the objectives of the training programme, experienced and qualified guest faculty from different units of police department were called to share their experience on different topics like internal security, security of VIP and installation, basic security



A participant being given certificate.

responsibility, advance liaisoning, introduction of latest gadgets etc.

In the valediction address Suraj Singh, Dy.SP (R&D)/(Administrative officer) SKPA Udhampur laid stress to enhance skill on various security threats vis-a-vis 'reducing the probability of being victim' and 'what to do, presented with certain scenarios. Suraj Singh also congratulated concerned officers of the Academy for making adequate arrangements for the smooth conduct of the course. The valediction was attended by K.K Sharma, Dy.SP(Q) (Course Director), Ramesh Kataria, Dy.SP(S) Private Secretary, Tahir Hussain, Dy.SP(Admn.), Summati Gupta, Dy.SP(Outdoor) and Rakesh Mani, Insp. (Course Secretary).

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## ARTO Ramban conducts enforcement drive on COVID SoPs

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: In view of the mounting threat of the second Covid wave, Assistant Regional Transport Office (ARTO), Ramban, Shafiqat Majid today conducted a drive to sensitize people about the importance of maintaining physical distance and wearing face masks, while travelling in vehicle and venturing out to

carry out their essential works.

The ARTO along with the enforcement team went around Bus stand, Ramban and National Highway and inspected the status of physical distance between passengers travelling in vehicles. He asked the drivers and conductors to ensure use of face masks by the passengers

prior to allowing them inside their vehicles. He also inspected local autos and other passenger vehicles and asked the drivers to ensure protective measures.

The enforcement team also realized a fine of Rs. 3000 from persons travelling in vehicles and roaming without wearing face masks in public places.

## Ascend Telecom establishes computer lab in Govt School

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Ascend Telecom Infrastructure Pvt Ltd, Team-JK Circle, organised CSR event at Govt High School Parnoli (Education Block Sallan, Kathua) on Saturday wherein a computer lab has been established by the company.

Besides the school principal, staff, children and Zonal



Ascend Telecom officials along with students and faculty.

Education Officer were also present during the programme

. They expressed their gratitude and highly appreciated the CSR initiative Project undertaken by the company for their school children and also delivered a valuable lecture on importance of digital education. The drive was taken with full dynamism by the team of M/s Ascend Telecom Infrastructure Pvt. LTD wherein whole team were participated.