

## With absolute majority, BJP will form next Govt in J&K: Ravinder

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NOWSHERA: With absolute majority, BJP will form the next government in Jammu & Kashmir, stated Ravinder Raina, President J&K BJP.

Ravinder Raina accompanied by MP Jugal Kishore, Former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, General Secretary Vibodh Gupta, BJP Leader Devinder Singh Rana, Newly joined BJP Leader Surinder Choudhary, District President Capt Balkrishan, BJP District Prabhari Dinesh Sharma, DDC Sangita Sharma, BDC Neena Sharma, BDC Bodh Raj , BJP Mahilla Morcha J&K Vice President. Eena Sharma, Nowshera MC President Narendar Sharma, Senior Leader

Surinder Anand, Vivekanand, Moore Raj, Mohinder Pal Sudan, Choudhary Ram Choudhary was addressing a BJP Rally at Bus stand, Nowshera.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing in the rally, stated that many prominent communities of J&K like Gujjar-Bakerwals, Pahari Tribals suffered for last 70 years because of selective discrimination by National Conference (NC), Congress and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and now the people in J&K have rejected these parties.

Ravinder Raina said that BJP will win clear majority in the upcoming Assembly elections of Jammu & Kashmir and will form the Government on its own in

the Upcoming Assembly elections. Schemes of Modi government like free Ration, shelters, Kissan welfare schemes have benefitted every person irrespective of his or her community. He said that masses with their love and support have shown their confidence in the public welfare policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Centre Government whose efforts are augmented by the dedicated leaders and workers of J&K BJP. He said that BJP will leave no stone unturned for the development of the far-flung areas of J&K. He said that the region has seen much development on the efforts of BJP and the development process will be given unprecedented pace.

## GDC Boys Kathua organises intra-college essay writing competition



Faculty along with students during the event.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Department of English, GDC BOYS, Kathua today organized Intra-college Essay Writing Competition on the theme "Pros and Cons of Online Education" and "Domestic Violence during the period of Lockdown" under the patronage of Incharge Principal Prof. Raj Kiran.

The main aim of this competition was to encourage the creative ability of the students to think and present their ideas in a compact form.

A total 20 students of different streams participated in the event. Kunal Student of 3rd semester bagged 1st position, while Riya Jha of semester 3rd got 2nd Position and Vishali, Kashish & Gunjan of semester 3rd, 1st & 1st respectively bagged 3rd positions. Prof. Neha Mahajan, Prof. Shivani Kotwal and Dr. Chetna Gupta of GDC BOYS Kathua were the jury members.

The Principal congratulated the winners and other participants for their participation in the event with full enthusiasm. The event was organized by Dr.Seema Malpotra, Convener, Literary Activities of College and Head of the Department of English. The program was coordinated by Dr. Eva Sharma, Dr. Nitasha Baloria and Prof. Rakhi Malhotra, faculty and members of Literary Activities of the College. Dr. Seema Malpotra said that such activities are helpful during the time of pandemic to enhance the writing skills of the students.

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### Army organises awareness lecture on World Population Day

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Army organised awareness lecture on World Population Day for school children at Gool in district Reasi (J&K) on 12 Apr 2022. The lecture was based on Global Population issues and Food Security, spreading awareness among children and youth on adverse effects of growing population, as it causes quick depletion of natural resources. Nearly 475 children and youth attended the event with enthusiasm and participated in mutual discussions and shared their views. The initiative would raise awareness among local population.

## 96 Mumkin, 369 Tejaswani cases approved in Doda

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) for implementation of Mission Youth Schemes Mumkin and Tejaswani on Tuesday met here under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Doda Vikas Sharma here in his office chamber to assess the applications received from the applicants through online mode.

During the meeting, after thorough scrutiny of the applications, the DLIC approved 96 new cases under the Mumkin scheme and around 369 cases under Tejaswani scheme.

The DDC directed the

nodal department to immediately send the details of beneficiaries to the banks to facilitate the verification before the training and for smooth sanctioning and disbursement. He further asked to devise a calendar in coordination with the JKEDI for imparting training to Tejaswani applicants.

While responding to the issue of insufficient manpower in JKEDI, the DDC directed the nodal department to send a communication to their higher authorities in this regard so that the training of all the approved/sanctioned applicants was conducted in the stipulated time frame. He

## Students of Government ITI Kishtwar visit NHPC Dulhasti Power Station

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHITWAR: NHPC Dulhasti Power Station is organising various programs under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav time to time. In this sequence, visit of students of Government ITI, Kishtwar to the power house of Dulhasti Power Station was organised on Tuesday. The officials of NHPC guided the students on their visit to control room, machine gallery and various other components of the power house and also gave detailed information about the electricity generation and power house operation.

On this occasion, Manoj Kumar Singh, Group General Manager (In-Charge), Dulhasti Power Station addressed the students at the Conference Hall of Power House. In his address, he made the students aware about the Azadi



Students along with officials of Dulhasti Power Station.

Ka Amrit Mahotsav and also informed about the contribution being made by Dulhasti Power Station in the development of the local area and the country under the Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme along with power generation. He wished the students all the best and wished them for a brighter future. At the conclusion of the program, Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, General Manager (In-

Charge) encouraged the students and teachers by presenting them mementos. The teachers of Government ITI, Kishtwar thanked Manoj Kumar Singh, Group General Manager (In-Charge) and NHPC for organizing the visit. On this occasion, Surendra Kumar Mishra, General Manager (Electrical), Sharad Jaiker, General Manager (Civil), Raghvendra Pratap Singh, Group DGM (HR),

Gursharan Singh, DGM (Electrical), Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Senior Manager (Electrical), Ashok Kumar Dhanwal, Senior Manager (HR), Amarjeet Singh, Senior Manager (Electrical), Manoj Kumar, Senior Manager (Mechanical) and Mandeep Dogra, Principal ITI along with teachers of ITI, Kishtwar, and other officers and employees of Dulhasti Power Station were present.

## SSP Benam Tosh felicitates 310 officers & Jawans for distinguished services

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA : To recognize the distinguished services of most dedicated officers and Jawans , organised a marvelous reward ceremony at IRP 19th Battalion Headquarters Kathua where SSP Benam Tosh Commandant flanked by SP Dewaker Singh, SP Santokh Raj and Deputy SP Deepak Tufehi felicitated the outstanding officers and Jawans and presented Commendation Certificates with cash rewards .

310 outstanding officers and Jawans who have rendered exemplary services on various fronts were conferred with cash rewards and Commendation Certificates at the grand reward ceremony with the underlying objective of inspiring all the officials to exhibit more dedication,

devotion and commitment while performing Government duties.

On the occasion, SSP Benam Tosh exhorted the officers and officials to be prepared for the worst under all circumstances at all points of time. "Police service is rather difficult but interesting and comparatively better because it provides better scope to serve the nation and mankind. Police officials should feel proud of being the public servants in 'khaki' and should be ready to render required services & help to the people round the clock. Police officials while dealing with public should always behave in professional manner and should not do any act which maligns Police image in public" , Benam Tosh said

Benam Tosh also congratulated and wished all the best to the recipients of cash rewards and commendation certificates and said that their performance had been rated as outstanding because they were displaying exemplary devotion and commitment to duties amid toughest challenges posed by Covid-19 coupled with other adverse circumstances and because no complaints had been received against them from any quarters. He also conveyed congratulations to the families of the reward officers and Jawans.

The Commandant further assured that all the officers and officials who perform duties with honesty and discipline will be handsomely rewarded and decorated in days to come. Deputy CO , Adjutant , Quartermaster and Company Commanders also spoke on the occasion , thanked the Commandant for sanctioning rewards so generously and congratulated the officials who received the commendation certificates & cash rewards as a token of recognition of their outstanding performance.

## To boost rural economy, Army distributes solar vegetable cum fruit dryers

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADARWAH: Continuing with its efforts to boost rural economy and to empower womenfolk from weaker sections of the society especially those residing in far off villages having little or no opportunities to earn their livelihood, Army's RR unit based at Bhadarwah distributed solar powered vegetable and fruit dryers among 10 female groups at Jammu and Kashmir's Nalthi Panchayat.

Ten solar powered vegetable cum fruit dryers costing Rs 98,000 each were distributed in a function at Nalthi Panchayat of Bhadarwah by the chief guest ADC Bhadarwah Dilmir Chowdhary and officiating Commanding officer 4RR A K Singh in presence of PRI members. Officiating Commanding officer while addressing the beneficiaries



Army officials along with womenfolk during the programme.

said that the initiative of the Army under Sadhbhavana is primarily aimed at to boost rural economy by empowering women in the locally available resources.

"To utilise the surplus fruits and vegetables commercially by converting them in dried form and making pickles, Army came up with this novel idea which will surely help in doubling the income of the farmers in a big way," Said ADC Bhadarwah

BJP snatched jobs, lands from poor; imposed heavy taxes, sold out trade: Congress

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SUNDERBANI: JKPC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma has said that BJP's policies are pro rich, anti poor and anti youth and common man has suffered a lot under BJP's regime.

JKPC leaders said that all major projects sanctioned by previous government in Sunderbani, Nowshera are standstill while BJP's leaders try to take credit of the developmental works done by Congress in the area.

Interacting with people in different villages in Sunderbani area, Sharma said that the area witnessed lop sided development only and lagged behind in balanced and equitable development under BJP regime.

He said people still recall the work culture , massive development and large scale employment during UPA at the centre and Congress coalition governments in the state especially Congress led government in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that unemployed youth, daily rated workers, farmers, small traders and transporters and other common people are worst sufferers under BJP regime as it has snatched job opportunities, sold out trade to outsiders ,imposed heavy taxes including inflated power and water bills, snatched lands from poor people least sparing landless, houseless and small farmers and provided an authoritarian bureaucratic regime accountable and answerable to none.

## Rashtriya Rifles organises 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'



Army officials along with locals during the programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NOWSHERA: Army unit Kalal under the aegis of Rashtriya Rifles Sector HQ at Reasi organised an event 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan,' at Kalal village on Tuesday with an aim to generate awareness about cleanliness and come to instill a

sense of responsibility among the youths and come local to keep the environment neat and clean.

A total of 40 civilians of Kalal village attended the cleanliness drive as part of "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" . Local populace of the village took part in the initiative organised by the Army with full zeal and zest. The cleanliness drive started under the guidance of Shri Romesh Chander, Sarpanch Kalal village and Army from 1000hr onwards.

The initiative taken by the army was appreciated by the locals. The continued and relentless efforts of the army towards the conduct of such events has helped in establishing a good rapport between the Army and people.

## JKAACL to organise Cultural, Craft Mela in Bani from today

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANI: For the promotion and preservation of the traditional and cultural festivals of Jammu & Kashmir, a scheme by the name: "Scheme for Promotion of Traditional and Cultural Festivals of Jammu & Kashmir" has been introduced by the Government in the Department of Culture.

The very first in the series of events are being organised in Bani.

For commemoration of Baisakhi Mela, J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) is organizing two-day cultural festival from 13th of April, 2022 at Bani, Kathua. In this context, series of Nukad Natak were showcased for the promotion of two days festival.

Bani being a picturesque hill station, otherwise, has a rich cultural tradition in the forms of art, craft, music, and dance. Thus, this festival is an attempt to revive/rejuvenate the spirit of Bani - marked by waterfalls, thick forest patches, gushing streams, and meadows.A total of 150 festivals, comprising 75 Sufi festivals and 75 Traditional & Cultural festivals, are



going to be organised in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The attempt is to revive our age-old traditions through art and craft forms. Therefore, along with performing arts, the showcasing of traditional arts and crafts is will be integral component of all traditional and cultural festivals.

During the festival, various local folk music and dance forms will be displayed to spread cross-cultural awareness amongst the visitors and the locals followed by the display of folk music and dance forms. Since food has been an integral part of any festival celebration in the region, the local cuisine will also be promoted via multiple food stalls - operated by the local people. These food stalls would serve the authentic taste of the local dishes on a payment basis.

This would also help revenue generation for the locals.

### Army conducts-self defense workshop at GDC Nowshera

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NOWSHERA: In a bid to empower women with shielding techniques, the 11 Rajaputana Rifles of 163 Brigade conducted a Self Defense Workshop for the female staff and girl students of Govt. Degree College Nowshera on Tuesday in collaboration with Women Empowerment cell of the college. Speaking on the occasion Principal of the college Dr.Surinder Kumar, said that the workshop was organized with an objective of addressing the fear of women and to cement their perspective of being mentally and physically strong enough to defend themselves against all odds. The demonstration was conducted by Maj. N.K Aley and other officials of army. The techniques involved the usage of daily need objects and items like mobile phones, body spray bottles, pen, head scarfs, ATM Cards etc at the time of need and adverse circumstances. After the demonstration, Naib Subedar Mubarak Khan of 16 Gn. Recipient of Shaurya Chakra deliver a motivational lecture replete with personal examples to the students exhorting them to do well in life. The demonstration was attended by about 250 Students and Staff of GDC Nowshera. The event propagated a feeling of care and safety among the spectators and further imbibed the sense of stronger women, stronger society within them.



Students showing posters during the programme.

the competition. She said that such type of competitions will create awareness among students regarding cyber-crime and make them more alert and active.

The convenor of the programme was Prof. ShaistaYasmeen. She said that such things happen more with younger generations. So, it is more important for them to know

about cyber crime.

Dr. Radha Rani was the coordinator of the programme. She said "we have to take such steps so that today's young generation does not become victim of cyber crime".

Shruti Dogra, Narinder singh Bali and Shruti Sadotra were adjudged first, second and third respectively.

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