

## PCCF reviews stabilisation works on Udhampur - Ramban Highway stretch



Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, J&K, Dr. Mohit Gera conducting tour of forest areas.

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RAMBAN: Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, J&K, Dr. Mohit Gera conducted an extensive tour of forest areas of Forest Divisions, Ramban and Batote along with CF Chenab Circle, Dr. Jitendra Kumar Singh.

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The PCCF appreciated the NII 44 stabilization works being made by the both Batote and Ramban Forest Divisions and National Highway Project Division.

Meanwhile, an interactive session was held with PRIs at Batote Forest Hut in which attended by the Chairperson, BDC Batote, DDC Councilor, Batote, Sarpanches and other PRIs. The PRIs thanked PCCF for outreach umbrella program Green JK Drive, One Beat Guard one village programme under Har Gaon Haryali Campaign.

The issues were raised like providing timber to PMAY beneficiaries, settlement of Ladha Dhar tribal issue. Directions were issued to DFO Batote for redressal of the grievances.

Rajan Singh, DFO Batote, Kuldeep Singh and PO NH, Raj Kumar.

The PCCF inspected the ongoing NH-44 stabilization works from Udhampur to Ramban and issued directions regarding slope stabilization by modern Biological measures using geotextile mats and coir fibre logs.

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## Langeh pays tributes to Bharat Ratan Dr B R Ambedkar

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RAMBAN: BJP Ramban unit celebrated Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti as Samrasta Diwas in a programme held at BJP Office Ramban and Panchayat Sana. On the occasion, Neelam Langeh, senior BJP leader and former MLA along with party cadres paid tributes to the chief architect of the Indian Constitution and said that his ideas and ideals have taught a way of life to all the sections of society.

Neelam Langeh said that the Nation will always be indebted for his contributions. Conferred with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, Baba Saheb will continue to be a role model for the millions for centuries to come. He said that it was a pity that a person with

such a strong persona was not given due recognition by earlier Congress led governments and said that BJP has ensured that contributions of Baba Saheb are remembered at the booth level.

Neelam Langeh termed Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar as the iconic social revolutionary of modern times who continued his mission of struggle throughout his life.

Speaking on his life, Langeh said that born on April 14, 1891, Baba Saheb was an Indian jurist, economist, politician and social reformer who campaigned against social discrimination towards every oppressed class. He urged all to ensure that their future generations do remember contributions of such great personalities so that the society never loses its track.

Revi Devi and Johnny.

The festival showcased various local folk music and dance forms which spread cross-cultural awareness amongst the visitors, and the locals, followed by the display of traditional craft and cuisine forms. Since food has been an integral part of any festival celebration in the region, the local cuisine was also promoted via multiple food stalls - operated by the local people. These food stalls served the authentic taste of the local dishes on a payment basis which help the localities to generate revenue.

The people of Bani congratulated the efforts put by Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages and thanked the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Secretary A K Mehta, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Raghav Langer, Secretary Culture Sarmad Hafeez and Secretary of J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages Rahal Pandey; for taking an initiative to promote their craft and culture. They further requested Lieutenant



Artists performing folk item during the fest.

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. In this series, Bani was the first to witness Cultural Festival in the series of events.

Two day Mela which was inaugurated yesterday by Sanjeev Rana (JKAS) Additional Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bani was a grand success on

both the days which received huge applaunds from the august gathering of picturesque Bani. On the first day, series of performances were showcased which reflects the cultural ethos of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. They include Geetru, Kud, Nati, Jattar, Padri Dance, Haran, Pahari Kud, Kashmiri Rouf, Dogri Dance etc. On the concluding day of the Cultural and Craft Festival various folk dance and music forms were showcased these include Geetru, Dogri Dance, Kashmiri Dance, Padri Dance, Kud, Haran, Jattar, Nati Dance and the singing by Suman Lata, Poonam Choudhary,

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