

Ch. Manmohan inaugurates eye check-up camp at Village Douchak Jourian

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AKHNOOR: Ch. Manmohan Singh, President of All India Jat Maha Sabha and former Mayor, inaugurated a free eye check-up camp organized by Kuldeep Eye Care Akhnoor, on the request of Yogesh Choudhary, at Village Douchak Jourian. Speaking on the occasion, Choudhary Manmohan Singh praised the efforts of Yogesh Choudhary and Madam Kuldeep Kaur, Proprietor of Kuldeep Eye Care in organizing medical camps regularly for the well-being of the rural population. Ch Manmohan Singh said such camps aimed to provide essential eye care services to the residents of Village Douchak Jourian and surrounding areas, ensuring better access to healthcare



Ch. Manmohan Singh, President of All India Jat Maha Sabha addressing a gathering at Akhnoor.

facilities. This initiative exemplifies the commitment of Yogesh Choudhary and his team towards the welfare of the community and the promotion of healthcare in rural regions. Ch. Manmohan also acknowledged the efforts of Madam Kuldeep Kaur for her dedication to serving the poor and needy people at the forefront. He applauded her

for her unwavering commitment towards improving the healthcare sector in rural areas. Recognizing the importance of accessible healthcare, Singh emphasized the urgent need to intensify these beneficial initiatives and extend their reach to the remotest areas where healthcare services are scarce. He also assured his

full support for this noble cause in the future. The participants also commended the tireless efforts of Ch. Manmohan Singh for his relentless struggle in advocating for the inclusion of Jat community under the Other Backward Classes (OBC) quota. The inclusion of Jat community under the OBC quota is a major milestone in ensuring their socio-economic upliftment and empowerment. This longstanding demand of the community has finally been fulfilled, thanks to the persistent endeavors of Ch. Manmohan Singh. The event was attended by notable personalities such as Brig Pawan Sauntra, Sd Jagjit Singh, Kuldeep Kaur, Samrat Choudhary, Amandeep Kour, Narain Choudhary, and Pardeep Choudhary.

CUJ organises daylong educational field visit for students to forward areas, LOC

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AKHNOOR: In continuation with the visionary approach of the Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, towards organising field-based educational learning programmes for the student community. The Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu organized a daylong educational field visit to the forward areas along the Line of Control (LOC) in Akhnoor sector, Jammu facilitated by 16 Corps, Indian Army. The educational field visit was organized to explore the importance of our diverse borders and their crucial role in enhancing national security. India shares a multifaceted border landscape with its neighboring nations and the trip was aimed to enrich



Students along with army officials during visit to a post along LoC.

students and scholars understanding the nuances of LOC and inspire them to contribute towards Nation Building. This experience was an integral part of the curriculum, aiming to provide valuable insights into the subject. During their visit, students, scholars, and faculty members of the Department had the opportunity to learn

about the significance of LOC. Further, the dynamics of LOC were explained through interaction with the army officers, while also latest weapons and equipment were displayed followed by fire power demonstrations. The trip was organized by the department under the support and mentorship of Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Head, Department of National

Security Studies. Dr. R. Sudhakar, Associate Professor of the Department of National Security Studies was the coordinator of the trip. The organizing committee included Dr. Neeta Rani, Dr. Ekta Manhas, and Dr. Anuradha Choudhary. The students, scholars, faculty and staff of the Department participated in the educational field visit.

DLSA Kathua reviews delivery of Legal Aid Services

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KATHUA: Under the aegis of NALSA and as per the Action Plan issued by the J&K Legal Services Authority for the month of April, 2024, Mentoring & Monitoring Committee Kathua today met in the Conference Hall of ADR Centre Kathua to review the delivery of Legal Aid Services and the progress of the cases in Legal Aided Matters and to guide and advise the Panel Lawyers. The meeting was held under the overall supervision of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (Pr. Distt & Sessions Judge Kathua), Ashok Kumar Shavan and chaired by Presiding Officer of Monitoring and Mentoring Committee (Addl. District & Sessions Judge) Kusoom Pandita, while the Secretary DLSA joined the meeting as the

member of the Monitoring and Mentoring Committee. The meeting was also attended by officers of LADCs Kathua and the Panel Lawyers. The progress report of the Legal Aid Cases allotted to the Panel Lawyers was discussed in the meeting along with other issues connected thereto. The Panel Lawyers were advised by the Committee to serve selflessly to the poor, needy and marginalized sections of the society and ensure punctuality in attending the Legal Aid Cases pending in the Courts of District Kathua. They were further asked to report the proceedings of the Legal Aid Cases at the Front office and to seek necessary guidance, if required, from the Committee.

SAVE organises animal birth control and anti rabies vaccinations camps

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KATHUA: Save Animals Value Environment (Save), a Society working for welfare of animals organised 14 days ABC/ARV Camp in Janglote Army Military Station, Kathua and Army Military Station Nagrota, Jammu in collaboration with team from WVS Goa. These Camps were organised to address rising man animal conflicts in the Cantonment areas of both Janglote and Nagrota military stations. The dogs picked for spay/neuter program were released back to their locations after proper post-operative and vaccinations. The purpose of organising such camps is not only to show a humane and sustainable path of dog population control to the areas addressed but also to spread awareness regard-



ing the man's best friend dogs. Spreading message of Compassion and removing myths instilled in people's mind regarding dog bites and Rabies. As revealed by Radhika Sharma an animal activist and member of SAVE, along with the sterilization done, many dogs were also dewormed and treated for other ailments. 4 dogs with Vaginal tumours were also given the required treatment during the camp. During the ABC/ARV camp in Kathua, family

from as far as Pathankot brought their pet indie for Sterilization and Ms Pritikaan animal activist and member SAVE made efforts to get all the female dogs of Army School in getting sterilized and some puppies were given anti rabies vaccination as well. During the drive in Nagrota military station SAVE Society offered free services of their Ambulance to animal lovers who wanted to get their community animals Sterilization from Jagti

camp, KatraVaishno Devi and Gaumhanasa in Jammu. Many Army officer's families taking advantage of the drive assisted the team in dog catching of friendly dogs by hand picking the dogs to load in the catching vehicle to avoid unnecessary trauma of net catching. Rotary Club Jammu Helping hands sponsored the ABC/ARV Camp. Speaking on the Occasion, Devinder Kaur Madaan, Chairperson SAVE revealed that feeding of dogs makes them human friendly and can be easily caught for Sterilization and regular vaccinations by feeders. Children should be taught to be compassionate and how to be safe around dogs rather than instilling unnecessary fear in their gentle minds.

Langeh raises alarm over land sinking incident in Parnote Village, Ramban

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RAMBAN: Neelam Langeh, President of BJP SC Morcha and former MLA, has expressed grave concern over a recent land sinking incident that has affected the residents of Parnote village in Ramban district. More than 500 individuals have been adversely impacted by this calamity, prompting Langeh to call for immediate action from authorities. In a statement issued here today, Langeh commended the swift response of the administration in providing necessary relief to the victims of the land sinking incident. However, he emphasized the urgency of further steps to address the plight of those affected. "I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the administration for their prompt efforts in extending relief to the affected families," Langeh stated. "However, the gravity of the situation

demands more comprehensive measures to be taken without delay." Langeh urged the government to swiftly constitute assessment teams to evaluate the extent of losses incurred by the residents and to formulate plans for their compensation and rehabilitation. "It is imperative that the government forms dedicated teams to assess the losses suffered by the residents of Parnote village and take immediate steps to compensate and rehabilitate them," Langeh emphasized. "Time is of the essence, and every effort must be made to alleviate the suffering of those affected by this unfortunate incident." Langeh appealed to the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to prioritize the needs of the affected community and ensure that they receive the support and assistance they urgently require.

GDC Udhampur organises geographical tour to Patnitop

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UDHAMPUR: To provide students with hands-on learning experiences and a comprehensive understanding of J&K's vast and diverse geographical landscape, culture, economy, settlements, industries, and natural landscapes, the Department of Geography, Government Degree College Boys Udhampur organized a field visit in collaboration with IQAC for students to Patnitop. A group of 50 enthusiastic students of UG-IV semester was accompanied by the faculty members and non-teaching staff of the department. The trip was formally flagged off by Worthy Principal of the college, Prof (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta extended warm welcome to all the participants, besides he lauded the efforts of the Department of Geography for organizing such an event that "the geographical tour to Patnitop marks a significant milestone in the Department of Geography's commitment to providing holistic and experiential learning opportunities for its students. It reinforces the department's mission to nurture well-rounded geographers equipped with theoretical knowledge, practical skills, and a profound appreciation for the diverse landscapes that shape our world. Speaking about the initial



Students along with faculty members during tour to Patnitop.

improvement and growth of tourism in the Patnitop were noted down by students. Prof Kumar further stated that the students were instructed to prepare a well-furnished report of the field trip in the coming days, the Department will also organize such types of trips to other sites also. Prof Sanjay Singh, encouraged the students to reap maximum benefit out of this field trip. Around 50 students and ten staff members participated in the field trip. The students showed great enthusiasm during the trip while they visited different locations and observed a variety of flora, fauna and tourist destinations. During the visit, students actively participated in various activities and explored captivating tourist destinations in the region, including

the picturesque Sanasar Lake, Billo Ki Powri, Naag Mandir, and Shiva Garh. They interacted with diverse tourists, gaining valuable insights into their needs and preferences. One of the main highlights of the tour was the emphasis on the concept of homestays, where students learned how locals open their homes to tourists, creating a unique and enriching accommodation option. The visit exposed them to real-world entrepreneurship practices and provided valuable guidance to nurture their innovative ideas. After the successful completion of the tour, the students of the Geography department held an interaction session with worthy principal of the college about the tour. During interaction the principal had a word of advice, 'educational tours fill the gap between classroom learning and creative thinking of learner so the students should try to gain maximum knowledge during these tours'. In response to this, Vanshak Magotra, a student of fourth semester, expressed his gratitude, saying, "The main purpose of this tour was to fulfil the Major course requirement. We thank GDC Udhampur for providing us with an excellent learning environment".

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Vibodh predicts defeat of NC-PDP in Rajouri-Anantnag LS seat

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RAJOURI: Accusing the Congress, PDP and National Conference (NC) of discriminating against the districts of Rajouri and Poonch, especially the Gujjar-Bakerwal and Pahari tribes, former MLC, BJP General Secretary, and Jammu-Poonch Incharge, Vibodh Gupta, stated that these parties committed criminal injustices with both the districts across various matters during their successive governments. Speaking at a workers' meeting at Khokhar Hall, Nowshera, along with BJP Vice-President and former minister Sham Lal Sharma, district president Neena Sharma, and other leaders, Vibodh Gupta mentioned that the Congress and NC held power in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir for the longest period after independence, yet Rajouri and Poonch were neglected in their policies and schemes. He accused both parties of deceiving the innocent people of Rajouri and Poonch with false promises to garner votes. Gupta emphasized that the Gujjar-Bakerwals, Paharis, and OBCs suffered the most due to the vote-bank politics



BJP General Secretary Vibodh Gupta along with Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma during public meeting at Rajouri.

of PDP and NC. He highlighted issues such as the denial of basic rights to Gujjar-Bakerwals, the ban on inter-district recruitment, and the absence of a tribal department under Congress and NC regimes. He expressed public anger and resentment towards these parties and predicted their defeat in upcoming elections. He also asserted that BJP-aligned candidate would triumph over NC, and PDP candidate in Rajouri-Anantnag Lok Sabha seat. Gupta praised the Modi government for providing complete justice to the people of Rajouri and Poonch, citing the granting of ST status to Pahari tribes, political reservation for Gujjar-Bakerwals, extension of Forest Protection rights, and establishment of a tribal department. He urged people not to be swayed by false promises from Congress, NC, and PDP during elections. BJP Vice President and Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma, while speaking in the meeting, said that the recently held elections in two seats of Lok Sabha have witnessed massive support in favour of BJP and further asserted that the BJP supported candidate in the Rajouri-Anantnag Lok Sabha seat will come out to be victorious with huge margins. Sham Lal Sharma said that the BJP government under PM Narendra Modi has governed the country for two terms and achieved the distinction of being a dispensation which worked for every section and region and put the country on the path of development and welfare of masses. He asked the party workers to reach the masses and educate them about the good works of the Modi government and also inform them about the step motherly treatment given to them by the Congress, NC and PDP. District President, Neena Sharma, in her address, said that the Modi government has done real work for the social - economic upliftment of the women in the country and in Jammu & Kashmir too various welfare schemes have changed the lives of the daughters of the soil. She also asked the party cadre to expose the parties which always betrayed the people and are once again seeking votes on false slogans.

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Kishtwar admin gears up disaster response machinery amid heavy rains, flash floods

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KISHTWAR: District Administration Kishtwar has put the disaster response machinery on high alert amid heavy rains being experienced in the region from the last 4 days. Reports from the concerned Tehsiladars have indicated damage to about one dozen houses in Tehsil Nagsemi, Mughalmaidan and Kishtwar. In Tehsil Nagsemi, a Kacha house was fully damaged, while in tehsil Mughalmaidan, 07 Pacea houses and 2 Kacha houses were partially damaged due to rains. Similarly a Pacea house and a Cow Shed suffered major damages, while a mud house and Private School Building were partially damaged in Kishtwar Tehsil. The district administration

under the overall supervision of District Magistrate, Dr. Devansh Yadav, promptly relocated the affected families to nearby safe places, while the Red Cross team is actively involved in delivering relief material and essential support to the affected people. In response to the situation, the public has been advised to avoid unnecessary travel to vulnerable spots. In case of emergencies, citizens can contact the control room on 01995-259555 or 9484217492, besides PCR Contact numbers - 9906154100- 01995-259193 and 100.

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Fresh snowfall in higher reaches, rains in plains of Chenab Valley

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BHADARWAH: As predicted by Met Department, Jammu and Kashmir is experiencing inclement weather conditions followed by snowfall in higher reaches and torrential rains in plains since last 2 days. Higher reaches of Ramban, Doda, Bhaderwah and Kishtwar received fresh snowfall increasing cold wave conditions across Chenab Valley. Sinthan Top, Machail Hills, Aalufam and other higher reaches of Kishtwar

received fresh snowfall since Sunday night. Chattargala and Guldanda areas of Bhaderwah received fresh snowfall. Plains across Chenab Valley are being lashed by torrential rains since last 2 days. In view of inclement weather conditions, Administration in District Ramban, Doda, Bhaderwah and Kishtwar closed all government and private schools for a day on Monday. CEO Ramban said in an order, "As per direction

issued by district administration, all schools of Distt Ramban should remain closed today on 29/4 /24 due to inclement weather conditions and heavy rain to ensure safety of students. examination if any will be conducted smoothly. Similar orders were issued by CEO Doda and Kishtwar. On the closure of Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, SSP Traffic NHW-44 Rohit Basotra said, "Hundreds of vehicles remain stranded as Jammu-Srinagar NHW-44

got closed again after landslide, Mudslide and shooting stones hits at several places between Banihal and Nashri areas of Ramban district." "Restoration work is going on at Mehar, Panthyal, Mom Passi, Kishtwari Pather and other areas on Jammu-Srinagar NHW but continue rains are hampering the restoration process," SSP added, saying that people are advised to avoid journey on NH-44 till the road is clear and confirm status from TCUS.

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