

# ENT, Eye, Dental Departments to be shifted to old building of SDH Akhnoor, decision taken in RKS Meeting

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AKHNOOR: In a significant step towards strengthening the healthcare infrastructure, the MLA of Akhnoor and Chairman of the Rogi Kalyan Samiti (RKS), Mohan Lal, chaired a meeting at the Block Medical Officer's office.

During the meeting, he directed that the ENT, Eye, and Dental departments of the Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Akhnoor be shifted to the old hospital building.

He instructed the Assistant Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the necessary renovation work and assured that funds, if required, would be arranged through the MLA's Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

The MLA also gave several important suggestions to strengthen the Hospital Development Fund. He proposed that, after completing



MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal chairing a meeting.

all necessary formalities as per regulations, the hospital canteen and parking area be operationalized through tenders to ensure a regular source of income. He emphasized that this revenue would help ensure timely payment of salaries to outsourced hospital staff.

The issue of delays in ultrasound investigations was also raised prominently. He pointed out that patients, particularly those suffering from kidney stones, are often required to wait up to three months for an ultrasound.

He stressed the need to increase the number of daily ultrasound scans. He also objected strongly to the unethical practice of delivering X-ray reports via mobile phones and highlighted the shortage of X-ray films.

The committee approved the immediate procurement of emergency medicines, diagnostic supplies, and X-ray films to ensure uninterrupted services under government schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Janani Shishu Suraksha Yojana, and the Hospital Development Fund.

Additionally, the committee approved proposals under the Kayakalp and LaQshya programs for beautification, whitewashing, branding of health centers, installation of additional CCTV cameras, and enhancement of sanitation activities.

Addressing the media, the MLA stated that the old hospital building, located in the heart of the town and constructed at a cost of crores, was not being utilized effectively after the hospital was relocated. With the building slowly deteriorating,

it was decided to shift specific departments to this location to make better use of the infrastructure.

He also shared that under NHM, work on establishing a major diagnostic laboratory at the old hospital building will soon commence, providing a wide range of medical tests for the public.

He affirmed that providing quality healthcare facilities remains his top priority. He informed that dialysis services will also begin soon at the hospital, and in the coming years, CT Scan, MRI, and Blood Bank facilities will be made available to the people. The MLA also emphasized that CHC Jaurian must be shifted to its new building within this month, and urged all concerned departments to expedite the process without delay.

Others present in the meeting included SDM Akhnoor; BMO Akhnoor; BDO Akhnoor; CDPO Akhnoor; ZEO, AEE PHE, AEE PWD, AEE PDD, and several other key officials.

# DDC Member, President AJKPC inaugurate renovated classroom at Girls Middle School Panthal

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REASI: In a significant stride toward strengthening the education infrastructure in Reasi district, District Development Council (DDC) Member Rajendra Mahangi inaugurated a newly renovated classroom at Girls Middle School, Panthal. The renovation was completed with an allocation of Rs 4,00,000, aimed at providing a better and more conducive learning environment for students.

Demonstrating his continued commitment to educational development, DDC Mahangi also announced the construction of two additional classrooms, with a sanctioned budget of ₹16 lakh. The project is currently underway and is expected to further enhance academic facilities for the region's youth.

The inauguration event was graced by Anil Sharma, President of the All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference, who lauded the initiative and emphasized the pressing need for development in the education sector.



DDC Member Rajendra Mahangi inaugurating classroom.

"Education is the foundation of progress, and it's encouraging to see leaders like Rajendra Mahangi taking such proactive steps. His dedication to improving rural education is commendable," Sharma stated.

Prominent local leaders and community members were also present at the ceremony, including Sarpanch Neha Sharma, Rajendra Thapa, Suresh Mangi, Ashu Ji, and the entire school staff. Their presence underscored the strong community support behind these developmental efforts.

Expressing his appreciation, DDC Mahangi thanked Anil Sharma for his steadfast support and consistent advocacy for grassroots governance. "It is through the persistent efforts of leaders like Anil Sharma that Panchayati Raj institutions have gained strength and recognition across Jammu and Kashmir," Mahangi remarked.

This initiative stands as a shining example of collaborative governance and leadership dedicated to uplifting rural education and ensuring a brighter future for the next generation.

# Army organises awareness lecture on Road Safety at Samote



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: In order to strengthen the bond between Indian Army and Awam and to generate awareness about Road Safety and prevention of road accidents among youth, an awareness programme on Road Safety and Preventive measures was organised by Indian Army at Samote.

A total number of around 20 locals witnessed the said awareness programme. The aim of the lecture was to urge citizens to follow traffic rules.

The lecture aimed to educate citizens on the importance of following traffic rules and encourage safe driving habits. Youths were sensitised about the dangers of reckless driving, overloading, riding without helmets and ignoring traffic rules, which often lead to serious injuries and fatalities.

Emphasis was laid on basic road safety measures, such as the significance of wearing seat belts and helmets, avoiding distractions while driving and obeying

speed limits. Real life example and interactive discussions helped youths understand the risks associated with negligence on the road, making the session both engaging and informative.

The interactive session received a positive response with youth showing great enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. Many expressed their interest in having more such awareness sessions in the future, reinforcing the importance of road safety in daily life.

# Rajouri Day document presenting brief history released at Balidan Stambh Rajouri

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Sangarsh- a Civic Movement for Justice, Equality, Peace, Prosperity and Brotherhood during a program near Balidan Stambh Rajouri released the 'Rajouri Day' document which contains the brief history regarding struggle of the people of this border district when it was illegally and forcefully captured by the Pakistan sponsored tribal forces. Interacting with media persons, the representatives of Sangarsh Movement informed that Rajouri Day is observed every year on April 13 as a token of remembrance when Rajouri was recaptured and liberated by the Army from the Pakistan sponsored tribal forces. "The day is observed as the 'Vijay Divas' and tribute is presented to the valiant Martyrs at their memorial at the Shaedi Chowk, Balidan Satambh (Gujjar Mandi) near Rane Hawai Patti, Rajouri", they said.



Sangarsh Movement members releasing document.

Movement informed that in the month of October November 1948 Indian forces after vacating Kashmir valley from the raiders planned to capture the areas of Peer Panchal region. In this pursuit Indian forces under the command of Brigadier Mohammed Usman Khan captured Jhangar on 15th of March 1948, then after General Kulwant Singh made the offensive strategy of move and advance towards Rajouri. The Indian forces

along with tanks captured Chingus on 10th of April 1948 on their way towards Rajouri. The final bolt on Rajouri ruled by raiders and traitors was commanded by Brigadier Yudhmath Singh and by the evening of 12th of April 1948 the Rajouri was recaptured comprehensively by the Indian forces.

Sangarsh Movement claimed that in memory of this vital victory every year on 13th of April, Rajouri Day is celebrated as the Vijay Divas with full zeal and

enthusiasm having great honour and regards for the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for our bright future. Pertinent to mention besides Indian Army, Civic Movement Sangarsh is also celebrating Rajouri Day since 13th of April 2015.

Sangarsh Movement also hailed District Administration Rajouri lead by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma who in collaboration with civil society for the first time at Civil Administration level

has shown keen interest and is holding Mega Rajouri Day Celebrations with multiple events. Sangarsh Movement also extended its full support to the District Administration in this noble cause.

The document was compiled by Chief Resource Person Sangarsh Movement Vikrant Sharma.

Those prominent who were present during the RD document release ceremony includes Hardev Raj Verma, Dinesh Sharma, Kanav Badyal, Rakesh Gupta, Pushpinder Gupta, Nishu Gupta, Sunil Gupta, Muneer Mirza, Gurdev Thakur, Saleem Talib, Aman Zari, Rahul Chandan, Ashish Bhasin Soonam Sharma, Priyanka Khajuria, Babal Chandan, Nazia Manhas, Sonika, Tilak Sudan, Sanjeev Sharma, Shiv Dutta, Rohit Gupta, Sanjay Bali, Raja Mathur, Mohd Abbas, Rajkumar, Shah Nawaz Khan and many more.

# GDC Bani celebrates Birth Anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANI: NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Bani celebrated 134 Birth Anniversary of the Architect of Indian Constitution, Dr Bhim Roa Ambedkar.

It was organized by Dr. Resham Singh, the Organizing Secretary and NSS Programme Officer under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Manohar Lal, Principal of the College.

As a sequel to this Birthday Anniversary, a series of events has been planned.

As a major part of week-long celebrations, an invited lecture was organized on the topic "Life, Work and Constitutional Contribution of Dr B. R. Ambedkar".

Lecture was delivered by Predhyun Attri, Tehsildar Bani as Resource Person. He has enthralled the students and staff on the values, efforts and contribution of Dr B. R. Ambedkar for the poorest and the poorest sections of the society and the Nation as a whole.

He has fetched each and every contribution of Dr B R Ambedkar not for deprived sections of the society but, in every field like Economic reforms, Women Empowerment,



Dignitaries along with faculty members during the event.

Social Equality, Education for All etc.

A welcome address was presented by Dr J S Soodan, Physical Director/PTI of the college.

Poetic nectar was also showered by the HOD Dogri, Dr Narinder Kumar. In his poem, he has envisioned the works and contribution of Dr B R Ambedkar. The principal of the College, Dr Manohar Lal in his address, showcased the essence of Dr B R Ambedkar's works in the history of the Nation.

He has elaborated the contribution of Dr B R Ambedkar for the uplift-

ment of under privileged people especially the field of Education. He has stressed that Education is the only weapon for any revolution in the society.

The main motto of the Programme was to raise awareness about the importance of Constitution because it establishes the country's core values and ideals. It also defines the purpose and direction of the Constitution. The preamble is often called the "Soul of the Constitution".

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr Resham Singh, the organizing Secretary and NSS PO

of the College.

The entire programme was conducted by Prof. Komal Mehta from Department of Education. Among the faculty members who graced the occasion were Dr Naseeb Kumar Bhagat, HOD EVS, Prof. Akash Zutshi, Dr Nisha Devi, Dr. Sunil Kumar Prof. Neezrateel Islam, Naseem Ah Bhat, Sajad Hussain, Prof. Anil Singh, Dr Janu Kumar, Prof. Komal Mehta, Prof. Seema Kotwal, Prof. Vishal Sharma, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Kumar, Neena Sondhi and Ravepal Sharma.

# SCCU pays tribute to legendary bollywood icon Manoj Kumar

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: The Senior Citizens Club (SCCU) Udhampur organized a deeply emotional and patriotic tribute in honour of Late Manoj Kumar, the legendary actor, director, and producer who earned the revered title of 'Bharat Kumar' for his unparalleled contribution to patriotic cinema in India.

In a solemn gathering, Club members, and admirers remembered Manoj Kumar not only as a cinematic icon but as a symbol of India's patriotic spirit. His films such as Upkar, Purab Aur Paschim, and Kranti not only entertained but ignited a strong sense of nationalism, inspiring generations of Indians to stay rooted in their values and love for the motherland.

Mahadeep Singh Janwal, President of the Club, said, "Manoj Kumar was not just a filmmaker; he was the soul of patriotic cinema. His work captured the very essence of Bharat, earning him the name 'Bharat Kumar'-a name synonymous with national pride."

In a fast-changing world, the ideals portrayed by Manoj Kumar are timeless reminders of who we are as a nation."

Dr. Adarsh, Chairman of the Club, Col. (Retd.) Balwant Singh, Vice-President, and Raj Guru, General Secretary of the Club, highlighted how his films transcended entertainment to become instruments of social awakening.

"His stories moved the conscience of the nation and reminded us of our duty as citizens." His films stirred feelings of sacrifice and duty among countless youth. His legacy is immortal in the hearts of every soldier and patriot. The tribute featured floral offerings, a short film montage of his iconic patriotic scenes, and reflections by members who had grown up inspired by his movies. The Senior Citizens Club Udhampur reaffirmed its commitment to celebrating and preserving the legacy of those who have contributed immensely to the moral and cultural foundation of the nation.

# Three-day course on ‘Developing Effective Communication Skills, Responsibility towards General Public’ concludes at SKPA

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: A three-day course on "Developing Effective Communication Skills, Behavior, Attitude, and Responsibility towards the General Public" concluded on Saturday at SKPA. Twenty four officers/officials of the J&K Police actively participated in this training program. The course aimed to equip participants with knowledge in emotional intelligence, self-awareness, emotional self-control, expression, soft skills, and emotional intelligence relevance to the police profession.

Topics also included stress and time management, behavior and attitude in managing change within police organizations, self-improvement, effective communication, core communication skills, the role of media in enhancing police-public relations, and professional ethics and human values.

A valedictory function was organized at

the Academy on this occasion, with Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP, Dy. Director (Indoor Trg) as the chief guest.

During his address, Gupta emphasized the critical aspects covered in the course, including effective communication, positive behavior, the right attitude, and responsibility towards the general public.

He encouraged participants to recognize that the skills acquired extend beyond the training room, serving as tools for personal and professional enhancement and contributing positively to society.

Gupta urged the participants to be ambassadors of positive change, fostering understanding and empathy in their interactions.

He emphasized the responsibility that comes with effective communication, as it has the power to shape the world around us.

He encouraged continued practice and

refinement of these skills, turning them into habits that become second nature.

Gupta acknowledged the ongoing journey towards becoming better communicators and responsible individuals, trusting that each participant would play a significant role in creating a more connected and harmonious community.

Eminent speakers from various academia, including Swati Basotra (Visiting Faculty, IIT Jammu), Dr. Rashi Taggar (Asstt. Prof., SMVDU Katra), Dr. Karan Nathwani (Asst Professor, IIT Jammu), Dr. Ankita Choudhary (Child Psychologist, Department of Paediatrics, University of Jammu) and Dr. Shazia Bhukhari, Asstt. Prof., SMVDU Katra shared their valuable experience and knowledge with the participants.

The coordination of the course was led by Chander Lekha, Sr. PO, with assistance from ASI Rajinder Singh.

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