HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aatia Jabar Lone Class:- 4th 'A' D.O.B:- 17-05-2012 **JKPS Panjtirthi**

ADC Ramban inspects progress of work on Yatri Niwas at Chanderkote

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RAMBAN: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal Ramban. Sharma on Sunday inspected progress or work on Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) Yatri Niwas in Chanderkote.

The ADC discussed all the issues related to convergence of responsibilities /activities in detail with Contractor and site Engineers During the discussion, the

Engineers highlighted some local issues and most of them were resolved by the ADC on the spot. The Revenue officers in consultation with the ADC and Engineers also identified a suitable site for the bore well. The ADC assured full cooperation from District Administration in the completion of the prestigious project within the stipulated timeline.

NOTICE Anmol Malhotra S/o Ashwani Malhotra R/o H.No 4 Mohalla Paharian, Jammu have lost my original driving licence bearing No. JK02-20190013377. Now I am applying for duplicate of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authorities within 7 days.

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COVID-19

RAJOURI: To mitigate the

effects of second wave of

Indian Army has also speed-

ed up its efforts to save lives

of people from this infec-

tious virus. To increase

awareness about vaccina-

tion, Army organised a vac-

cination registration camp

for the populace of Deeing,

Kalal and Beripattan vil-

The aim of this registra-

tion camp was to facilitate

registration of as many locals as possible for the

third phase of vaccination

on Cowin.gov.in application

and spread the word in

adjoining areas about the

facility. The attendees were

also briefed about regular

viral fever due to changing

weather, which people mis-

COVID-19 and create panic

takeningly relate

lages in District Rajouri.

outbreak.

PUBLIC NOTICE , VK Dubey S/o Shri JR Dubey R/o 84 Gandhi Nagar, Jammu being the allottee/attorney of Plot No. 195 Sector No. 5 measuring 60'x90' of Roop Nagar Housing Colony Jammu and appeal to JDA for transfer of lease hold rights if anybody having any objection, may secretary JDA within 10 days from the date of its publication otherwise no objection has been entertained.

Registration camp organised for

COVID-19 vaccination

Doctors administering vaccine to registered people.

 such

NOTICE I, Akshay Kangotra, S/o Sh Jagan Nath, R/o Kathar Kothey, P/o Allah, Tehsil Arnia, district Jammu have lost Registration Certificate (RC) of my vehicle (Bolero Car) bearing registration number JK02CC-6113. I am applying for the duplicate of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within 7 days.

Ghagwal's water crisis resolved STATE TIMES NEWS SAMBA: DDC Member from Ghagwal Suresh Kumar solved the problem of drinking water as he

made the 4 hand pumps functional by making them repair. It is pertinent to mention that Suresh Kumar is very popular among youth because of his very simple

but helpful attitude among the mass. He always remain ready in the service of people. As the summer has

already approached and the heat during the day time is gaining, Suresh Kumar has called the PHE Mechanic and made the hand pumps of Chhan Chhan Malangra. Samotra, Ragguchak and Harsath Mohalla Jarud, functional by giving expanses from his pocket. He told that it is his duty

Army carries out sanitation of hospital STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: On the request of BMO, SDH Mandi, Indian Army carried out sanitation of hospital premises $_{in}$ District All Poonch. COVID Protocols have been followed by the detailed team while undertaking the same.

was appreciated by the hospital staff and Health authority.



as a public representative

Mohendra the people. to solve the basic problems Kumar from Chhan Singh Somotra, Balbir He further told that elecfrom Ragguchak thanked tricity, water and road conthe efforts of DDC nectivity are the basic Member Suresh Kumar necessities of the people and told that now people of and he is also serious to their villages will get the solve these basic issues of clean drinking water.

Khan prayed for the peace of the departed soul and courage to the family members of the deceased. He said that Haji Ghulam Hussain was a noble soul and his contribution to the society would not be forgotten. He expressed his sympathy with the family members

of the deceased.

Aijaz condoles demise of

Haji Ghulam Hussain

REASI: Vice President Apri

Party, and Former Minister

Aijaz Ahmed Khan has con-

doled the demise of Haji

In his condolence message.

Aijaz Ahmed Khan recalled

his association with the

Retired Headmaster of

Budhan, Haji Ghulam

Hussain Sahab who left this

mortal world on May 14,

2021.

Ghulam Hussain sahab.

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Lecture held on 'Join the Army'

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of his own people.

POONCH: Keeping the growing aspirations of local youth of the region to "Join the Army", Army conducted an orientation lecture on "Join Army and Live a Life Less Ordinary" at Pathanateer in District Poonch (J&K). During the lecture, the speaker emphasised that employment is a major concern of every youth in the border district and thus the eligible and aspiring youth should prepare and participate in different recruitment rallies being conducted by Recruitment Agencies to join a noble career. The motivational talk was



An army official delivering lecture to youth.

attended by a large number of students and youth of Pathanateer and adjoining areas with great zeal and enthusiasm. Participants have imparted awareness about the physical and educational

requirements and the selection process for various types of entries into the services. Army has also been conducting prerecruitment training to enable the local boys to compete in recruitment drives.

COVID prevention, awareness & monitoring drive held



STATE TIMES NEWS AKHNOOR: As part of massive drive to reach out to Exservicemen and Widows of Indian Army personnel, Crossed Swords Division

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under White Knight Corps has undertaken an initiative to assist the widows of far flung village in Chowki Chaura Tehsil of Akhnoor Sub-Division (J&K). In an

North End Enterprises supplying

oxygen to Govt Hospitals, NGOs

event conducted, preventive and protective medical equipments were distributed to five widows by the Indian Army, for battling against COVID-19 pandemic and curbing its spread. Progress of immunization scheme of the widows and ESMs was also documented and monitored. Such events hold a special value and go a long way in awareness on precautionary

situation. The locals were

advised to take preventive

measures like drinking

warm water, Kadha and use

The locals expressed their

that

Vaccination Registration

of steaming.

desire

to

measures for spread and containment of the disease in the backward, far flung and downtrodden residential areas of Akhnoor. The initiative was whole heartedly appreciated by the widows.

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Camp must be conducted at

other places also so that

entire area is benefitted

from this initiative. The

Registration Camp was

attended by 190 locals out

of which 87 were registered

and 60 were vaccinated.

JAMMU: Vishav Hindu Parishad (VHP) held a meeting at Shakti Ashram Jammu on Sunday under leadership of its State President Leela Karan Sharma, which was attended by a number of members and activists, amid strict observance of COVID SoPs

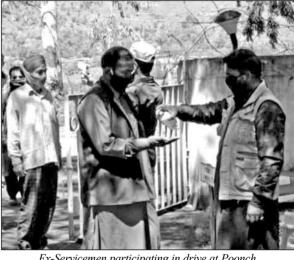
During the meeting, the participants condoled untimely demise of Prant Pramukh Dharam Yatra Sangh, Prem Choudhary. The participants observed two minutes silence and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

While speaking on the occasion, Leela Karan Sharma said that Prem Choudhary, who was a renowned wrestler and Chairman of Jammu Kashmir Indian Style Wrestling Association (JKISWA), was Swayam Sewak of RSS from the very beginning and always remained on fore-front in various activities of RSS.

Those who attended the meeting included Rajesh Gupta, Abhishek Gupta, Shakti Datt Sharma besides a number of Bairang Dal activists.

Army holds vaccination drive for ex-servicemen

POONCH: Army in co-ordination with Poonch Medical Dept carried out Vaccination Drive for Ex-servicemen (ESMs), their Dependants, Civilian Defence Workers (CDW) and their dependants for Second Dose of Vaccination. The Vaccination Centre, Equipped with all Medical Facilities was praised by the Local Medical Department. A Medical Officer from Army too assisted this drive for any AEFI. The locals appreciated the efforts made by Poonch Brigade for giving a push to this Vaccination Drive



Ex-Servicemen participating in drive at Poonch.

Cong leader urges PM to announce cash transfer of Rs 6,000 per month to needy during lockdown

NEW DELHI: Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury view of the ongoing pandem urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday to announce direct cash transfer of Rs 6,000 per month to the poor and needy to cope with the lockdown. In a letter to the prime lies minister, Chowdhury highlighted the hardship and suffering being faced by the poor, daily wagers and the marginalised sections of the society due to the lockdown Chowdhury said Congress imposed in various states. "The central government should resort to direct cash transfer of Rs 6,000 per month in the bank accounts of all the eligible poor people of the states under lockdown, including the state of West Bengal.

as well because it will have a multiplier effect on the economy," he said.

The Congress leader said in

Kashmir supply medical oxygen to only for 16 hours", he said Government owned hospitals, North End As oxygen supply has become rudimenta-Enterprises (NEE) running an oxygen ry lifeline during this COVID pandemic. "it

PURI: Keeping in view the

of the state government surge of COVID-19 cases and the SJTA, which is Odisha's COVID-19 in Odisha and also in Puri, responsible for manage- caseload on Sunday ment of the shrine, is surged to 6.12.224 after headed by a senior IAS officer. It was also decided at the meeting to review the standard operating procedure from time to time, keeping in view the evolving situation. Though members of the temple will not be allowed to enter the temple, all the age-old rituals of the deities continue with the help of servitors and the temple administration officials, Kumar said. The spread of COVID-19 among the servitors during these times will be detrimental to the observance of daily rituals and annual programmes such 'Chandan Yatra', 'Sanan Yatra' and 'Ratha

by the SJTA said.

Puri Jaganath temple to remain closed for public till June 15 as COVID cases rise

under the law department Yatra', a statement issued

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The prompt response VHP condoles death of **Prem Choudhary**

concentration plant at Sanat Nagar Industrial Estate Srinagar is catering to both Government hospitals and Non Government Organizations (NGOs), working tirelessly alongside the administration in its fight against the prevailing pandemic. It is also providing oxygen cylinders to COVID positive patients isolated in home and are in need of oxygen, said Yasir Shafi, in charge of the plant.

SRINAGAR: While most of Oxygen

Concentration Plants in Jammu &

Earlier the NEE was catering to both Industrial and Medical demand oxygen, but. "since the outbreak of second wave, our plant entirely has shifted hundred percent focus to the medical oxygen production as demanded by the government and current situation also demand so", he said. The capacity of the Oxygen Concentration Plant, NEE, peaks at 60 cubic meters per hour and is functioning round the clock for a month now. Yasir Informed and added that the oxygen is supplied to Government Hospitals including Govt Medical College, Doda, NGOs

is our moral responsibility to help Government in maintaining the smooth supply of oxygen to hospitals and concerned organizations to avert tragedies due to disruption in oxygen supply chain", he said.

and persons having proper permission and

approval from the district administration.

"Before second wave the plant was working

He praised and commended the employees working in his plant for 24/7 during the current crisis to ensure plant functions to its optimum capacity. Industries & Commerce department in a statement reiterated that there are four oxygen manufacturing plants in Kashmir Division having an overall production capacity of 17400 cubic metre which equals to a total production of roughly 2483 oxygen cylinders in 24 hours. The Industries & Commerce department is closely monitoring the functioning of the oxygen plants and has deployed Industrial promotion Officers (IPOs) to maintain oversight of the whole production and distribution process which has helped streamline the oxygen distribution to a large extent.

the authorities of the temple of Lord Jagannath in \mathbf{the} pilgrim town on Sunday announced that the 12th century would remain out of bounds for the public till June 15.

The famous temple is closed for the devotees since May 5 as a statelockdown wide was imposed by the Odisha government.

The Shree Jagannatha Temple Administration made the decision to keep the temple closed for people till June 15 at a review meeting chaired by SJTA Chief Administrator Dr Krishan Kumar and attended by Puri Collector Samarth Verma.

The administration of the temple in Puri is 11,732 more people tested positive for the infection, while 19 fresh fatalities pushed the death toll to 2.313, a health department official said.

Meanwhile, the Chandan Yatra (sandalwood festival) began on Saturday, adhering to COVID-19 protocols.

Construction of chariots for the Rath Yatra begins from the day of the Chandan Yatra.

All the participants of the Chandan Yatra have COVID-19 undergone tests while the carpenters and others associated with chariot construction will be kept in isolation till completion of the works, an official said.

"This will not only mitigate the sufferings of the millions of poor but is good economics ic and the lockdowns, such people have been rendered unemployed, resulting in them not being able to provide for and feed their fami-

"Accordingly, such people are in a deplorable condition and are feeling abandoned, completely left-out and hopeless." he said.

president Sonia Gandhi has suggested that the Centre should provide free foodgrains to the needy and give Rs 6,000 per month to all the iobless people. The Congress has been demanding a provision of direct cash to the poor since a nationwide lockdown was first imposed in March last year after the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Even Azad admits COVID situation in Jammu grave

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pened. Even former J&K $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{M}$ and Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad has admitted that COVID situation in

Jammu is very grave. Actually, on May 15, he, among other things, reflected on the prevailing COVID situation in J&K, expressed concerned over the 'high number of casualties in Jammu and loss of several lives in Kashmir' and urged for 'immediate measures to save the lives'.

Jammu witnessed a whopping 510 deaths due to corona virus between May 1 and 15. In Kashmir also, 287 persons lost their lives due to the virus during the same period.

What Azad spoke for Jammu was significant. Significant in the sense that it was his regime, which

applied Wazir Commission report in a wrong way in 2007 to hurt Jammu has hapand sought to defeat age-old demand in Jammu for a fair share of representation in Assembly the same vear. His administration created four new districts in Kashmir, as against one recommended by the Commission, and four districts in Jammu, as against the recommended three, and sought to increase the share of both Jammu province and Kashmir by 25 per cent, saying he 'believed in the principle of justice and equity'

> It was also during his time that the J&K Government violated the unambiguous directions of J&K High Court on Baltal land allotted temporarily to the Shri Amarnath Shrine in 2008 for creating additional facilities for the pilgrims. Not just this, it was also during his regime that the then Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh tried his best to create 'consensus' on the demands in Kashmir for self-rule

and autonomy (read a step short of complete independence) for whole J&K, including Ladakh.

It's a good gesture that Azad, who also headed the Ministry of Health at the Centre for years and who is seemingly well-versed in healthrelating matters, highlighted fact that Jammu province was suffering huge loss of lives due to deadly coronavirus. However, it would have been better had he also pinpointed some of the major factors responsible for the loss of so many deaths in Jammu province. Such an approach would have opened the eyes of the concerned authorities and made them to do, what was required in Jammu province on war-footing to save lives of corona victims.

According to one study, one of the major causes responsible for so many deaths in Jammu province could be the paucity of life-saving Oxygen. The study, inter-alia, reads like this, 'In Jammu region (read province), spread over 26,000 sq

km, Oxygen Generating Plants (OGPs) are available only in Jammu and some district headquarters in six of 10 districts of the region. In comparison, OGPs are available in 34 government hospitals in Kashmir dotting an area less than 16,000 sq km. Every single district in Kashmir, 10 in all, has more than one OGP in the government sector. A very small district of Kulgam, carved out of Anantnag, has two OGPs of 1,000 LPM capacity and 350 LPM capacity. Srinagar district, spread over just 294 sq km (and having a population of nearly 14 lakh), has at least a dozen (12) functional OGPS, with a total Oxygen generation capacity of 15,175 LPM, spread over eight hospitals. That also means that Srinagar district alone has 15,175 LPM capacity as compared to 13,800 LPM capacity created over the entire Jammu region' housing no less than 60 lakh people. The study further said, 'According

to official data, at least 52 new generation plants are being set-up throughout J&K. Of these, 29 are being set up in Jammu region and 23 in Kashmir. When became operational, Kashmir will have 57 and Jammu 41. Kashmir-based plants will generate 57,000 LPM spread over 57 government hospitals and Jammu province will generate around 47,000 LPM - 10,000 LPM lesser than Kashmir -- and spread over 41 locations only as compared to 57 in Kashmir'.

The available data also shows that while Kashmir has 15 out of 23 'designated hospitals' for COVID-19 patients, Jammu province has only eight. In other words, the number of such hospitals in Kashmir is twotime that of Jammu province. Besides, as of today, Kashmir has 34 OGPs and Jammu has only 12. To be more precise, the number of OGPs in Kashmir is almost threetime that of Jammu.

Not just this, the Army has also

set up 250-bedded COVID-19 hospital in Srinagar's Rangreth area. Besides, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is establishing 500-bedded Corona hospital at Khomoh in Kashmir. And on May 15, J&K Government designated 1st and 2nd referral hospitals across Kashmir to cater to the needs of COVID patients. The authorities directed the concerned officers in all the 10 districts to 'refer the patients in case of dire emergency aiming at avoiding overwhelming the tertiary care system'. What does all this suggest? It sug-

gests a discrimination of another type with Jammu province and it could be construed as a sin against the humanity. The authorities must review their whole medical policy on a priority basis so that people of Jammu province do not die due to paucity of life-saving medicines, air and lack of infrastructure. They cannot treat the people of Jammu province like cattle.