

Swarnim Vijay Varsh commemorated at Akhnoor Military Station



Major General Rajiv Gadihoke, GOC, Crossed Swords Division along with other officers during the event.

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AKHNOOR: Major General Rajiv Gadihoke, General Officer Commanding, Crossed Swords Division, graced a solemn ceremony at Akhnoor to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of 1971 Indo-Pak war by paying rich tributes to the valiant soldiers of the Armed Forces who made the supreme sacrifice during the war.

On 16 December 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, lit the 'Swarnim Vijay Mashaal' at the

National War Memorial, New Delhi, which entered the soil of Akhnoor on Tuesday. Akhnoor region had witnessed some of the most fiercely fought battles of 1971 Indo-Pak war, where our gallant soldiers braved all odds and defeated Pakistani Forces. Commemorative events were organised for felicitating families of gallantry awardees, War Widows and Veterans. Fifty years ago, over 93,000 Pakistani soldiers under the command of Lt Gen AAK Niazi surrendered unconditionally

to the Indian Armed Forces. This resulted in liberation of East Pakistan and creation of the sovereign nation of Bangladesh. Major General Rajiv Gadihoke, GOC, Crossed Swords Division dwelled upon achievements of the Armed Forces in various gallant battles. He emphasized that Indian Army has always performed with utmost professionalism, upholding the highest traditions of valour and devotion to duty while maintaining sovereignty of the country. He also mentioned about the supreme sacrifices of the soldiers deployed from the highest battle fields of Siachen to the rugged mountains of North East and expressed gratitude to the contributors of populace of J&K who have played a pivotal role in various wars fought by the country.

He also exhorted that Indian Army is geared up to fight the battle against Covid-19.

Vaccination drive for above 18 age commences at Akhnoor



Officials conducting surprise visit to Sub District Hospital Akhnoor.

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AKHNOOR: As per Central and State governments order to vaccinate above 18 age people, Sub District Hospital (SDH) Akhnoor started vaccinations to the registered people in SDH Akhnoor, Kameshwar temple Akhnoor and other vaccination centers under the supervision of Block Medical Officer BMO Akhnoor Ashok Kumar Bhagat. Sub District Magistrate

SDM Chowki Choura Chand Kishor Sharma, Sub Divisional Police Officer SDPO Akhnoor Varun Jandial made a visit of Sub District Hospital and inspected the vaccination drive. They also paid surprise visit of market to check the enforcement of lockdown properly.

SDPO Varun Jandial appealed the locals to follow guidelines of government during world wide pandemic Covid-19.

IYC demand resignation of Dr Jatinder Singh over corruption allegations

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Iftkhar Ahmed, National spokesperson, Indian Youth Congress hold press conference demanded resignation of Dr Jatinder Singh, minister of state PMO Govt of India for his involvement in corruption as alleged by his own party leader Vikram Randhawa (Ex MLC) and BJP leader. Randhawa in a press conference levelled Serious allegations against the Union MoS in PMO and his staff in Jammu for having hand in glove with the corrupt officers in the administration, police and other departments.



National Spokesperson, IYC Iftkhar Ahmed briefing media.

Iftkhar further Said that instead of suspending Dr Jatinder Singh on moral ground, Bhartiya Janta Party has served a show cause notice to Vikram Randhawa for "tarnishing" the party image in the public and for using unparliamentary language. He Said that If a BJP senior Leader Randawa (Ex MLC) himself exposed BJP BJP leader Claimed that he is a

ruption. He takes a step forward & demanded CBI inquiry as Vikram Randhawa clearly mentioned the name of official who are involved in corruption.

Loyal soldier of the BJP for the past three decades and he has no complaints with the party but claims That Corruption is at its peak & Now the Nation want to know the truth that can only possible through an independent probe in to the matter.

Among those who also accompanied in the press conference include Mushtaq Ahmed, State Secretary Congress Seva Dal Incharge Rajouri Poonch, Shah Nawaz Khaki PYC State Coordinator, Amit Syal PYC State Secretary, Saddam Zia block president Doongi.

Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotasav: MC Bari Brahmana launches plantation drive

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: In connection with the celebration of 75th anniversary of India's Independence 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotasav', to the directions issued by the Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu Asgar Hussain regarding the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotasav in all the Urban Local Bodies of Jammu Province.

Municipal Committee, Bari Brahmana today launched a plantation drive in the Public Park situated at Ward no. 03 Bari Brahmana under the programme Azadi ka Amrut Mahotasav on the eve of completion of Seventy-five years of Independence of India.

Tehsildar Bari Brahmana, Diksha Bamba along with Executive Officer

Municipal Committee, Bari Brahmana Jodh Raj graced the occasion in presence of Ramji Dass Sharma former Vice-President, Pawan Kumar Ward Member, Nahir Ranjan, SDPO Bari Brahmana, Rajesh Sharma SHO Police Station Bari Brahmana.

The Executive Officer said that similar plantation drive shall be launched shortly in all the three Public Parks located in the Town and total target of plantation is around 3000 plants and also appealed to the citizens of Town as well as to the General Public for Plantation of more and more plants in and around their locality to help the Municipality to keep the Town's atmosphere better and purified environmentally.

The Executive Officer

Order probe into nexus between police, Admn, mining mafia: Manjit to LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
VIJAYPUR: Apni Party, Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, Manjit Singh on Tuesday urged Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to hold a high level probe into the nexus between police and local administration with the mining mafia.

In a statement to the press, Manjit Singh said that Apni Party has been raising this issue from last several months that nexus between police and administration with the mining mafia has snatched right of local miners and left the people associated with the business jobless.

"The Govt should have paid attention towards the serious issues which has badly affected the local miners engaged in extraction of minerals following permission from the administra-



tion. However, their rights have been snatched by permitting mining mafia which led to the suffering of people in general," said Manjit Singh.

In reference to the allegations of a ruling party's former legislator, the Former Minister said that the Govt should order a high level probe into the allegations and transfer such officials from the posts with immedi-

ate effect before the initiation of an enquiry.

"A probe is must to expose the mining mafia and their associates which ultimately compelled a former legislator of ruling political party to speak publicly against own party leaders and mining department officials and police department," he said.

He said that an impartial probe is imperative to unearth alleged involvement of a Union Minister and Mining officials.

He said that the families of local miners have been suffering due to this nexus which works in a well organized manner.

"We will not allow mining mafia to flourish in J&K. It is right of the local miners at Panchayat and block level to extract minerals and no outsiders should be allowed to grab their business. The locals at small level extract

minerals and the rates also remain in control. The mafia has deliberately increased rates of sand, stones and other minerals used in construction works," he alleged.

He alleged that the mining mafia is working in protection and exploiting the resources of J&K causing damage to local ecology and selling same material on higher rates to the people of the erstwhile state.

He said that Apni Party has taken a stand to continue its struggle against the mining mafia.

"We have held many protests across J&K. In Jammu, we held series of protests in support of local miners and against the mining mafia," said Manjit Singh and assured the locals that Apni Party will leave no stone unturned in support of their demands.

SMVDU student conferred with National Architecture Award

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: Yagvinder Mamoria, a student of B.Arch.(Batch-2015) of School of Architecture & Landscape Design, SMVDU University, has been conferred with National Architecture Award by the prestigious Council of Architecture (CoA), Govt. of India. The national award for excellence has been given in the Architectural UG Thesis 2020 under the student category for the brilliant Thesis titled "National War & Military Museum".

Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Padamshree Prof. S.K. Sinha, congratulated the feat of the student, and applauded School of Architecture headed by Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, Landscape Architect.

The School of Architecture has attained various prestigious mile-



Yagvinder Mamoria

stones being the first School of Architecture in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. Recently, SMVDU university has been ranked 80th in the world in Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of The Times Higher Education Impact ranking 2021. It has also been ranked 3rd position in India and is the only university from UT of Jammu and Kashmir to be ranked in the said parameters.

DM Rajouri for effective implementation of Child Welfare schemes

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: District Magistrate Rajouri, Rajesh Kumar Shavan on Tuesday reviewed functioning of Child Welfare Committee, juvenile justice Board (JJB) and prosecution wing, here at a meeting.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Rajouri, Sher Singh; Chief Prosecuting Officer; Shaheen Ahmed Khan; Sr.PO, Shahid Mustafa; Sr.PO, Rukhsar Ahmed Khan; Sr.PO Mohd Sayeed; CPO DDP, Mohd Rafeeq; CPO PE, Vijay Sudan; APP, Mansoor Ahmed Khan; APP, Tanver Anjum; APP, Altaf Hussain; PO ICDS, Kartar Singh; CMO, Dr Shamim Un Nissa Bhatti; Dy.CMO, Dr Anees Altaf Nabi; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; Anuradha Sharma, Incharge Chairperson CWC Administrator OSC, Nitu Sharma; Legal cum probationary officer JJB, Shivangi

Kant besides Child protection officers, Shawani Gupta, Member CWC; CDPOs, members of the CWC and JJB attended the meeting.

At the outset, the Chief Prosecuting Officer apprised the meeting about the duties and responsibilities entrusted to the wing.

The District Magistrate sought case-wise details of different departments including OSC, CWC, JJB who in turn briefed about the number of cases settled and the kind of services provided to the victims.

Regarding the awareness campaigns about the child protection act, the PO ICDS informed the meeting that massive awareness programmes on the Juvenile Justice Act are being organised by the CDPOs in the areas of their respective jurisdiction. He said that since the last meeting, substantial progress has been made.

While addressing the participants, the District Magistrate said, a Public Prosecutor represents the State in whose name the prosecution is conducted and the wing has to ensure that offenders are convicted and meanwhile to make sure that no innocent is trapped in Legal wrangles.

The District Magistrate said that interdepartmental coordination and an integrated approach was a must for the proper legislation and delivery of the justice. He impressed upon the officers to put in arduous efforts for increasing the conviction rate in the crime cases.

The District Magistrate also assured full support to the prosecutors both on logistics and working fronts and assured that he will try his best to facilitate them in the discharge of their legitimate duties.

The CDPOs were directed to submit the details of the

child beggars and child labourers working in hazardous places in the district. He also directed the concerned officers to ensure that no Government employee hires a domestic help below the age of 14 yrs.

The District Magistrate also directed CDPOs to conduct a survey in the areas of their respective jurisdictions to identify the children below the age of 14 years working in the homes of the Government officials and submit the necessary report in this regard within ten days.

Concerning the scholarship schemes, the Social Welfare Department was asked to ensure that benefits under different scholarship schemes are provided to all the eligible students in the district. He further directed the CMO to depute the doctors to attend to the women in distress and children in the care of the need.

The CDPOs were directed to organise special awareness camps to aware the girls regarding the negative effects of girl child marriage in society. He directed the CMO to take concrete measures to help the girls manage their menstrual hygiene amid COVID19, and ensure that the PRIs are associated with the task.

While taking the review of conviction rate, the DM impressed for the quality and fair investigation so that the rate of conviction is also increased. However, he cautioned that no innocent should be unnecessarily trapped in legal wrangles.

The District Magistrate also directed the immediate shifting of the offices of the child welfare committee-JJB to the new premises and ordered for making the child care home fully functional. He set a deadline of ten days for carrying out some basic surveys.

Randhawa busted 'corruption crusader' balloon of BJP, exposed party's duplicity: Tony

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SUCHETGARI: DDC Member Suchetgarh Taranjit Singh 'Tony' on Tuesday sought resignation of MOS PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh against the allegations leveled by former MLC and BJP leader Vikram Randhawa against involvement of Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and District Mining Officer (DMO), Jammu, in deep-rooted corruption.

In a statement issued here today, the DDC Member said that the accusations made by the senior BJP leader against his own party's central minister for nurturing corruption is a serious matter and calls for thorough probe from an independent agency having credible image. He said that by adopting conventional tactics of forming the party's internal disciplinary committee will not absolve the union minister and official of the Mining Department from the serious

allegations leveled by the minister's party colleague. He said that former MLC has busted the corruption crusader balloon of BJP and unveiled the duplicity of the party which on one side never gets tired of boasting that there is zero tolerance against corruption in the party and on the other side its Central Minister is allegedly grooming corruption to the hilt.

Tony also said that the whole Geology & Mining Department has been involved in neck-deep corruption and a thorough probe can only bring to fore the truth. He said it's quite sufficient of probe by a central agency or else the former MLC has already cleared the cloud of ambiguity. He appealed to the Prime Minister Office to immediately sack the MOS PMO until he gets cleared of the allegations leveled against him by former legislator through a formal probe conducted by an independent agency.

of India wherein those boasting of honesty and nationalism were themselves found involved in deep-rooted corruption," he said adding that nothing could be more unfortunate than this happening in the country. He said that today sand trolley costs Rs 3,500 -Rs 4000 instead of Rs 800 - 1000 in J&K. "The big question is where the extra amount is going when the mining is banned and there is no provision to credit even a penny in state exchequer?" He asked adding that to come clear Dr Jitendra has to pass the litmus test of probe by a central agency or else the former MLC has already cleared the cloud of ambiguity. He appealed to the Prime Minister Office to immediately sack the MOS PMO until he gets cleared of the allegations leveled against him by former legislator through a formal probe conducted by an independent agency.

NCC cadet of GCW Udh brings laurels to college

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UDHAMPUR: NCC cadet of Govt College for Women (GCW), Udhampur brought laurels for the college and J&K NCC Directorate by participating in the recent Republic Day Parade, 2021 at New Delhi.

Cadet Shavani Sharma, got an opportunity not only to be a part of NCC squad to march on Rajpath before the Nation but also participated



Faculty along with Cadet Shavani Sharma posing for photograph.

in the PM's Rally. "This cadet along with the other cadets of the state have a distinguished role in bringing the J&K NCC Directorate to 11th position out of 17 contingents. Because of the covid pandemic this year, a total of 26 cadets from the UT of Jammu and Kashmir participated wherein 10 girl cadets and 16 boy cadets were shortlisted after a very tough rigorous selection process.

Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the college has congratulated the cadets for her exemplary achievements.

Army conducts awareness drive on COVID vaccination

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RAJOURI: Army carried an awareness drive at Samote and Moughla in District Rajouri (J&K) to make local people aware of means and way to stop spread of Corona disease.

In addition to educating the people about breaking the chain of virus spread, people were also guided about registration for vaccination on www.covin.gov.in application, which has already started onwards. Army has also educated locals to take preventive measures like maintaining social distancing, washing hands with soap, wearing mask and avoid gathering etc. The locals expressed their desire that vaccination awareness program must be organised at other places also so that the entire region is benefitted from this initiative.

Go for vaccine make Ramban COVID-free: Neelam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: Senior BJP leader and former Legislator Neelam Langeh urged all the eligible persons to take vaccine shots as soon as possible and make Ramban COVID free.

In a statement issued here, the former MLA said that the people of the country are fortunate enough that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi under his liberal vaccination policy has given them a chance to fortify themselves against the lethal coronavirus. He said that there is no point in lingering the decision on taking vaccine jabs as the delay can prove deleterious because the threat of contagion is looming large and nobody knows when this germ will attack.

The former MLA said that the B-JP Government at the Centre has devised a foolproof mechanism to take prior appointments for taking vac-

Aadhar enabled PoS transactions for ration risky in pandemic: Buraq

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Jammu Kashmir Apni Party leader Rizwan Khan Buraq demanded discontinuation of Aadhar enabled POS Transactions for Ration obtaining beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAN). Under this scheme Govt should provide 5kg free food grains to about 80 crore beneficiaries for the months of May and June, 2021. But poor beneficiaries can avail this scheme only after applying fingerprints on biometric, which can be the source of making covid Chain and spread covid 19 after multiple touches. Khan stated that Aadhar enabled POS Transactions applying fingerprints on same biometric Gadget by dozens of people in a day. The risk of spreading Corona virus in the community is high. Even the families of poor beneficiaries also get infected through this channel. Rizwan Khan Buraq requested LG and Commissioner Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs for immediate action and urged Discontinuation of Aadhar enabled POS Transactions in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic.

ine shots at the designated centres so that people need not to horde or flout the guidelines meant for containing the virus. He said that youth must understand their responsibility in making the country robust and therefore should come forward and convince others also to get inoculated for achieving hundred per cent coverage of the vaccine. He said, "Some elements

in the society are spreading canards challenging the efficacy of the vaccine. These ignorant persons should be countered by giving appropriate responses as their inoculation is as important as of others. This pandemic is peculiar in itself because until and unless all the people are not clear of the virus, there will always be a chance of re-emergence of the epidemic there-

fore one cannot take any chances". He appreciated DC Ramban for playing a vital role in fighting against coronavirus and extending all possible support to the people in distress. He asked the prominent people to play a proactive role and assist the government in making the district corona free to help people lead a normal life without masks and sanitisers.

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