

Congress holds protest against power & water crisis

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RAMBAN: Irked by unscheduled power cuts and shortage of drinking water, congress staged a protest in Bus-Stand Ramban.

The Congress has taken on the Jammu and Kashmir administration for, what it called, the "unprecedented" power crisis in UT and urged the authorities to take immediate steps to improve the situation.

The protest was led by Working state President Youth Congress J&K & Former National President NSUI Fairoz Khan, Arun Singh Raju Ex District President Congress Ramban, Sandeep Singh Bhalwal NSUI State General Secretary, Khalid wani Corporator Ramban, Tariq hafiz , Pardeep Raju and others.

The protesters raised slogans in support of the demand for uninterrupted power and water supply. LG Govt Hai Hai, DC Ramban Hai Hai, BJP Govt. Hai Hai , we want uninterrupted electricity and water supply, UT Administration Hai Hai.

The protesters briefly



Congress workers staging protest at Ramban.

blocked the road to the bus stand demanding restoration of water supply and an end to unscheduled power cuts.

Fairoz Khan while addressing the protesters said "The present power situation is unprecedented. The J&K administration is able to meet only 50 per cent of the power demand of UT & the situation is worse in villages. Khan said that our district generates more than 900 MW of power, but we still face power cuts & where two hydel power houses are located and river Chenab is flowing. BJP made false promises of bringing good days. They are not providing us with a proper supply of water and electricity, there-

fore we want this government to provide uninterrupted electricity and water to the public of Ramban. The BJP is just busy creating issues which they think will divert public attention, he said instead of politics they should focus on addressing the issues of the public. He said all administration is visible in social media or busy in video conferencing while sitting in AC rooms, which have uninterrupted power supply and even their residence have uninterrupted electricity supply, which they and their family members enjoy.

Eid is coming instead of celebrating festivals, the people are suffering from

scorching heat and no potable water. The students, patients are the worst hit and even business establishments are running in losses and creating more unemployment.

Khan said our leader Rahul Gandhi "On April 20, 2022, told the Modi government to stop running the bulldozer of hatred and start power plants in the country. Today the coal and electricity crisis has created havoc in the entire country. This crisis will destroy small industries, due to which unemployment will increase further. Small children cannot stand this scorching heat. The lives of patients admitted to hospitals are at stake. There will be financial loss by stopping rail and metro services." If this government would have listened to Rahul Gandhi the crisis would have been avoided, he questioned where are achedin. The BJP have failed the people of this country.

Arun Singh Raju said that "Over the past 20 days, we are faced with the worst-ever electricity and water crisis, requesting personal

intervention of the Lt Governor to provide relief to the public. He added we support our congress J&K demand which is fighting for withdrawal of water tax in rural areas, besides seeking amnesty for domestic power consumers and rectifying the "faulty" power billing system. He added that administration is issuing dikats only in social media, instead the DC Ramban should meet public to address their issues. We have raised the issue of acute water shortage with the concerned department time and again but no action is being taken which is very unfortunate, he said that the first priority of the govt. is to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply to the consumers.

He added that Ramban is already in the last when it comes to poverty, education and now also electricity and water crises too.

Congress leaders gave an ultimatum to the DC Ramban that if the electricity supply was not improved within the next 3-4 days , party workers will gherao DC Ramban office.

BJP committed to provide best healthcare to people: Col Mahan

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BHOOND: Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) District Development Council (DDC) Kathua, Chairman inaugurated a day long medical checkup camp at NTPHC Sialag today. A large number of patients, especially females attended OPD and underwent the thorough medical checkup. Besides two Medical Officers, para medical staff was also available to provide the services to those who visited the camp.

In his address on the occasion Col Mahan Singh said that organizing such events in the remote and far flung areas is the priority as the people in these areas remained deprived of such facilities during seventy years rule of successive regimes post independence in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir. He lauded the doctors' team for providing succour to the people at their door steps by providing them proper medicare during the camp.

Asserting that BJP stands



Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) DDC Chairman Kathua after inaugurating medical checkup camp.

committed to provide the best health care facilities to the people across the nation especially those living in the remote and far flung areas, the DDC Chairman assured every kind of medical help to the people in such areas besides providing full support to the Doctors, Paramedics and organizations organizing such events for the welfare of people of different areas in the future too.

Col Mahan Singh said that Bharatiya Janata Party's motto is to serve and reach out to the common people besides providing good governance and the Govt's serious-

ness about the health issues can be well gauged from the Ayushman Bharat scheme launched by it that provides every family and its members upto a maximum of Rs. 5 lakh coverage for health related ailments and expenditure. He asked the people to avail the benefits through this scheme whenever required.

Prominent among those accompanying the DDC Chairman at the medical camp were Sarpanch of Sialag Seema Devi, Sarpanch Bhiker Ralo Devi, Capt Harnam Singh and Ex Sarpanch Hans Raj.

Police organises flag march in Doda Town

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DODA: With the aim to develop better coordination among all forces and to work in synergized manner in their field duties in the wake of increasing social /political activities, religious events and other seasonal activities in the length and breadth of the District, today a flag march consisting of officers and Jawans of District Police, CRPF-33 Bn, SSB-7th Bn and IR-5th Bn Doda was held in Doda Town in which nearly 400 officers and Jawans participated.

The aim and objective of this exercise was to gear up the forces and inculcate the awareness and familiarization among the Officers and Jawans of all forces to ensure efficient and effective surveillance as well as monitoring on ground in a coordinated manner and to ensure their preparedness to react to any situation



SSP Doda, Abul Qayoom and others during the march.

effectively.

On this occasion, SSP Doda, Abul Qayoom briefed the Officers and Jawans about their field duties thoroughly besides necessary directions were also issued to the officers and Jawans about handling the various challenging situations during their legitimate duties.

Among other officers who were present in the event

includes, D. S Negi, Commandant 33 Bn CRPF, Master Popsy, Addl. SP Hqrs Doda, Raj Kumar, Addl. SP Ops Doda, Kasam Khan, 2 I/C 33 Bn CRPF, Tilak Raj Rana, Dy.CO IR-5th Bn Doda and Shoket Ali, Dy.SP DAR Doda. The morale of the officers and Jawans was high and fully prepared to react to any situation on ground.

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KATHUA: A fare well party was hosted on the superannuation of Dr. Mohan Singh Pathania, Principal of GDCW Kathua & GDC Kathua

A fare well party was organized by Government College for women Kathua and Govt. Degree college (Boys) Kathua by the staff of colleges on occasion of Superannuation of Dr Mohan Singh Pathania worthy Principal of the College. He is one of the renowned Principals of Jammu and Kashmir (U.T). He rendered 36 years of service out which 27 years in College and 9 years in School Education.

He worked in various capacity as principal, Administrator, Coordinator IQAC, and exemplary teacher who always worked in the interest of Students and institutions. He remained supportive to all the staff members and guided



Faculty members presenting memento to Principal, Dr. Mohan Singh Pathania at Kathua.

ed everybody time to time and wherever his services were required by the department he was always ready at the beck and call . During Covid 19 , he set an example by his delivery at Lakhampur and worked with devotion and dedication besides this he excelled in the field of research and he authored many books , organized Conferences ,Seminars and presented many Research papers in both National and International level. On this

Occasion, The college Newsletter was also released by the Principal which covered the updates of the college activities with the help of college Editorial Board.

Prof Ashwani Khajuria vice Principal of the college Spoke and added the virtues of Dr. Pathania ,he said that he worked with Pathania for 10 months but he learned many things of life from him which shall be helpful him for future delivery . He wished him very happy and prosper-

ous retired life . Dr Arun Dev Singh Staff Secretary of the College appreciated about the tremendous qualities which are being carried out by Dr M. S Pathania, he said that he has had been into the contact of Sir since 1998 from whom he learned abundant tips of academics and administrative which will be rich treasure for him, he said Dr pathania was an expert in the preparation of NAAC wherever he worked and helped all the institutions to get highest grade .

He further said that it is sad and bitter moment for both staff and him that we would lose such a dynamic principal who always remained supportive and compassionate to every person of the college but it is law of Nature everybody has to leave with the passage of time but he will ever be remembered for miraculous and exemplary services.

All the staff members

whether teaching, non-teaching and daily wagers wished him from core of heart very happy,cheerful and healthy retired life. Prof. Raj Kiran, Prof Jaswinder Singh, Prof. Rakesh Singh and Dr. Kailash from Govt. Degree College Kathua spoke on the occasion and appreciated the qualities of Dr. M.S. Pathania who had additional charge of Govt. Degree College Kathua.

The staff members both teaching and non -teaching members were present on the occasion :Prof Ravinder Kour, Prof Pankaj Nandan , Dr Naresh Sharma, Dr Babita Jamwal, Prof Raj Kumari, Prof Barun Batti, Prof Som Raj, Prof Ambika, Prof Shivani , Dr Poonam ,Prof Meenu, Prof Romika, Prof Naresh ,Prof Vijay, Prof Pallavi Dr Varchaskam , Dr Ajay ,Prof Anu .Prof Mukesh, Mr Roshan Lal, Dr Surinder ,Dr Vakil and Dr Anupam.

Society for World Education & Awareness provides clothes & belongings to deprived women

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KISHTWAR: To light up the life of poor and destitute Women, the NGO namely Society for World Education and Awareness on Saturday provided clothes and belongings to deprived Women on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

District Social Welfare Officer Kishtwar Tariq Parveaz Qazi was the chief guest on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, DSWO appreciated the efforts of the NGO for this initiative and urged all the members of the NGO to work with same zeal and zest to reach out the deprived sections of society and ameliorate their suffering by providing them necessary help.

On the occasion, 16 beneficiaries were provided with clothes and belongings.

Pertinent to mention that the said NGO is working hand in hand with Social Welfare Department in extending social welfare schemes and bringing awareness to deprived and poor section of society about various government sponsored schemes. Social Activist Molvi Khalid Iqbal, Shahid Hussain, besides other members of NGO were present on the occasion.

SSP Kathua organises Thana Diwas

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LAKHANPUR: As a part of public outreach programme, "Thana Diwas" an initiative of Government of J&K UT organised by the Kathua Police at Lakhampur(Rivaaz Inn)

The function was chaired by SSP Kathua R C Kotwal alongwith other supervisory officers including DySP DAR Kathua Sukhdev Singh, Senior PO, SHO Lakhampur and other official/officers of District Kathua were also graced the occasion. The programme witnessed large participation of people of

the district and other adjoining areas of PS Lakhampur. Whereas, meeting was attended by Civil Society Members & various other respectable persons including DDC Vice Chairman Kathua Sh. Raghunandan Singh, Municipal Committee & Councillor Team Members, Bar & Medical Association Kathua, Senior Citizens, Serpanch, Panch, Numberdars, Chowkidars etc. During the programme participants highlighted various issues of public importance and they were patiently heard by SSP Kathua and were later on

assured that their genuine grievances will be resolved on priority level.

While speaking on the occasion SSP Kathua conveyed that "Thana Diwas is an initiative started by Govt. of J&K UT to bridge gap between Police and Public as well as to listen & redress their grievances. At last SSP further urged that the participants must cooperate with Police and Administration in maintaining Law & Order in their area of responsibility as well as in identifying Anti-National & Anti Social Elements like Drugs Peddling etc.

Farewell accorded to retiree cops at DPL Poonch



A retiree being presented gift during farewell at Poonch.

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POONCH: District Police Poonch organised a retirement function at DPL Poonch in which warmth send off were given to SI Gurmeet Singh (LO DPL); SI Mohd Ramzan

(DPL); SI Abdul Khaliq (DPL); ASI Mohd Ashraf (DPL); ASI Mohd Akram (PS Poonch); ASI Mohd Amin (PP Jhullas) and IIC Munawar Hussain (DPL) Rohit Baskotra (JKPS) , SSP Poonch while addressing on the occasion has greeted the families of all the retirees and wish them good health in second innings of their life. Other officers who were present in the function were, Mushim Ahmed, Adl SP Poonch, Munish Sharma DYSP Ops Poonch, Mohd Nawaz DYSP Hqrs Poonch. The function was organized by Sachin Gupta (JKPS) DySP DAR Poonch.

Horticulture Department hosts Buyer-Seller Kissan Meet at Fruit Mandi Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: As part of the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, Department of Horticulture, organised a Buyer-Seller Kissan Meet under 'Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari' programme at Fruit Mandi Udhampur.

A large number of orchardists, entrepreneurs and traders of District Udhampur participated in the meet.

Chief Horticulture Officer, S.K Gupta held interaction with the participants with regard to various issues of orchardists. He emphasised on quality fruit production with the use of modern techniques available with the department.

The orchardists were also educated about different measures being undertaken by the department for betterment of fruit growers. He asked the fruit growers to adopt timely spray schedule,



Agri Dept Officials handing-over certificate to an Orchardist.

training/pruning of fruit plants and use of balanced dose of manures/fertilisers in their orchards to improve the quantity and quality of their produce in order to get profitable returns.

At the onset, District Level-Subject Matter Specialist, Udhampur gave a detailed lecture on importance of better marketing channels for profitable returns. Discussion was also held on different measures to increase the income of orchardists. Soil testing, pest/disease control practices and use of bio-fertilizers/bio-pesti-

cides in order to promote

organic cultivation of fruits were also underlined by the specialist.

Area Marketing Officer, Udhampur also spoke on the occasion and emphasised on use of better packaging and branding techniques for getting good returns of the produce.

Progressive orchardist of the district were felicitated by the CHO.

DDC Chairperson releases evaluation study on PMAY-G in Ramban District

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RAMBAN: Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan on Saturday released an Evaluation Study on implementation of PMAY-G in district Ramban.

District Development Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Harbans Lal,

Chief Planning Officer, Kasturi Lal, AC Panchayat, Swarn Singh and DSEO, Ganesh Kumar, were also present on the occasion.

The Evaluation Study involves in-depth analysis of PMAY-G during the financial year 2019-20 with the objective to ascertain the socio-economic impact of the Flagship Scheme on the beneficiary household.

PTTI Vijaypur accords farewell to ASI Shiv Ram



Officials presenting cheque to ASI Shiv Ram.

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VIJAYPUR: Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur on Saturday organized an impressive farewell function upon superannuation of ASI Shiv Ram after completion of more than 39 years of unblemished service in Jammu and Kashmir Police. The retiring officer performed his duties as Outdoor Instructor in the Institute continuously for 22 years and for his outstanding performance, he was also decorated with DGP Medal and Commendation Certificate recently. Khalil Ahmed Poswal, SSP Principal PTTI Vijaypur as well as other officers of the Institute appreciated the services rendered by the retiree and wished him all the best for future life. In addition, a retirement gift of Rupees one Lakh was also given to the retiree by the Principal as welfare measure.

Rajinder Singh Rahi, Vice Principal, Sajjad Ahmad Khan, Dy.SP (Indoor/PIO), Satish Kumar, Dy.SP (Admn/Outdoor), Anil Sagar (Dy.SP), Sunil Kumar (Dy.SP), Anil Kumar (Dy.SP), Daljeet Singh (Dy.SP), Insp. Neeraj Kumar, Insp. Surinder Paul, Insp. Rakesh Bamba, Insp. Manoj Kumar, Insp. Vishal Kumar, Insp. Pawan Kumar, Insp. Rattan Singh, Insp. Vivek Kalsotra were present on the occasion.

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