

Modi Govt steadfast to expand rural areas at par with urban areas: Col Mahan

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KATHUA: The DDC Chairman, Col Mahan Singh on Friday asserted that development of rural areas holds much significance as still large segments of the population live in villages. The Central Government headed by PM Narendra Modi is committed to develop rural areas at par with urban areas as the same is a prerequisite for making India a developed nation.

Col Mahan Singh was speaking after starting work for blacktopping of 4 Kms long Patera-Kasheed Road which was lingering on for the last more than five years due to issues of construction firm and land acquisition wherein DDC Chairman, who is also local DDC representative, played key role in resolving long pending issues. Local residents in large numbers were present and jubilant to find their popular leader amongst them, DDC



DDC Chairman Col Mahan Singh starting work for blacktopping of Patera-Kasheed Road.

Chairman cut the ribbon on the occasion and distributed sweets to residents and BJP workers, amid chanting of slogans "Bharat Mata Ki Jai". The DDC Chairman accompanied by officers of various departments visited Bhoond, Kasheed, Draman, Salan areas of remote Sheetal Nagar region.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC Chairman congratulated the people of the area and thanked PM Narendra Modi for ongoing development in remote rural areas like this, he said more than five dozen roads are being

constructed in District Kathua, out of which around one dozen fall in Sheetal Nagar region, which will drastically improve the road connectivity to backward region. The DDC Chairman asserted that Rs 1400 crore has been allocated to District Kathua for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission Project during current financial year, this will accomplish PM Modi's mission of 'Ghar Ghar Nall, Ghar Ghar Jall'. He added that a Grid Receiving Station work of Rs 7 Crore is also in offing

in neighbouring Draman Panchayat which will address power shortage issue in the region. He said a case has been taken up with government to make available Local Area Fund given by Sewa II Hyde NHPC Project for development of Hutt, Draman, Khaddi and neighbouring Panchayats.

He also mentioned that efforts are being made to revive 9 MW Sewa III Hyde Project belonging to J&K PDC Department which is stalled for past seven years.

Later the DDC Chairman held a public meeting at Draman High School wherein people highlighted local issues in presence of officers present. He passed necessary directions to officers present for addressing issues promptly and shall submit feedback. Besides DDC Chairman, Capt Harnam Singh, Sarpanch Surinder Singh, Sarpanch Madhu Bala, Mangal Singh and others were present in the meeting.

Sunil Singh delivered a detailed awareness lecture with regard to different Departmental schemes such as E-nam; Direct Marketing; ODOP etc.

The principal Dr. Satinder Kaur while interacting with the students, stressed that per-

GDC Akhnoor elects Staff Council for session 2022-23



Faculty along with elected council members.

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AKHNOOR: A meeting of the teaching staff of Govt. Degree College Akhnoor was held on Friday under the convenership of senior most faculty members Prof. Ravi Kumar, Prof. Sandhya Rani, Prof. Rashmi Sharma and Prof. Seema Bhau to elect the staff Secretary for the session 2022-23. In the meeting ex-staff secretary

Prof. Rashmi Sharma proposed the name of Dr. Pawan Kumar Sharma for the staff secretary and the same was seconded by Dr. Anil Kumar. No other nominations were proposed for the said post and hence Dr. Pawan Kumar Sharma was unanimously elected as staff secretary. Dr. Anil Kumar and Prof. Sukriti Sharma elected as Joint Secretaries

while Prof. D.N Sharma as Organizing Secretary and Prof. Jagmeet Kaur as Treasurer. The entire process of election was conducted by Dr. Rashmi Sharma and Dr. Puyesh Kaur.

The election was conducted in a very peaceful and cordial atmosphere. Dr. Namrata, Principal of the college

thanked all the staff members who conducted entire process in a smooth and transparent manner. She also congratulated the staff secretary and his team and stressed upon them to work with zeal and enthusiasm for the welfare of the faculty members as well as for the welfare of the institution.

ASCOMS organises cancer screening & awareness camp

camp, we wanted to educate and create awareness about early detection in the public. The key to surviving cancer is early diagnosis and prevention. With this camp, American Oncology Institute aims to motivate people and urge regular screening. We are committed to offering best-in-class clinical expertise, technological superiority, and service excellence for patients in the Jammu & Kashmir region. AOI is the first and only exclusive Cancer Hospital in Jammu offering precision cancer care."

Those present at the camp were Dr. Vijay Kumar Basnotra (CMO Udhampur), Dr. Mohd. Yasin

(Dy. CMO Udhampur), Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bhat (MS DH Udhampur) also graced the occasion. As part of the organising team of the mega camp Dr. Mayank Puri, Facility Director AOI Jammu, Mr. Aditya Sabharwal, Regional Head (North) Marketing for AOI and Mr. Ashutosh Gupta, Mr. Vigat Chandan, Mr. Anil Raina, Mr. Abhishek Jamwal, Mr. Vickey Dhar were also present along with the nursing and medical team of AOI Jammu and World Cancer Care.

AOI offered free tests and services like Mammography, Bone Densitometry, Pap Smear, PSA, and other lab tests along with free

Oncology, Gynaecology, and general consultation at the camp. More than 500 patients were screened at this first of its kind mega oncology and cancer screening camp in Jammu city where 4 buses cum mobile medical vans were present. It was informed that other such camps will also be organised in different cities and districts of Jammu in the coming weeks and such camps will be organised after every 3 months in other parts of the UT also, so that maximum people are made aware and screened for cancer as early detection can help increase the chances of survival and treatment success in cancer patients.

CMO inspects patient care facilities in different hospitals of Jammu

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AKHNOOR: Chief Medical Officer Jammu Dr. Harbaksh Singh along with Dr. Meenakshi Manhas Nodal Officer, Bio Medical Waste Management District Jammu today inspected the A H Chowki Choura. He went round all the sections of the hospital to enquire about the functioning of newly installed machinery & equipment, including Digital X-Ray Unit.

The CMO also interacted with patients to know about the availability of medicines in the hospital. Later, he inspected the progress of work on the under construction building. The BMO Chowki Choura was instructed to get construction work expedited as it has already missed the handover deadline.

The CMO also visited SDH Kot Bhalwal and inspected all sections of the hospital which were functioning normally. The Patients were asked about the treatment being provided and availability of medicines and the same was found satisfactory. Owner of the Jan Aushadi Kendra was asked to get all the molecules available at the earliest.

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