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Army organises painting & essay competitions

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Celebrations of 75th anniversary of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav) is an initiative of Govt of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. The Mahostav is dedicated to the people of India, AKAM is an embodiment of all that is progressive about India's Socio-

pendence. The dedicated efforts of the Indian Army have been well appreciated and got overwhelming support from the students. Parents and teachers also expressed their gratitude towards Indian Army for its endeavour in the field of education.

On Sunday, Manawar Yodha Brigade/ Crossed Swords Division organised a Painting and Essay competition for the students of Govt High School, Hamirpur and Govt Middle School, Garadah. The aim of the event was to commemorate 75 years of inde-

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NOWSHERA : Army organised "Day in COB" on Sunday during which local school children spent a day at COB Kalal Grove. The aim of the activity was to familiarize the children with the troops and give them an insight about the functioning, traditions and the life in general in the Indian Army. At the same time, it was also an activity to erase inhibitions amongst the general public about the Armed Forces as well as motivate young children to join the defence forces and serve the nation.

In present times, the Indian Army is considered one of the most prestigious and respected career options

Poonch Cultural & Craft Festival concludes, over 200 artists perform



Artists performing cultural item during the fest.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: On the concluding day of Poonch Cultural and Craft Mela organized by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, scintillating performances by the seasonal artists were showcased which enthralled the august gathering. Government of J&K UT has introduced a scheme titled "Scheme for Promotion of Traditional and Cultural Festivals of Jammu & Kashmir" for the promotion and preservation of the traditional and cultural festivals of Jammu & Kashmir.

Two day mela which was inaugurated yesterday witnessed mesmerizing performances by seasoned artists on the concluding

day of Poonch Cultural and Craft Mela. They include Pahari Dance by Archana Sharma & Party, Dogri Dance by Ravi Sharma & Party, Gojri Dance by Choudhary Yaseen Naz & Party, Pahari Singing by Master Kartar Chand, Singing by Parvez Malik,

Folk Singing by Ashish Kumar, Rasmee Kour & Party, Punjabi Dance by Razia & Party, Folk Singing by Rajesh & Party, Folk Singing by Ranjeet Singh and Folk dance by Kulbir Singh & Party.

Local folk music and dance forms were displayed

during the festival to spread cross-cultural awareness amongst the audiences and the locals. Multiple food stalls - operated by the locals on payment basis. The festival was streamed live on the youtube channel of JKAA-CL.

While giving of vote of thanks, the Additional Deputy Commissioner Basharat Hussain thanked the entire team of JKAA-CL including Sanjeev Gupta (Cultural Officer Samba-Kathua), Dr. Alam Dar Hussain Shah (Cultural Officer Rajouri), Daksh Dev (Lieutenant Governor's Fellow), Mohd. Yaseen (National Scholar and Junior Fellow), Pankaj Sharma (Technical Head),

Dozens women activists join Shiv Sena

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

R S PURA: Influenced by the policies and ideas of Shiv Sena, women power of Jammu is getting immense support. In this episode, dozens of women joined the party today in RS Pura, the border area of Jammu district.

As instructed by party state president Manish Saini, a program was organized under the chairmanship of President Women's Wing Meenakshi Chhibber and organizer Balvir Singh in RS Pura, Jammu where dozens of local women joined the party.

Party co-organizers Geeta Lakhotra, Sanjeev Sudan, Champa Devi, Rajesh Handa jointly welcome the new

entrants Jyoti Lakhotra, Anju, Reena Devi, Suman Lata, Darshana Devi, Kishno Devi, Pooja Devi, Muskaan, Rajni, Shanti, Radha Rani, Mamta Kumari, Janko Devi, Rano Devi, Rekha, Ritu Devi, Rani, Shilo Devi were welcomed with Shiv Bandhan and Nishan. Jyoti was announced as Bishnah Block President Women's Wing, Anju was as the vice-president and Reena Devi as the secretary women's wing. The Shiv Sainiks were instructed to raise their voices on public issues by going among the people according to the party "Lakshay Prt". On this occasion Pawan Kumar, Champa Devi, Dimple were also present.

Army organises 'Day in COB'



Army official acquainting students with a weapon.

in the country. Youngsters having a thirst for adventure, excitement and challenges can fulfill their desires and expectations by espousing a career in the defence services. The children were acquainted with the adventure, sports and other routine activities

which constitute a way of life in the Indian Army. The excitement and enthusiasm radiated by the children during the entire programme was distinctly visible. Many sports activities were organised to encourage the youth to direct their bubbling energies in a positive direction.

An educational talk was also given to the children on how to join the defence forces. A total of 39 students and one teacher attended the same.

At the end, the children, Sarpanch and the local population of Kalal expressed their gratitude towards the Army for organising the special event. They appreciated the effort of such short interactions and visits in motivating the volatile minds of the young students in path of professionalism and patriotism.

This endeavor by the army served as a genuine effort to sculpt a better future for the present generation and help them become an active element of the nation's mainstream.

no compromise on the quality. Sarpanch Gurdeep Singh Saini, in his address, said that the condition of the street of Ward No. 2 of the Panchayat was very bad for a long time due to which people had to face a lot of problems.

The Sarpanch said that during the elections he had promised the people of the ward that if he won the Panchayat elections, then this street will be paved and today, fulfilling the same promise, this work has been started and within a few days it will be completed.

Those who were present include Naib Sarpanch Pyarelal, Panch Pawan Singh, Panch Satya Devi, former Chairman Amar Singh Charak, Darshan Lal and Harjinder Singh were present.

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RS PURA: BDC Chairman Tarsem Lal Sharma said that due to the efforts of Sarpanch Gurdeep Singh Saini development works are being done at a rapid pace in the Panchayat.

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Stop misleading people in Kashmir: Danish tells Omar

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JAMMU: Danish Mishra, Co-Incharge Social Media Department and Prabhari Jammu Poonch Lok Sabha Seat BJP J&K on Saturday asked NC leader Omar Abdullah to restrain from misleading people over situation in Kashmir and rather help the government in its endeavour to bring long lasting peace and development.

They also projected several issues and issues being faced by them like augmentation of drinking water supply, establishment of ware house, shifting of Bus stand, power supply, shortage of staff in educational and health institutions, Rationalization of teaching staff, opening of bank branch, repairing of hand pumps, blacktopping of roads, establishment of parking zone at Patnitop, pending liabilities under MGNREGA, appointment of Doctors, ambulance facility, upgradation and strengthening of road network, upgradation of schools, decongestion of Udhampur town, etc. They also submitted a memorandum of demands pertaining to the development.

The Div Com gave patient hearing and assured that all the issues would be considered for their early redressal. He asked the DC to provide comprehensive information to the PRIs regarding the action taken in response to the issues projected by them.

Danish said that Omar's myopic vision is acting as a bottleneck in the process of restoring peace in the Valley because being the former Chief Minister and member of the regional party he should not act mean rather he should be the part of Modi Government's efforts to

DFCO Kishtwar intensifies Consumer Safety measures

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Complying with the directions of Commissioner FDA J&K, the Enforcement Officer, District Kishtwar, Prithpal Singh examined essential commodities under FSS Act in the interest of Consumer Safety at Kishtwar.

The team lifted 07 samples of different categories of products for analysis in accredited laboratory to ensure availability of safe, pure and healthy food for the public in general.

GDC Kathua students visit North India's First Industrial Biotech Park

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: A field trip was organized by the Departments of Biotechnology, Botany, Zoology, Fishery and Chemistry of Govt. Degree College Kathua in which 100 students visited the newly inaugurated North India's First Industrial Biotech Park.

Speaking on the occasion of flag off ceremony, Principal of the college Prof. Sumanesh Jasrotia appreciated the efforts of Biosciences Departments in providing a golden opportunity to the students of Biotechnology,

Jasvinder Singh, Prof. Rakesh Singh and Prof. Ritu Bhagat provided their valuable support and guidance in organizing the field trip. Throwing light on the significance of Biotech parks, Prof. Neha Mahajan HOD Biotechnology told that these Biotechnology Parks offer facilities to Scientists, and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) for technology incubation, technology demonstration, and pilot plant studies for accelerated commercial development of

Biotechnology. She also told that Biotech Parks of J&K are among 9 Biotechnology Parks supported by Department of Biotechnology in various States. This facility in our own district may boost employment opportunities to the local students in the field of Biotechnology. A total of 100 Undergraduate students from Botany, Biotechnology, Fisheries, Zoology and Chemistry Department participated in the said event. After their visit, students told that they were really motivated after visiting

the Biotech Park with its grand infrastructure in place.

They told that it was really an eye opener for them. The visit was organised by the joint efforts of Department of Biotechnology, Botany, Zoology and Fisheries and Chemistry. Prof. Rakesh Singh Dr. Surya Partap, Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Prof. Neha Mahajan, Prof. Nisha Bhagat, Dr. Shweta Saroop, Prof. Kaurab Singh, Prof. Ram Krishan, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar and Dr. Jogeshwar Dutt were instrumental in smooth conduct of the trip.

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Div Com reviews infra projects in Udhampur; seeks immediate disposal of public grievances

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: To take stock of various ongoing developmental works undertaken by various departments in district Udhampur, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Sunday conducted an exhaustive tour of District Udhampur to review the progress of CSS and other infrastructural departmental projects.

He also took stock of implementation of schemes/programmes and other relevant issues pertaining to District Udhampur during a meeting of officers of various departments at Conference Hall DC Office Complex Udhampur.

District Development Commissioner, Krittika Jyotsna, SSP, Dr Vinod Kumar, BDC Chairpersons, DDC Chairperson, DDC Members, members of Udhampur Municipal Council and members of municipal Committees Ramnagar, Chenani besides District heads of various Departments were attended the meeting.

At the outset, the District Development Commissioner Udhampur welcomed the Divisional Commissioner for visiting Udhampur district. She gave a sector wise detailed PowerPoint presentation of various ongoing developmental works being executed by different departments in the district.

review of various schemes / flagship programmes, Financial progress under District capex budget 2021-22 and 2022-23, Physical progress under district capex budget 2021-22 and 2022-23, Status of Back to Village Scheme, Tourist village Development programme, Beneficiary oriented schemes, Aadhaar seeding, MGNREGA, Gram swaraj month 100 points agenda pertains to RDD sector, National Rural Livelihood Mission, National Urban livelihood mission, Agriculture sector, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, MUMKIN Scheme, Tejaswini Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), 14th Finance Commission, SBM, Pre-Matric & Post-Matric Scholarship, Catch the rain Where It Falls, When It Falls, Geology & Mining, Public service guarantee act 2011 of Revenue department, Industries department, Solar dehydration an initiative of District Udhampur for Rural women livelihood, SANJY-2022 etc.

The DC apprised the Div Com that a total of 1055 number of works were taken up during the financial year 2021-22, under (B2V3) out of which 338 have been completed so far.

Necessary direction was issued to concerned departments for identifying those works which are pending under B2VI, B2