

# Jugal for timely completion of developmental projects

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Jammu-Poonch Member of Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma today chaired the meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) of Rajouri district to review the progress of various centrally sponsored schemes. The meeting was attended by several officials, including the ADC Rajouri, DFO Rajouri and Nowshera, ACR, ACD, CPO, PO ICDS, GM DIC, ACP, SE Hydraulics, SE PWD, and other concerned officers. The District member of DISHA, Dr. Nisar Choudhary, also attended the meeting.

During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on the progress and achievements under different schemes being implemented in various sectors of the district, such as MGNREGA, CRE, NABARD PMGSY, NSAP, SSA, PMJDY, APY, PMJJBY, PMSBY, PMMY, PMUY, PMEGP, Poshan Abhiyan, PM Kisan, KCC, soil health cards, ICPS, BADP, BBBP, NHM, housing for all, PMAY-U, PMAGY, NSAP, ISSS, and other centrally sponsored



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma after a meeting at Rajouri.

schemes.

DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress and status of different developmental projects and progress in the implementation of the centrally sponsored schemes being executed and implemented in the district by different agencies.

The Assistant Commissioner Development Rajouri informed that out of 28981 works taken up under MGNREGA, 11769 works have been completed generating 27.05 lakh mandays. He also informed that 646 families have been provided with 100 days of employment.

The MP also highlighted the need to monitor the progress of centrally sponsored schemes to ensure effective and efficient implementation. He encouraged officers to work in coordination with each other and prioritize projects based on the needs of the people.

Additionally, he urged officers to explore new and innovative ways of implementing these schemes and involve local communities in the decision-making process.

To ensure timely completion of projects and that the benefits of these schemes reach the intended beneficiaries, the MP directed officers to implement schemes in a transparent and efficient manner. He also stressed the importance of consulting with Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) during the formulation of plans for the implementation of these schemes.

He commended the DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, and other officials for their tireless efforts in ensuring the timely completion of projects and schemes in the district.

# Forthcoming G20 Summit: SSP Kathua reviews security scenario

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: SSP Kathua Shivdeep Singh Jamwal conducted a Security/Crime review meeting at the District Police Office Kathua regarding the general security situation in the district in view of the forthcoming G20 Summit J&K. The meeting was attended by all supervisory officers, all SHOs, IC PP's, etc. During the crime review meeting, the SSP Kathua stressed upon the officers to work on mission mode to achieve the targets assigned by the higher-ups in the areas of investigation, law & order and other fields to reduce the pendency of crimes. He further instructed the SHOs to work hard and ensure prompt disposal of public grievances and stressed the importance of having a service-oriented policing approach to gain the trust and confidence of the



SSP Kathua Shivdeep Singh Jamwal chairing a meeting.

general public. He later on emphasized the need to strengthen the intelligence grid and ensure input sharing for rapid action by the forces to prevent any evil attempts of terrorists. The officers were also directed to take appropriate counter-measures to ensure the safety and security of the public. They were advised to strengthen inter-state Naka points and National Highway Nakas to prevent transportation of drugs, weapons, and other criminal activities.

At last, SSP Kathua Sh. Shivdeep Singh Jamwal also emphasized the importance of conducting Anti-Tunneling exercise and Anti-Drone activities along the international border (IB) on a regular basis to thwart the nefarious designs of anti-national elements.

The meeting concluded with the assurance from the participating officer that the directions imparted to them would be followed on the ground level in letter and spirit.

# Police organises 'Run for Unity' to promote oneness

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADARWAH: With an aim to inculcate the spirit of oneness among youth and as a part of spreading awareness about drug abuse, Jammu and Kashmir Police organised 'Run For Unity' at Bhadarwah on Wednesday morning.

The run in which 150 students participated to give message of peace and to adopt healthy living by saying 'Say No To Drugs and Yes To Life' was flagged off from historic Seri Bazar by ADC Bhadarwah Dilmir Chowdhary along with SP Bhadarwah Kameshwar Puri, SDPO Bhadarwah Wasim Mehmood and Tehsildar Bhadarwah Showket Hayat Mattoo.

The rally in which students of Higher secondary school, Umar Model Academy and cadets of NCC participated was held in two different age categories including, 15 to 19 years and below 15 years.

The march started from Seri Bazar and culminated back at the same venue after covering Chobia Link road, New Bus Stand Kotli, College link Road, Passari Adda, Masjid Mohalla, Sadar Bazar and Takia Chowk.

SP Bhadarwah



ADC Bhadarwah Dilmir Chowdhary and SP Bhadarwah Kameshwar Puri flagging-off rally.

Kameshwar Puri said that in order to counter the increasing menace of drugs among the youth and the masses as well as to prevent the abuse and growing drug addiction in the society, DKR (Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban) range police headquarters organised the mega Run for Unity against Drugs.

Sending a message to the misguided youth who have fallen prey to the drug, SP advised them to shun the path of self destruction and start the life with new vigour for the peace, development and progress of the area.

The participants showed tremendous enthusiasm and support in spreading the noble message among the masses.

" Role of every citizen in society is vital in the fight

against narcotics and drugs and every single citizen and stakeholder has to play role in it," said Rana Arif, teacher.

The run for unity has been organised as a part of the Civic Action Programme under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and prelude to G20 Summit.

# DDC Reasi conducts extensive tour of Block Arnas

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: District Development Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal on Wednesday conducted an extensive tour of Block Arnas and inspected several developmental projects of R&B, PMGSY, Jal Shakti and RDD Departments.

The DDC was accompanied by Additional District Development Commissioner, PO, ICDS, Assistant Commissioner Development, Executive Engineers of PWD (R&B), Reasi / PMGSY, Mahore/MID Dharmari, CEO along with PRIs and locals of Panchayats of Block Arnas.

While inspecting NABARD Road from Kanthan to Thalla, the executing agency was directed to complete the work in the given timeline and also to



DDC Babila Rakwal during tour of Block Arnas.

construct an approach path for the Primary school.

Narloo Hunder Road under CRF Languishing scheme was also inspected and the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) was directed to expedite the work and complete it within the three months as per given time line.

The District Development Commissioner also inspect-

ed PMGSY Road from Salal to Sarman and directed Executive Engineer, PMGSY to complete the work within the stipulated time period. Deputy Commissioner, Reasi visited the site of under construction Dug well (70% completed), Pump room and GSR of 20,000 Gallon capacity of Water Supply Scheme (WSS) Kanthan

and Arnas constructed under JJM.

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Dharmari was directed to expedite and complete the work of both the Water Supply Scheme (WSS) by 31st of May 2023.

The completed works under SBM - the Community Sanitation Complex (CSC) constructed at Salal and Segregation sheds at Chanaana Devta, Salalkotli and Salal Panchayat were also inspected by the DC.

The Deputy Commissioner also visited Government Higher Secondary School, Salal and inspected Tile work of the assembly ground constructed under ADF (BDC Grants).

Besides, she inspected the Library, Laboratory and

Art Room constructed under Samagra Shiksha and directed the Chief Education Officer, Reasi/Principal, Govt. HSS Salal to make these functional. She also directed for shifting of the Library from existing building to new building, replacement of volleyball net and construction of approach road to the school out of School Development Fund.

Newly constructed meeting hall at Panchayat Ghar at Salal was also inspected and directions were issued to complete the furnishing work by next 15 days.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner inspected PHC, Arnas and directed health functionaries to get the status of the building verified from the PWD department.

# Police organises anti-drug awareness programme at border village



SSP Samba Benam Tosh along with other officers and students during the event.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Police on wed day organised grand anti-drug awareness programme under CAP at Shaheed Rfn Varun Katal Memorial Govt. High School Mawa situated in the border area of Samba sector where hundreds of students of Govt. and private schools, parents, teachers, prominent citizens and police officers witnessed the speech delivering competition.

SSP Samba Benam Tosh, Addl. SP Samba Surinder Choudhary, DySP DAR Samba Ajay Anand, SHO Police Station Ghagval Bharat Bhushan, Chouki Officer Rajpura Sudhir Singh and PRIs presented certificates and cash rewards of rupees 10000, 7000 and 4000 to the first, second and third best student speakers respectively, whereas five other student speakers were also felicitated with certificates & cash rewards of rupees 2000 each.

Hundreds of students of Lord Shiva Higher Secondary School Mawa, Shaheed Rfn Varun Katal Memorial Govt. High School Mawa, New Modern High School Mawa and other nearby schools participated in today's anti-drug awareness programme. BDC Chairman Rajpura Radha Krishan, DDC member

Rajpura Asha Rani and Headmistress Govt. High School Mawa Shoba Kumari thanked the police for organizing grand anti-drug awareness programmes at Mawa to generate awareness among students and public against drug abuse. Additional SP Samba also spoke on the occasion and asked youth to stay away from narcotic substances.

On the occasion, Senior Superintendent of Police Samba Benam Tosh said that Police is organizing symposiums, seminars and debates at different schools and colleges with the objective of creating anti-narcotic awareness among students, youth, parents, guardians, relatives and making it a mass movement against drugs especially heroin called "chita". SSP Samba further said that nobody would be allowed in Samba district to flourish with illicit drug smuggling, supplying and peddling and Police has almost controlled the drug menace by arresting top suppliers and booking others. Benam Tosh informed that Police would organize more such awareness programmes, cultural events & sports activities in border villages of Samba district in near future.

# GDC Mahanpur organises blood donation awareness programme

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MAHANPUR: NSS Unit and Red Ribbon Club of GDC Mahanpur in collaboration with Health Centre Mahanpur organized Blood Donation Awareness Programme on Wednesday. The events was organized under the guidance & supervision of worthy Principal Dr. Sangeeta Sudan.

Dr. Mohinder from PHC Mahanpur was the invited speaker on the occasion. In his lecture, he covered various aspects related with Blood donation, importance of blood donation, Myths related with donation and explained about other blood related disorders like Anemia, Thalassemia, Leukemia etc.

He also discussed with students about common hygienic practices.

The proceeding of the programme was carried out by Prof. Meena Devi PO NSS. Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the college in her address motivated the students for blood donation and advised them to always be helpful towards societal issues.

Prof. Arvind Kumar, Red Ribbon Club, Convener presented the formal vote of thanks.

Dr. Balbinder Singh, Saurabh Dutta, Dr. Parshotam dass, Dr. Neetika Verma, Dr. Ajay Singh Manhas, Prof. Rafia Bano, Prof. Rohit Sharma and others were present on the occasion.

# Block Diwas: DC Kathua listens to public grievances, assures timely disposal



DC Kathua, Rakesh Minhas speaking during a public meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: To assess the local issues and listen to the grievances of the people for speedy disposal of the same, the District Administration Kathua on Wednesday held Block Diwas at Community hall, Hiranagar which was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas. During the camp, the locals raised several concerns, including pending MGNREGA payments, compensation of crop, requirement of good quality seeds, availability of mining mineral, demand of protection work along nallahs, drainage system in Hiranagar town, fresh survey of awas plus scheme etc. Some other issues included removal of worn-out electricity poles and wires, filling of vacant posts in Revenue, Health and

school education departments, issue of border bunkers etc. Chairman, BDC Hiranagar, Ram Lal Kalia urged PRIs and officers to work in close coordination for expediting development works especially in the border belt of Hiranagar sub-division. He also highlighted the issue of renewal of gun license, repair of road stretch near Hiranagar morh by NHAI etc. DDC Member Abhinandan Sharma highlighted the issue of crop insurance and installation of proper signages at diversion points on National highway for public safety.

The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to all the grievances and demands that were put forth by the PRIs and concerned stakeholders. He assured them that all their issues and demands

shall be taken with the concerned authorities for their timely redressal. While highlighting the objective of celebrating Block Diwas, the DC said that the programme aims to listen to public demands and issues at their doorsteps. CPO, Uttam Singh; PO ICDS; SDM Hiranagar and other district and sectoral officers were present during the event. After the public outreach programme, the Deputy Commissioner chaired a meeting of concerned officers at PWD Rest house Hiranagar to discuss issues highlighted during the Block Diwas proceedings. He passed directions to the officers to redress all the genuine issues of the people before the next Block Diwas. Later, the DC also visited CHC Hiranagar where he inspected health facilities being provided to the people. He also took rounds of OPD, Emergency and surgery wards and interacted with patients. He also enquired about the facilities and status of paramedics staff.

Regarding the vacant post of Anaesthetist in CHC Hiranagar, the DC directed CMO Kathua to ensure deputation of the expert at the earliest. He also lauded the hospital authorities for maintaining proper cleanliness in the hospital.

# Citizens accord warm send off to outgoing Chowki Officer



Residents giving farewell to SI Surjit Singh.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Citizens of Rajouri from all walks of life including the members of business community accorded a warm send off to outgoing City Police Chowki Officer Sub Inspector Surjit Singh on Wednesday.

While speaking on the occasion Councilor of Ward No 11, Pushpinder Gupta, highly appreciated the policing of Chowki Officer. During his tenure he solved the most important cases including the one regarding theft in the

court complex. He controlled drug trafficking and other crime in the town and properly maintained the law and order, Councilor said. The Councilor at the same time welcomed the incoming Chowki Officer Sub Inspector Sahil Choudhary.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Senior Correspondent Virinder Malhotra, Asif Bhatta, Sachin Mahajan, Anish Malhotra, Rakesh Gupta and others.

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