# DC Poonch takes stock of works within Municipal Council areas



DC Poonch Ch. Mohd Yasin during visit to Poonch city.

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POONCH: To apprise the newly joined Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ch. Mohd Yasin regarding various ongoing developmental works and issues faced by Municipal Council, Poonch towards making Poonch town a sustainable, smart and resilient place, the President Municipal Council along with the team of councilors showcased the renovation work being done in Town hall building to protect the cultural heritage of the

On the request of the President, Municipal Council, Poonch, the Deputy Commissioner also paid a site visit to the PWD store that is close to the general bus stop. Advocate Sunil Sharma. President. Municipal Council, Poonch apprised the Deputy Commissioner to facilitate the shifting of PWD store at any other convenient place and transfer the said land to Municipal council so that a multilevel parking facility can be made available to the vehicle owners which otherwise is causing serious hardship for commuters and pedestrians due to frequent traffic congestion, and inconvenience in accessing main market area due to unavailability of parking facilities. He also drew the attention of Deputy Commissioner to expedite the process of construction of Solid Waste Treatment Plant at Village Kauslivan. The Deputy Commissioner, Poonch appreciated the of Municipal Council, Poonch in initiating various development works and proposals towards the general convenience and protection of environment and cultural heritage of the area. He also assured the President, Municipal Council along with the team of councilors to take up the pending proposals to the concerned authorities shortly so that the common populace will be able to reap the benefits of urban local gov-

# Sant Dinesh Bharti takes part in Bhoomi Pujan of Narsingh Seva Kendra at Khoon

■ STATE TIMES NEWS UDHAMPUR: Poojan ceremony for the establishment of

Narsingh Seva Kendra in Khoon village of Majalta tehsil of Udhampur district was performed. The process of Bhoomi Pujan ceremony was completed with Vedic chanting, Havan and Yagya in the presence of Sant Dinesh Bharti, Narsingh Seva Kendra President Vikram Gujral, other members of Narsingh Seva Kendra and local prominent peo-

The prestigious project of Narsingh Seva Kendra is being established on more than 100 Kanals of land in village Khoon of Majalta Tehsil, Dhar Road, District Udhampur. This will be the first project of its kind in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, in which three types



Sant Dinesh Bharti and others during Yagya at Khoon.

works will be run parallel. include Samvardhan Kendra. Farmers Training Center Yoga Naturopathy Center.

Sant Dinesh Bharti, in his address on the occasion, praised the decision of Narsingh Seva Kendra to set up the project of Indian indigenous cows in Khoon village and said that the potential of Indian cows in Jammu explained that it needs to be understood. We know the importance of cows in many aspects including milk production, manure production and various medicinal uses.

Sant Dinesh Bharti further said that this is a traditional wealth which can naturally lead us towards all round prosperity.

this big project by Narsingh Seva Kendra is

Therefore setting up of

indigenous cows of Indian

really a unique initiative breed will be reared in the for the shelter of cows and protection of indigenous cows. He said that Panch Gavya (milk, curd, ghee, cow dung and cow urine) is used for cleanliness and purity.

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m this}$ occasion Dharampal Singla in his address elobrated that Vatsalva Ras is made from 'Vats'. The calf of a cow is called Vatsa. That is why the son is also called Vatsa. Gou Vats is considered as the form of religion. 'Vrishabhodharma Roop' comes in the greatness of Sarvshastramavi Gita

Sarvvedmayi Gita that all

the Upanishads are cows

and the one who milks

those cows is Lord

Krishna Ramneek Sehgal, highlighting the specialty of Narsingh Seva Kendra's Khoon project, said that bouring villagers. He said that along with conservation of indigenous cows, arrangement for sale of cow's milk available by the farmers and manufacturing Panchgavya items will also be done in this proj-Project President Vikram Gujral, General Secretary Chain Singh, Treasurer Naresh Gupta,

Gaushala and such arrangements will be

made that better indige-

nous breeds of cows can

be available to the neigh-

Akhil Wazir, Vikram Gupta etc were present on this occasion. The stage was compared by Baldev Singh. Shrine Board Kulbhushan member Ahuja, Prant Sangh Chalak  $\mathrm{Dr}.$ Mengi, MP Jugal Kishore were also present on the

# stage

# DPAP reaches out people in Ramban to build grassroots contact

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS** 

RAMBAN: In continuation of its public outreach programme, the leadership of Democratic Progressive Azad Party on Thursday visited the various blocks of Ramban district including Rajgadh and Gandhri and met hundreds of people. The efforts are being made from the party leadership on the directions of chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad to build the direct contact with people and make them understand the party agenda. "We will continue the programme across the length and breadth of the Union Territory. Our efforts are to establish the contact with people to listen them and their issues. We will also make them understand our party agenda and mission for the better and prosperous future of Jammu Kashmir," said GM Saroori.

Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President said DPAP will sweep the region whenever elections take place. Among others who were present in the meeting are G.M Saroori Vice Chairman, Provincial President Jugal Kishore Sharma, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Zonal President P.R.Manhas, Arun Singh Raju Secretary, Farooq Katoch Vice President Province, Ch Mohd Faroog Secretary, Distt President Dharam Chand, Faroog Ganai Distt Vice President, Rehmatullah Runiyal, Girdari Lal Bahu, Munshi Ram Manhas, Ab Rashid Mantoo, Jai Ram Bhagat, Gh Nabi Bhatt, Mohd Amin, Sheikh Shabir, Dev Raj Manhas, Loknath Hawaldar, Mubeen Parihar and others.

# Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote Road Project: DDC visits Atti to address alignment issues

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

District RAJOURI: Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Thursday visited Atti to address the pressing alignment issues related to the Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote road.

The DDC was accompanied by DDC Member Rajouri, Sain Abdul Rashid; SDM Thanamandi, Vikas Dhar; Assistant Commissioner Defence, Saleem Qureshi; Tehsildar Thanamandi, Sahil Shah and concerned officers from BRO.

During the visit, the DDC interacted with the public and listened to their concerns. He assured them that their genuine issues would be



DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal during visit to Atti.

resolved and directed the concerned officers to take appropriate measures. Additionally, he appealed to the public to amicably resolve any issues that would impede the completion of the vital

He said that the road is a

crucial project of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) that connects the border district of Rajouri to the Mughal road. The widening of the existing road will significantly reduce traffic congestion and journey time, and will also play a major role in boosting the local economy of the area, he said.

"The district administration is committed to complete the prestigious Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote road project at the earliest," he said and sought the cooperation of the public.

The DDC also took stock of the progress on the road and directed the concerned departments to expedite the completion where work has been started, while maintaining quality standards.

The DDC directed the SDM Thanamandi, AC Defence and tehsildar concerned to get the issues resolved at the earliest.

# achievements under RDD sector

DDC Udhampur reviews

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: To review the Block wise progress of ongoing developmental works and other schemes being implemented by Development Rural Department, District Development Commissioner Udhampur, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today convened a meeting of Officers/field functionaries of the department, here at Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex .

At the outset, Assistant Commissioner Development, Dr Ranjeet Kotwal briefed about the block wise progress of ongoing developmental works and other flagship schemes of RDD sector in the District.

The DC took an extensive review of the progress of all the schemes being executed by

RDD sector including physical and financial status of CSCs in the District.

The BDOs were directed to

complete all ongoing works within given timeframe. He asked them to expedite the progress of works and achieve the targets set by the Government as per the timeline. He exhorted the officers to maintain the transparency and accountability in all the works being executed in the District.

The DDC also stressed on close monitoring of ongoing works to ensure adherence to quality parameters and set timelines.

## Mission Life Campaign 2023 organised at Chattroo ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Mission Life Campaign-2023 was organised today at TRC Chattroo under jurisdiction of Udil Forest Range. A number of school children, including the students of Govt Higher Secondary School Chattroo along with Principal and School staff, PRIs, Local residents, Officers/ officials of Forest Wildlife, Department, Protection Force, and Social Forestry participated and took pledge regarding the Life

Campaign Mission. During the campaign, a ceremonial plantation drive was also organised.

On the occasion, SFS DFO Marwah, Vijay Kumar briefed for shopping instead of plastic bags, carrying out own water bottles whenever possible, turning off running taps when not in active use and planting more and more trees to reduce the

# **Director Horticulture reviews** departmental activities in Ramban District



Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak chairinh a meeting.

RAMBAN: Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak visited Ramban district and reviewed the Horticulture scenario in the District at a meeting of the Extension and Nursery staff.

During the meeting, he directed to achieve the allotted targets with respect to Area Expansion under UT CAPEX Budget and revised Modified High Density Plantation Programme and creation of Mother Block and Nursery Production units in Public Sector to meet out the emerging demand of quality planting material raised therein. All the staff members of Ramban, Ramsoo, Banihal and Gool attended the meeting.

At the outset, Chief Horticulture Officer, Anil Kumar Gorka welcomed the Director Horticulture and briefed about the status of Public Sector nurseries and works going on in the field. Farm Manager ACHD. Virinder Govindpora, Kumar also briefed the chair about the farm activities and production status of the Plants.

The Director also laid thrust on active participation of the employees of Horticulture Sector in the ongoing "Kissan Sampark Abhiyan" of Holistic Agriculture Development farming community could take advantage of the Govt. Schemes of the Horticulture

During the tour, the Director also inspected the farm activities at the ACHD Govindpura. Later, he visited the MOCN Banihal to inspect the preparation of the Nursery Production Unit to be created under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

# **AOI ASCOMS organises Free cancer** screening & awareness camp screened at this mega oncology and cancer

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH: American Oncology Institute (AOI), ASCOMS Hospital Jammu on Thursday organized a free cancer screening and awareness camp in association with World Cancer Care at Panchavat Ghat Palli, Bishnah . In the cancer screening camp, more than 350 patients were screened and examined by Dr. Sumit Pandita (Radiation Oncologist) from AOI Jammu. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Neeraj Bishnoi, Regional COO, AOI, "Besides conducting screening tests at the 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."

The camp were inaugurated by Randhir Sharma (Sarpanch Palli). Anil Sharma (



A doctor examining a patient.

[ember Panchavat) also oraced sion. As part of the organizing team of the mega campMr. Vigat Chandan. Anil Raina and Sahil Sharma were also present along with the nursing and medical team of AOI Jammu and World Cancer Care.

AOI and World Cancer Care team offered free tests and services like Mammography, Bone Densitometry, Pap Smear, PSA, Complete Oral Screening and other lab tests along with free Oncology, Gynaecology, and general consultation at the camp. More than 350 patients were

screening camp in Panchayat Ghar Palli. Bishnah where 4 buses cum mobile medical vans were present. The team from AOI Jammu also informed that other such camps will also be organized in different cities and districts of Jammu regularly now after every three months in others 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. Aditya Sabharwal, Regional Marketing Head (North) & Vikrant Thakur (Facility Director) AOI Jammu said that in its continued efforts to bring in the most advanced technology in Cancer Care to the region, AOI Jammu has installed one of the most advanced Radiotherapy Machine, HALCYON E at AOI Jammu unit and it will be the first ever such machine installed in the whole of Jammu & Kashmir. He also said that AOI Jammu is empanelled under Ayushman Bharat Scheme and is doing free of cost treatment regularly under this scheme in

the aims of the campaign for the individuals and communities. He said the campaign aims to encourage environmental friendly practices in the daily use such as use cloth bags

impact of pollution etc. GDC Kathua organises workshop

# **Election Photo Identity Cards issued** to eligible voters of Nowshera



ADC Nowshera Kartar Singh handing over voter identity card to a eligible voter.

## **■ STATE TIMES NEWS** NOWSHERA: Electoral

Literacy Club of GDC Nowshera in collaboration with Sub-district administration, Nowshera organised a programme for dis-

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eir own before acting there upon

tribution of Election Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) to the eligible voters. The programme was carried out in continuation to a series of programmes held earlier by sub-district administration as a part of Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll, 2023.

Kartar Singh, ADC Nowshera was the chief guest on this occasion. At the outset, Prof. Joginder Singh, IQAC Coordinator, welcomed the chief guest and briefed the purpose of the event. Later, ADC Nowshera, Sh. Kartar Singh addressed the gath-

ering and explained the importance of casting vote to the young voters, the students of the college. He said. "To vote is the right of every citizen and we all should participate in voting process so as to choose our representative, be it at Panchayat/municipal, block or parliament level". A total of 10 EPICs were issued to the eligible voters belonging to different villages of Nowshera. The young voters were very excited to receive their unique voter Id cards and they  $_{
m thanked}$ Nowshera administration for handing over the cards personally to them without facing any inconvenience. The programme concluded with formal vote of thanks by Prof. Bhardwaj, Rajat Convener. Electoral Literary Club of the college. A large number of students and the staff members of the college attended the programme with great enthusiasm

and Zeal.

## KPS asks Mehbooba, Farooq to stop negative politics, play proactive role **■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) Jammu has taken serious exception to the insensitive, indiscreet and nearly antinational statements made by former chief ministers Mehbooba Mufti and Dr Farooq Abdullah regarding the situation emanating in neighbouring country Pakistan that it would have a direct bearing on the situation in Kashmir. "Their unfortunate and ugly statements on the eve of holding of prestigious G20 meeting in Kashmir Valley is a clear indicator of the diabolical semi separatism which both these leaders have been trying to patronize and promote in the wake of the abrogation of Articles 370 & 35A on 5th of August 2019," President KPS Jammu, K K Khosa said. He added, "The two leaders and their political parties have always been raising the bogey that a stable and strong Pakistan would be in the best interests of our nation in general and Jammu and Kashmir in particular. This has been helpful to them in wielding and enjoying political power with impunity during the period when Articles 370 & 35A allowed them opportunity to serve their vested interests." The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha Jammu advised the duo to accept the irreversible changes and move on to serve the best interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir who have been directly benefited by the abrogation. "Tourism has replaced terrorism especially in the strife torn Kashmir from where lakh had to flee away and thousands were killed when terrorism perpetrated with the support of Pakistan was all pervasive," he said. "A weak and tottering Pakistan which is bound to disintegrate and crumble under its own weight will not only be in the best interests of our nation but it will also be in the best interests of the entire subcontinent," he added. "This will also allow the beleaguered community of Kashmiri Pandits to return and resettle in the land of their ancestors from where we were shunted out and also not allowed to return on one pretext or another during the past thirty three years due to anti Pandit stance adopted by state governments led by National Conference and PDP whenever any return policy was mooted by the GOI under the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Khosa added. He requested these parties to stop resorting to negative politics and play a proactive role to ensure success of any rehabilitation policy framed for displaced Kashmiri Pandits in future.

Dignitary being honoured during the event.

### **■ STATE TIMES NEWS** KATHUA: Centre

Studies Women Government Degree College kathua, organised a workshop in the college campus. Principal GDC Kathua Prof. Seema Mir was the Chief Guest of event Suniderjeet Kour, Tehsildar, was the Guest of Honour.

Dr. Rachna Devi, coordinator, CWS, in her welcome address said that CWS organise various developmental programs from time to time to create awareness among the students. She also said that it is very important to strengthen women's role by enhancing value

education and the frequency of various sensitization program at regular intervals. Chief guest Prof. Seema

Mir, in her address explained that with the improved access to education and employment, millions of women are joining the Army, Air force and even anti terror operations, but without value education and man's cooperation and contribution to women empowerment is not pos-

She also said that societv as a whole must take a result oriented initiative to create congenial environment where women can live freely without Dr Himani Arora.

ing such informative program for the students. Suniderjeet Tehsildar, Guest of honour, of the event,

explained each aspect of

value education in a very

and her team for organis-

any discrimination. Chief guest also congratulated Dr Rachna

impressive manner. She said that value education is the need of hour. No society can survive without values. Every human being shall adopt values like sinceri-

ty, tolerance, cooperation brotherhood etc. Indian society is rich society only because of its valued. 100 students participat-

ed in the workshop. Dr.Romila Guleria, Prof. Raj Kiran, Prof. Shivani Kotwal, Dr Seema, Dr Poonam, Dr Eisha and members of CWS Dr Dua, Amita Madhavi Manoharlal, Dr Ambica, Dr Himani, Prof Vishavdeepka, Archana Bhat, Prof Surbhi Gupta, Prof Roma, Prof Rupali Nanda were also present in the function. Formal vote of thanks was presented by