

DC Rajouri conducts extensive tour of forward border villages of Nowshera sector



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kunal during visit to Nowshera.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: In an endeavour to improve the living condition of the residents of border villages, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kunal, along with Senior Superintendent of Police, Amrit Pal Singh conducted an extensive tour of forward areas along the Line of Control in Nowshera sector. During the tour the Deputy Commissioner inspected construction of bunkers and progress of development works in Sair Makri and adjoining villages. The bunkers being constructed include individual and community bunkers to provide much-needed safety and security to the residents from firing and shelling from

across the border. The Deputy Commissioner inspected the bunkers, the suitability of locations, quality of work, design, and community ownership for maintenance. He also convened a meeting with locals and representatives at village Sair Makri, where the villagers were informed about the schemes of the government. The villagers also projected a number of issues and demands. They sought the payment of bunker construction, the start of work on the tendered bunkers, the sanctioning of PHIC at Sair Makri, and other border-specific issues. The Deputy Commissioner, while interacting with the public of the border villages,

stated that the purpose of the visit was to get first-hand feedback of the problems faced by the residents. He assured the villagers that most of the issues raised during previous visits have been resolved.

The issue of payment of border bunkers was also addressed as the Deputy Commissioner informed the villagers that the funds for the same have been released and payment will be made accordingly.

The sanctioning of PHC building for the village was also assured, and it was informed that JJM works for the village are in progress to provide tap water connection to every household.

The shortage of teaching staff was also discussed and the Deputy Commissioner directed the ZEO to ensure that the issue is resolved. The border villages appreciated the visit of the Deputy Commissioner and expressed hope that their issues will be resolved soon.

ADC Nowshera, Kartar Singh; SDPO, Toseef Reshu and other officials accompanied the DC and SSP during the visit.

DDC member dedicates newly constructed classroom to GHS Maira Mandrian; distributes prizes among meritorious students



DDC member Suresh Sharma inaugurating classrooms.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
AKHNOOR: BJP leader and member DDC, Jammu Suresh Sharma inaugurated newly constructed classrooms at Government High School Maira Mandrian block Maira Mandrian of Chhamb Constituency. An amount of rupees 37 lakh was utilized for the construction of these classrooms.

Besides, in order to appreciate and inspire students who stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the results of annual examinations, Suresh Sharma distributed prizes among the students of class 5th of Primary schools namely Mandrian, Nargada, Mundhi, Sathar and Rehani and students from class 1st to class 9th of Govt. High School Maira Mandrian. He

advised the students to do hard work to achieve excellence in education in future too. He also appreciated teachers and parents who take care of all the needs of the students.

Ashok Raina Deputy CEO Jammu, Suman Bala ZEO Akhnoor, Bishan Lal Sharma Incharge HS Maira Mandrian, Tarlochan Dutt Sarpanch Maira Mandrian, Ram Lal President BJP Mandal Mandrian, Master Chanchal Singh Mandal Mahamantri, Uttam Singh Naib Sarpanch, Pritam Lal Contractor, Puran Chand Panch, Shakti Bhagat Panch, Sikander Lal Panch, Padam Dev and many other prominent persons and parents were present on this occasion.

CSIR-IIIM organises Hackathon 2.0 for start-ups at Udhampur

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu organized Hackathon 2.0 at Government Degree College (Boys), Udhampur. The programme was organized under the Patronage of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu. Hackathon 2.0 offered a platform to the local startups of Jammu region to share their business ideas which have potential to be converted into promising products / technologies. The viability of their business ideas was evaluated by a Jury composed of scientists, academicians and domain experts. Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu, in his message, conveyed that such Hackathon are very important to develop a strong network with the local startups working in the field of Biotechnology & Life Sciences. Director informed that CSIR-IIIM, Jammu is continuously working towards building the strong startup ecosystem in J&K region. In this connection, CSIR-IIIM is also organising a Startup Conclave in Udhampur



Dignitaries during the event.

wherein over 60 startups, 500 farmers, 1200 students of Udhampur region will participate in the gala event. Hackathon 2.0 was organized by CSIR-IIIM, Jammu at GDC (Boys), Udhampur as the outcome of the Entrepreneurial Road Shows conducted recently by CSIR-IIIM Incubator at various Colleges / institutes at Udhampur. During the Hackathon pitching session, 32 groups of 75 participants pitched their business ideas related to herbal drugs, natural cosmetics, medicinal plants, aroma products, waste to wealth, medicinal mushrooms and application-based software. Based on the evaluation of the jury, top three business ideas were recognized and awarded as winners

of Hackathon. The valedictory session started with a welcome note by Prof. Romesh Atri, Associate Professor, GDC (Boys), Udhampur, followed by a presentation by Er. Ankush Varma, Coordinator IIIM-TBI, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu, who briefed the proceeding of the event. Dr. Saurabh Saran, Principal Scientist & PI, IIIM-TBI, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu emphasized that there is a lot of talent in Jammu & Kashmir that needs to come in mainstream. He further emphasized that the purpose of such Hackathon is to connect the promising startups with the various opportunities/initiatives offered by the Government of India.

SSP Kathua conducts PCPG meeting

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: As a part of the Outreach Programme, a Police Community Partnership Group (PCPG) meeting was conducted in the Korepunnu Panchayat Ghar area of Police Station Rajbagh in which large number of respectable citizens, PRIs and general public including various Sarpanches i.e Vinay Sarpanch Korepunnu, Satpaul Sarpanch Shabe Chak, Jhanda Singh Sarpanch Hariachak and other respectable persons of the adjoining areas were participated.



Locals honouring SSP Kathua Shivdeep Singh Jamwal.

The meeting was chaired by SSP Kathua Shivdeep Singh Jamwal along with Insp. Tariq Ahmed SHO Rajbagh, and other officers/officials. During the meet-

ing, participants raised some grievances regarding Proliferation of Drugs among Youth, Bovine Smuggling, Strengthening of BPP's, CCTV Camera

etc. They were patiently heard and were assured by SSP Kathua that their genuine grievances shall be addressed as soon as possible so that more and more conducive and peaceful environment can be created in the society. The aim of the meeting was to abridge the gap between public and police administration and to interact with the general public.

At the end of meeting SSP Kathua thanked people for participating in the meeting and assured that such meetings shall be continued to be held more frequently in near future.

DC Samba discusses arrangements for Baba Sidh Gorla Nath Ji Mela with Temple Committee



DC Samba, Abhishek Sharma chairing a meeting with temple committee.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SAMBHA: Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma, held a meeting with the temple committee of Baba Sidh Gorla Nath Ji in Swankha to discuss the arrangements for the upcoming Sidh Gorla Nath Mela, which is scheduled to be organized in month

of June-July 2023. The preliminary meeting was attended by Mahant Bola Nath Ji, Manohar Lal from the temple management committee, Tirath Ram Sarpanch, Tehsildar Ramgarh, BDO Ramgarh, and others. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner discussed various

aspects of the mela, including security arrangements, medical facilities, traffic management, and sanitation. He emphasized the importance of ensuring that the event is organized smoothly and with the utmost safety measures in place. The temple committee members expressed their gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner for his proactive approach in ensuring the success of the religious event. The Sidh Gorla Nath Mela is a significant annual religious and cultural event attracting thousands of devotees and tourists. The local PRI members hailed the DC's involvement in the planning and execution of the event which is a testament to the government's commitment to promoting and preserving the region's rich cultural heritage.

National Lok Adalat settles 2,339 cases in Udhampur



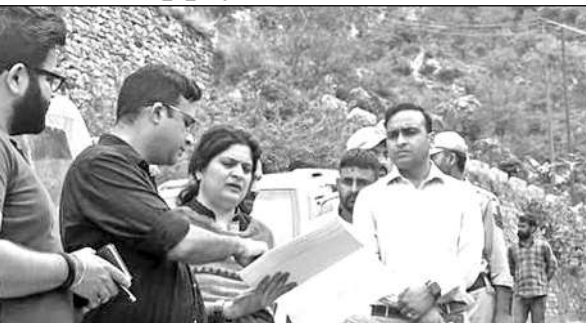
A bench taking up cases in Udhampur.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: In compliance to the directions of Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, National Lok Adalat was held in the premises of District court on Saturday under the chairmanship of Haq Nawaz Zargar (Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Udhampur). Seven benches were constituted in the District, Bench No. 1. comprised of Haq Nawaz Zargar (Pr.

District & Sessions Judge, Udhampur), Dinesh Gupta, Addl. Distt. & Sessions Judge, Udhampur and Adv. Sanjeet Kumar, Bench No. 2 comprised of Manoj Parihar, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Udhampur, Vishal Bharti, Distt. Mobile Magistrate (T), Udhampur and Rajesh Gupta Advocate. Bench No. 3 comprised of Slahuddin Ahmed (Sub-judge, Special Mobile

Magistrate), Udhampur and J.D. Sathia, President, Bar Association Udhampur; Bench no. 4 comprised of Maleeka Sharma (Munsiff JMJC) & Bhanu Bhasin, Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Udhampur and Adv. Shalhu Khajuria. Bench no. 5 comprised of Sub Judge Raj Kumar (Chairman TLSC) Ramnagar and Advocate K.D. Sharma (Lawyer) TLSC Ramnagar, Bench no. 6 comprised of Madhu Sharma (Munsiff JMJC Majalta) & Adv. Mohan Lal Gupta. Bench no. 7 Rekha Sharma. (Munsiff) JMJC Chenani and Adv. Balwan Singh (Panel Lawyer) Chenani. Total number of 2800 cases pertaining to different nature were taken up, out of which 2339 cases were settled and total amount recovered is tune of Rs.2,81,53,331.

DC Reasi reviews progress of Water Supply Scheme under JJM



DC Reasi, Babila Rakwal reviewing developmental works.

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal reviewed the progress of water supply projects taken up under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to provide each household the access to safe and adequate drinking water facilities. At the outset, the DC took a detailed review of the physical and financial progress of works on Retrofitting and Augmentation of Water Supply Schemes (WSSs) being executed under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district.

While majority of the works have been completed under JJM, DC reviews the progress of remaining works of two WSS namely Bidda and Aghar Ballian. The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, Rakesh Kumar Gupta informed Retrofitting and Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Panchayat Bidda started at a cost of Rs 4.74crore would cover around 254 households, while Rs 9. 78 crore Retrofitting and Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Panchayat Aghar Ballian would provide tap water to 332 households. The DC was appraised that pace of work on the twin projects is in full swing and more than 586 households would be provided safe and adequate drinking water.

SKPA holds two courses on 'Investigation of Traffic Accident Cases' & 05 Cyber Forensic for cops

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR : Five-days course on "Investigation of Traffic Accident Cases" and 05 days training programme on Cyber Forensic culminated at SKPA. (27) Officers of different wings/units of J&K Police participated in the training programme. The courses have been designed to meet the desired objectives like Type and definition of Road Accident, Causes and consequences of road traffic crashes, Traffic Control devices, Road signs, Road markings, Speed breakers, Traffic signals, etc. helping aids for traffic management, Legislation related to traffic accidents, Understanding Road Traffic violations, Basics of traffic engineering, First Aid - Importance golden hour, transport and First Aid to victims of road accidents. To meet the desired objectives eminent guest faculty from differ-



A participant receiving certificate.

ent institutes as well as this Academy were invited to share their wide range of knowledge and experience among the participants. Whereas 05 days course on Cyber Forensic also concluded. In the course the participants were enabled to understand skills in collecting and handling digital evidence, SOP for crime scene management, overview of Cyber Crimes, communication Devices, Social Media Related Crimes, Investigation of financial Frauds, E-mail investigation etc. A valediction function was organized in the Academy. Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP, Dy. Director (Indoor Trgs) SKPA was the chief guest on the occasion. Gupta laid stress upon the importance of collection of Digital evidences, importance of traffic engineering and importance of latest tools & techniques in traffic management. We have to adopt the changes. Knowledge based supervision is very important on traffic management system. The valediction function was also attended by Sunmati Gupta, Dy.SP, AD (Admn) and Shri Chander Mohan, Inspector. The course was coordinated by Rakesh Manni, Insp. assisted by HC Balbir Singh member faculty.

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TBS Bhadarwah Campus organises Career Counselling Session

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BHADARWAH: The Business School, Bhadarwah Campus, University of Jammu organised career counselling session during management activity for the management students. The department has invited Professor Alka Sharma, former Director TBS, Dr Amisha Gupta and Dr Komal Nagar both associate professors in The Business School,

University of Jammu. The event commenced with welcome address by Dr. Sunil Bhaderwah, Head of the Department, TBS Bhaderwah Campus. Dr Bhardwah apprised the audience that the department is on high growth trajectory and all the courses including BBA, B.Com, MBA and Ph.D are able to create a good demand as a result more than 110 students have been enrolled in the department. Speaking on the occasion Dr Komal Nagar highlighted the importance of choosing right option for you career after graduation degree. She stressed that business management is an appropriate career option for the students as Indian corporate sector is expanding and there is a lot of stress on skill oriented courses. The lecture deliberated upon the career coun-

selling, career planning and development. Dr Amisha Gupta gave a detailed presentation on the process of getting admission in best business schools of country including The Business School, University of Jammu. Professor Alka Sharma talked about the avenues and opportunities for incubation of new ideas of entrepreneurs. She informed the audience that Bhaderwah is known as Kerala of J&K and youth of Bhaderwah have a lot of potential and enthusiasm to do something in life. They can harness their true potential only if they skill and upskill themselves by choosing skill oriented courses like MBA. The lecture was followed by an interactive session with the students of The Business School, where students posed many

queries who were motivated to opt management and Business studies for their future studies. The key impetus for organising the event came from the guidance and support of Professor Rahul Gupta, Rector of Bhaderwah Campus. The session was attended by all the faculty members of the department including Dr. Umesh Choudhary, Dr. Rohit Bhagat, Dr. Meenakshi Nargotra, Dr. Surekha, Amit, Sonia, Rajinder Kumar. The formal proceedings of the event were carried out by Dr. Meenakshi Nargotra. The session ended with a group photograph and formal vote of thanks by Dr. Umesh Choudhary, senior faculty of TBS. He assured that the department would keep on organising such lectures and interactive sessions for the holistic development of the students.

DC inspects National Highway Widening Project works on Udhampur -Chenani stretch

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Saturday inspected widening works on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway along Udhampur to Chenani stretch. He conducted onsite inspection of ongoing works and issued a slew of directions to the executing agencies. Representatives and officials of the construction agencies briefed the DC about the progress and work plan regarding the works on the Udhampur to Nashri stretch. The DC instructed them to expedite the pace of construction to ensure completion within the given timeline.

Later, the DC chaired a meeting of concerned Officers and representatives of National Highway and directed them to take all measures to ensure hassle-free Amarnath Yatra. He asked them to



DC Udhampur Sachin Kumar Vaishya inspecting ongoing developmental works on National Highway.

take into consideration the challenges and issues related to security; safe drinking water, power supply; First-aid, sanitation, Identification of locations for stay, Provisioning of temporary toilets, Lodging and langar facilities, proper Traffic management along with check on overcharging and guarantee of fairness of rates. The DC asked the concerned quarters to put in place suitable arrangements to cope up with the challenges and unforeseen

circumstances during the yatra period. Directions were issued to district heads of various departments to ensure fool-proof arrangements pertaining to their respective department well before the start of the yatra. The DC directed all the concerned officers to work in coordination and also added that all the arrangements must be put in place well before the commencement of the yatra.

GDC Nowshera students acquainted with art of bonsai preparation

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NOWSHERA: With an aim to train students in art of bonsai preparation, Department of Botany, GDC Nowshera organised a training session for the students.

The technique was demonstrated in detail by Prof. Pooja Devi, HoD Botany with the co-operation of Dr. Gowhar Ahmed Shapoo, Lecturer in Botany. Dr. K.K. Sharma, Principal of the college appreciated the faculty of Botany for organizing this informative session for the college students. He motivated the students to practise this art so as that they can earn while learning.

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