

# NCC Group Commander Jammu felicitates cadets with awards

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JAMMU: Brig PS Cheema , Group Commander, NCC Jammu Group , felicitated the NCC cadets on behalf of DG NCC with cheques worth Rs 6000 each to Cadets Pratik Sharma, Abhinay Sharma and Pawan Sharma of DPS Rajbagh, Kathua as part of Cadet Welfare Society policy and Cheque of Rs 3500 as Best Cadet reward to Cadet Muskan Thakur of GDC Women Kathua. It was indeed heartening to learn about the aspirations the cadets hold to become competent leaders and responsible citizens. During the interaction



Brig PS Cheema , Group Commander, NCC Jammu Group along with cadets during the event in Jammu.

the cadets candidly shared their aspirations as to what they wish to become in their lives. The Junior Cadet Rudar Sharma aspires to become an army

doctor and Cadet Pratik Sharma and Cadet Abhinay Sharma hold the aspiration of joining the army as officers. Cadet Muskan Thakur who received the

prize for Best Cadet has enrolled herself with a politician as an understudy to carry out a research on underprivileged children and she wants to enter into Indian Administrative services (IAS) as a policy maker to effect the change while the new generation aspires far.

NCC in Jammu and Ladakh Directorate under Additional Director General, Maj Gen Rajesh Kumar Sachdeva is committed to meet the aspirations of the youth through positive engagement of cadets and motivating them. The Group Commander, NCC Group Jammu congratulated the cadets and complimented the Head of the institute of DPS Rajbagh Kathua, Mr Vivek Arora and ANO T/O Jagmohan Singh as all three junior cadets belong to this school. The efforts of Principal GDC Women Kathua, Dr Savi Behl and Care Taker Officer (CTO) Sonika Jasrotia were also lauded for guiding and nurturing cadet Muskan Thakur.

# D&FCO Team inspects medical stores in Ramban; Directs owners to install CCTV cameras



Teams inspecting a medical store at Ramban.

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RAMBAN: The Drug and Food Control Organization (D&FCO) carried-out an intensive inspection of the medical stores across the district to check the registration, authorization and record of availability and sale of medicines, besides the quality of medicines available in these chemist shops. Drug Control Officer (DCO) Imtiyaz Ahmed inspected various medical stores in Banihal area of district Ramban. During the inspection, the chemists were instructed to install CCTV cameras and ensure that the sale of Drugs is made only on a valid and proper prescription. Chemists were made clear that there will be zero tolerance towards misuse of pre-

scription drugs and erring medical shops will be dealt strictly under Drugs & Cosmetics Act. The DCO directed all the Chemist establishments to adhere to the laid down norms strictly and warned the defaulters to desist from any unethical trade practices, failing which strict action as warranted under the Act shall be taken against them. The department appealed to the general public to keep a vigil on persons involved in the trade of Narcotics & Psychotropic drugs, and inform the concerned if they found any violation of rules.

# DC Doda flags off Vishwagram Trust's Educational Activities

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, Harvinder Singh today flagged off the educational activities being conducted by the Vishwagram Trust Gujarat in various schools in the District. The educational activities proposed to be organized by Vishwagram Trust include interactive workshops, skill development sessions, and awareness programs focusing on holistic development and academic enrichment. The DC lauded the diverse range of programs offered by the trust and encouraged active participation from students to make the most of these opportunities. The Vishwagram Trust Gujarat educational activities will include workshops,



DC Doda, Harvinder Singh flagging off vehicles.

seminars, and training sessions designed to enhance the learning experience for students and educators alike. During the flagging off ceremony, the DC Doda emphasized the significance of providing students with a holistic learning experience that goes beyond traditional methods. He lauded the efforts of the Vishwagram

Trust in introducing new teaching techniques and tools that will benefit the academic growth and development of students in Doda district. CPO Doda, Manish Kumar, CEO Doda, Parkash Lal Thapa and other concerned officers and officials were present on the occasion.

# DDC Rajouri inspects developmental works in Kalakote

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat, conducted a comprehensive tour of the Kalakote subdivision today and inspected ongoing developmental projects aimed at enhancing infrastructure and public services in the region. During the tour, the DDC visited several important work sites executed under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM), Capex, MGNREGA including segregation sheds, community compost pits and community soakage pits. These projects



DDC Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat inspecting hospital.

are pivotal in promoting sustainable waste management practices and improving sanitation standards in the region. He also inspected the progress on the road connecting Manma Mata

Temple in the Khargala area. This road is crucial for ensuring better connectivity and accessibility for pilgrims and locals. DDC directed the concerned officer to expedite the construction work to facilitate early completion of the project. At the Sub District Hospital Kalakote, the DDC conducted a thorough inspection of wards, interacted with the hospital staff and patients. He emphasized the importance of providing the best possible Medicare services to the patients. Furthermore, the DDC inspected the ongoing construction of the

Government Degree College building in Kalakote. Later, the DDC reviewed the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in the Municipality of Kalakote. He instructed the Executive Officer (EO) of the Municipal Committee (MC) Kalakote to ensure efficient management of solid and liquid waste, emphasizing the importance of maintaining cleanliness and environmental sustainability in the town. The DDC was accompanied by ADC Kalakote, Mohammad Tanveer; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; EXEN PWD (R&B) Kalakote and EO MC Kalakote.

# Moungri Mela: Scintillating Cultural program mesmerizes visitors on Day-2

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: On 2nd day of the three- day annual Shiv-Parvati Moungri Mela, thousands of visitors and devotees from within and outside the district thronged the Mela site and paid their obeisance to Goddess Parvati and Lord Shiva. To entertain the pilgrim-visitors and further strengthen mutual love and understanding amongst different sections of the society, a scintillating cultural programme was presented by the DIPR Udhampur in collaboration with the Cultural Wing of DIPR J&K. Local and Information Department artists and students enthralled the



Artists performing during the Mela.

visitors at the event, also attended by PO Poshan Subash Dogra, DDC Councillor, Jasvir Singh, Mela Officer Tehsildar Moungri, Arushi Sabharwal and other officers. Another attraction was rural sports activities organized by the Department of Youth Services & Sports in collaboration with the

Education Department. The district administration has made adequate arrangements of water, electricity, healthcare, security, transport etc. for the successful conduct of the mela. A number of temporary sweet shops, toy shops and other edibles corners put up by the locals as well as outside vendors were the main attraction for the

general public visiting the Mela site. During the Mela, checking of rates and quality of eatables is strictly maintained by a team of officers. On the sidelines, the Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Field Office organised a Painting/ Drawing Competition for the students from adjacent schools. Later, the prizes were given away among the participants of the event.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBA: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Abhishek Sharma on Wednesday flagged off a group of 32 Haj pilgrims of Samba District here from conference Hall DC office. The group of pilgrims includes 16 males and 16 females, of which 28 shall report to Delhi State Haj Committee at Haj Manzil Turkman Gate, Asif Ali Road, New Delhi and remaining 04 shall report at Srinagar. The District Administration Samba has appointed Nodal Officer and Liaison Officer to facilitate and ensure all necessary arrangements and facilities to enable the pilgrims to



DC Abhishek Sharma chairing a meeting at Samba..

travel safely and comfortably to Haj house Srinagar and Haj Manzil Delhi for their onward journey to Saudi Arabia from International Airport Delhi and Srinagar. Interacting with the pilgrims, the DC congratulated them for getting the opportunity to perform holy Hajj and wished them safe and secure pilgrim-

age. He appealed to them to pray for peace and prosperity of the country and their fellow citizens from the District. He emphasized the significance of the Haj pilgrimage and the importance of upholding the values of peace, unity and brotherhood. Furthermore, the DC advised the pilgrims to install and use the Haj

Suvidha App launched by Union Minority Affairs Minister Shriti Zubin Irani on March 3 that would provide necessary information and direct access to important services like training modules, flight and accommodation details during annual pilgrimage. The event was attended by SSP Samba, Vinay Kumar, ADC, Suresh Chander; DIO, Ashiq Rafiq Malik, Liaison Officer; Yaqoob Khan and officials from the District Administration and Police, representatives from the religious community, and well-wishers who came together to bid farewell to the pilgrims and pray for their well-being during their sacred journey.

# Chairman JKBOSE conducts extensive tour of District Doda

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DODA: Chairman, JKBOSE, Prof Parikshat Singh Manhas, accompanied by senior officers of JKBOSE, was on an extensive tour of District Doda. During the tour he conducted the administrative inspection of Sub/ Branch Offices of JKBOSE and to ensure smooth conduct of ongoing annual examinations pertaining to HSP-I (11th Class) of designated hard zone areas of District Doda. After receiving an overwhelming welcome from the Officers / Officials of Branch Office, Bhaderwah, the Chairman JKBOSE reviewed the functioning of the office and motivated the staff to work with zeal and passion. The Chairman, JKBOSE was also keenly interested to reach out the examination centres constituted in hilly terrains of Bhaderwah area and to take the stock



Chairman, JKBOSE, Prof Parikshat Singh Manhas during inspection at a school in Doda.

of the arrangements made in such remote and distant examination centres and after exhaustive outreach, the Chairman JKBOSE visited the Govt. Hr. Secondary School Bhalra where the examination of HSP-I (11th Class) was being conducted in a conducive environment. Govt. HSS Bhalra was established in the 1940s and is situated at an altitude of around 6,000 feet. The squad accompanied with the Chairman, JKBOSE randomly checked the admit cards and attendance sheets of the examinees in the exam centre constituted at Govt. HSS Bhalra. The Chairman further visited another examination centre constituted at

Govt. HSS Saringal where the entire squad enquired about the arrangements put in place including proper seating arrangements, availability of potable water, lighting, availability of adequate stationery and other facilities. Prof. Manhas directed the staff including invigilator, Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents besides Supervisors to strictly adhere to examination code of conduct and avoid any dereliction of duty. Prof Manhas stressed upon the need to discourage the use of any incriminating material or any impersonation in the examination centres "The staff including teachers of particular schools, who are not engaged for exam duty, where examination centres have been constituted, should stay off from the exam centre," he added and also said that supervisory staff is bound to ensure fair conduct of examinations and should keep a proper vigil. Prof. Manhas while speaking to the examinees also encouraged and consoled them to not panic during exams and to do their best. "Without caring for the end result, all the examinees must perform according to their abilities and prepare for next examinations without any burden" he said. '

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KATHUA: Director Rural Development Jammu, Mohammad Mumtaz Ali conducted tour of Samba, Kathua and Jammu districts to inspect the progress of developmental works. He visited Bari-Brahmana, Vijaypur, Samba, Nud, Rajpura, Hiranagar, Marh and Nagrota Blocks of Samba, Kathua and Jammu districts and inspected a number of developmental works executed/being executed under different schemes of RD & Panchayati Raj

Department. In District Samba, he inspected Panchayat Learning Centres (PLC) in Birpur and Palli Panchayats of Block Bari-Brahmana, under construction Panchayat Ghar buildings at Jakh in Block Vijaypur, DDC office building in Block Samba, BDC office building in Block Rajpura and other developmental works executed/being executed under different schemes of RD&PR. He was accompanied by Superintending Engineer, REW, ACD, ACP, Executive Engineer REW, Block Development

Officers and other field staff. Touring District Kathua, he visited Block Hiranagar and inspected Panchayat Learning Centre (PLC) in Panchayat Kootah, Construction of lane/drain at village Kootah Mohallah Parshotam Lal Ward No. 4, Playground at GHSS Kootah and other works executed/being executed under different schemes of RDD. Similarly, in District Jammu, inspections were carried out in Panchayat Learning Centre (PLC), Dhok Waziran, Block Nagrota to check the func-

# Saroori condoles demise of Ghulam Qadir Wani

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KISHTWAR: Vice-Chairperson, Democratic Progressive Azad Party and Former Minister of Ghulam Mohammad Saroori has expressed his deep sorrow over the death of a renowned person of Marmullah Chatroo, Ghulam Qadir Wani. To express solidarity with the family members concerned, a DPAP delegation led by young leader Shariq Saroori attended the funeral prayer of the deceased and mourned with the bereaved family. Ghulam Qadir Wani, a renowned person of Marmullah Chatroo, passed away on Wednesday. The deceased was a humble, pious soul. Ghulam Qadir Wani served in the Public Works Department and after his retirement, he played an active role for the welfare of the society.

G. M Saroori in his condolence message said that this is a personal shock for him because he had a deep affection with the late Ghulam Qadir Wani and the deceased worked for the welfare of the weaker sections of the society throughout his life. Saroori said that Wani performed his duties with utmost integrity during his employment and received public recognition at every place. He prayed for the highest place in Jannah for Wani and expressed deep sympathy with the bereaved family. He prayed to Almighty Allah for patience. Meanwhile A delegation of Democratic Progressive Azad Party led by youth leader Shariq Saroori has attended the funeral prayer of the deceased and expressed sympathy with the bereaved family.

# KVK Reasi imparts Training on SHGs and Women Empowerment

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) organized one day training programme on "Self Help Groups (SHGs) & Women Empowerment" here today at Bhaga village in Reasi district of J&K which was actively attended by the number of rural women members of SHGs of the area. The programme was organised under the dynamic stewardship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N.Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension Prof.Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J. Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi initiated the programme with the warm welcome of participants. He briefed the role and significance of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the current scenario of livelihood diversification especially for the marginalized rural women of hilly areas. He guided participants on various incomes generation activities among the rural women and suggested them to stress on the value addition in agriculture for more farm returns. He

discussed on woman empowerment and said that SHGs can be helpful to empower the rural women. He narrated that SHGs formation has an immense scope in hilly areas and can play a significant role in the eradication of poverty from the downtrodden areas. He guided the participants on regular saving, budgeting, record keeping, regular meetings, regular inter-lending, linkage with banks, repayment ethics etc. He stressed on the agri-entrepreneurship development at village level by working in groups and discussed on Atama Nirbhar Bharat. He highlighted the importance of homogeneity, fortnight meetings and book keeping for the significant results in SHGs. He also guided the participants on packaging, leveling, branding and marketing of processed agro-products. He also discussed on aonla candy making, pickles making, jam making, juice making etc. He stressed on value addition in fruits, vegetables and spices to enhance the income and employment among the rural women. Sh.Yongal Kumar Sharma, Nodal Officer, JKRLM, Reasi guided participants on small business planning, effecting mar-

keting strategies and product development. He narrated that the SHGs can transform the rural areas by raising the socio-economic conditions of the rural women. He narrated that by the value addition in fruits and vegetables rural women can fetch more money and thus they can raise their socio-economic status. During the programme, Sh.Raj Kumar from ICICI Foundation was also present. Some quarries were raised by the group's members which were answered by the officials in a satisfactorily way during the programme. Quality packaging material was also provided to the SHGs members during the programme. During the programme an awardee woman farmer of the area, Anita Devi was also present. It is worthwhile to mention here that such training programmes foster economic independence, self-reliance and sustainable growth for SHGs members, enabling them to positively impact their communities and lead fulfilling lives. Programme was assisted by Manohar Lal and concluded by Dr. Banarsi Lal with formal vote of thanks.

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