

Advisor Bhatnagar visits Sanasar, reviews education, health infrastructure



Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar inspecting a government school at Sanasar.

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RAMBAN: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, visited Sanasar area of Ramban district to review the status of educational and health infrastructure of the area.

The Advisor inspected Government Upper Primary School Chouri Sanasar and took stock of functioning of the institution. He had round of different sections of the school assessing the facilities being made available there

for the students. He interacted with the teachers and school management seeking the current status of education being imparted in the school. He also interacted with the school children and assessed their learning outcomes.

Later, Advisor Bhatnagar inspected NTPHC Sanasar and took stock of healthcare facilities available there for the ailing. He also interacted with the staff of the Centre and enquired from them about their issues and concerns. While interacting with the staff, the Advisor asked them about the gaps in healthcare owing to remoteness of the area so that the same could be sorted out. He impressed upon them to dedicate themselves towards serving the people of such far off area in the most efficient manner. Later, the Advisor had an interactive session with the local police and civil officers to assess functioning of their respective fields.

KVK Reasi organises Field Day on Chickpea Crop

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REASI: Krishni Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) organized field day on chickpea (gram) crop here today at Kheral village in Pouni block of Reasi district of J&K which was enthusiastically attended by a number of women farmers' of the area. KVK, Reasi has laid Cluster Front Line Demonstrations (CFLDs) on chickpea crop of improved varieties in different locations 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. Amrith Vaid of SKUAST-J.

The programme was initiated by Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi with the warm welcome of the participants. He addressed the participants on the importance of cultivation of pulse crops and guided them on the scientific cultivation of chickpea. He said that there is an immense potential in pulses production in the area and there is need to increase the quantity and quality of pulses in the area by using the modern technologies.

The scientist interacted with the participants and got feedback of the Cluster Front Line Demonstrations (CFLDs) on chickpea of improved varieties laid by KVK, Reasi. Farmers showed keen interest in the technologies demonstrated by the KVK scientists and they were ready to adopt them.

DC Doda reviews preparations for World Red Cross Day



DC Doda, Harvinder Singh chairing a meeting.

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, who is also the President of the District Red Cross Society, on Friday chaired a meeting in the Mini Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to review the arrangements for the celebration of World Red Cross Day scheduled on 8th May 2024.

The meeting focused on a wide range of arrangements to ensure successful celebration of the event.

During the meeting, the stakeholders were informed about the activities planned

for the day, including painting competition, symposium, awareness rallies, blood donation camps, first aid camps, cultural events, etc.

The DC urged stakeholders to collect maximum funds for the Red Cross to serve humanity better. He also designated an assistant for the Red Cross from the Health Department to oversee the arrangements. The Deputy Commissioner directed the Chief Education Officer to ensure maximum participation of students, especially those from the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and the National Service Scheme

(NSS). The DC also encouraged the starting of classes for orphans and physically disabled children in schools. He emphasized the importance of installing water coolers and creating donation sites for blankets and clothes in the town to assist those in need. Additionally, the DC informed the attendees that the theme for the upcoming celebration is "Keeping Humanity Alive."

The stakeholders were further asked to put up banners at public places to promote World Red Cross Day and generate awareness about the importance of the event.

They also interacted with the stakeholder officers virtually and directed them to display banners promoting World Red Cross Day in their jurisdictions.

ADC Doda, Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Doda, stakeholders from concerned departments and personnel from the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) also attended the meeting to discuss their roles in the upcoming celebration.

Press Club Udhampur celebrates World Press Day

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UDHAMPUR: Like other parts of country Press Club Udhampur (PCU) also celebrated the 31st "World Press Day" today in Udhampur also. In order to celebrate the day an awareness program was organized to create awareness among the journalists fraternity.

According to reports members of Press Club Udhampur celebrated World



Members of Press Club Udhampur during the programme.

press day to make aware the up coming journalists.

On this occasion Dr. Vineet Gupta, Orthopedist was the chief guest while Principal of the college Dr. S.K. Magotra presided over the function. The welcome address was also presented by the Gen. Secy Ashish Dutt. Speaking on the occasion senior journalist Pardeep Bakshi, Sumit

Sharma president press club, Pankaj Saraf vice-president, Ashwani Sharma Secy, and Arun Sharma Jt Secy put stress upon the journalists fraternity to do follow ethics of journalism and also to adhere ethos of fair and unbiased journalists while performing their duties. Today club celebrating 31st World Press day with theme of the

Modi govt to score hat trick in LS elections: Vibodh

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SURANKOTE : BJP's J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta emphasized the rapid and unparalleled rise of the Bhartiya Janata Party since Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office, stating that the party is poised for a hat trick in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. "BJP believe in winning heart, 'Lotus' will bloom everywhere as BJP has enriched the lives of every section of society through its welfare schemes and policies. The mission of the BJP under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not just to form a government but to elevate India as the world's leading power across various sectors including defence, business, startups, and health," stated Vibodh Gupta while addressing a public rally in Surankote.

Vibodh maintained that everyone is benefiting from the popular government schemes without any dis-



BJP's J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta addressing a gathering at Surankote.

crimination under the Modi government. He asserted that under the repeated governments of NC, PDP, and Congress, only anti-nationalists and sympathizers of Pakistan were benefited. However, under the present government, every section of society, whether poor or marginalized, is reaping the benefits of welfare schemes, while those involved in anti-nationalist activities have been dealt a bitter lesson.

Vibodh said that while the Modi government is dedicated to the cause of mak-

ing India a superpower, leaders of the INDI alliance are deliberately tarnishing India's image worldwide in guise of targeting the Modi government. Multiple statements from opposition leaders reflect that they are completely in the grip of Break India forces and are nurturing and harboring anti-India sentiments. Former MLC Pardeep Sharma stated that every segment of Jammu and Kashmir experienced significant relief under the Modi government. He also underlined Modi govern-

ment's commitment to its vision of Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas aur Sabka Prayas. District President Poonch Rajesh Raina hailed Modi government for ensuring overall growth of Jammu and Kashmir especially border districts which were deliberately ignored by the governments of NC, PDP and Congress.

BJP Prabhari Poonch Rajinder Gupta said that people from every corner of the nation availed the benefit of one or more welfare schemes of Modi government and have vowed to vote and support him for third time.

BJP leader Sohail Malik emphasized on the increased unity and empowerment of the Gujjar-Bakarwal and Pahari Trbe in Rajouri-Poonch under the Modi government and highlighted decisions which have largely benefited these tribes. BJP leader Mehtab Bukhari also spoke on the occasion.

'Know Your Army' Mela organized

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POONCH: Army organised "know your Army" event at remote Gambhir, Village in Poonch. The event encompassed display of specialized equipment ranging from specialised latest state-of-art weapons, day and night surveillance devices and specialised drones.

A talk about life in army was also organized along with the weapon display which was attended by children from nearby villages especially from Gujjar Bakarwal community. With a focus on transparency and community engagement, the event aimed to foster understanding and appreciation for the armed forces. Children were invited to explore various weapons, accompanied by informative sessions highlighting the importance of defense, peacekeeping, and national security.

Training programme on school safety held at Doda

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DODA: One day Zonal level training cum orientation programme on school safety under Samagra Shiksha was organised for Zone Bhagwah and Zone Doda, here today.

The programme was conducted in ZEO Office Bhagwah and conference hall of Chief Education Officer Doda.

Teachers of Bhagwah and Doda educational zones of District Doda participated in the programme at their respective locations.

The program was inaugurated by Zonal Education Officers of concerned Zonal areas.

During the program the teachers were sensitized about safety of children in the schools through various means and measures.

The objective of the training was to generate awareness amongst teachers on how to make schools safe and secure zone for students and to highlight their roles and responsibilities.

Marriott International opens 150th hotel in Katra



Dignitaries during the launch of hotel at Katra.

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KATRA: Marriott Hotels, the namesake brand of Marriott Bonvoy's extraordinary portfolio of over 30 hotel brands, today announced the opening of Katra Marriott Resort & Spa in the serene landscapes of Katra, Jammu & Kashmir. The brand's debut in the spiritually significant destination, marks a milestone as the 150th Marriott International hotel to open in the country. Nestled amidst the serene landscapes of the Trikuta hills, popularly known as the Vaishno Devi Hills, this purely vegetarian resort offers a captivating blend of heartfelt service and spirituality. Here, guests are invited to partake in leisurely nature walks, all while immersing themselves in the vibrant culture and culinary delights of Katra.

Katra, a spiritual region known for Shri Mata Vaishnovevi Shrine and Trikuta Hills, offers a picturesque landscape for the fulfilment seekers. The resort provides unparalleled access to the region's nearby attractions, including Patnitop Hill Station, Mansar Lake and Krimchi Temple, all of which are within an hour's drive from the resort. Katra's local

market is 5-mins away from the resort, where guests can enjoy authentic local cuisine and shop for traditional handicrafts and souvenirs, intricate papier-mâché creations and walnut wood carvings. The city is accessible by road and well connected to leading metro cities in Northern India like Delhi, Chandigarh and Amritsar. Katra is 50 kms from

Jammu Airport and 222 kms from Srinagar International Airport.

Commenting on this significant opening for India, Ranju Alex, Area Vice President, South Asia, Marriott International said "As we celebrate the milestone opening of our 150th Hotel in India, we acknowledge not just our prominent presence in the country, but also the unique and enriching experiences our hotels provide through their distinctive architecture and design, world-class food and beverage offerings and curated amenities that provide exceptional, one-of-a-kind stays. We continue to have confidence in the resilience of our brands and our teams, and remain steadfast in our commitment to advancing our growth through a strong pipeline of hotels".

Inspired by the natural beauty of its surroundings, the design of Katra Marriott Resort & Spa seamlessly transforms myth into mesmerizing reality. The Greatroom lobby, comprising an open and warm reception with an enigmatic central sculpture adorned with ancient inscriptions envelopes guests with a calm, mystic aura from the moment they enter the resort. The flower chandelier, reminiscent of shrine offerings, offers an immediate connection to the beautiful rituals of the land. Each element, from the mandala-inspired lounge seats to every intricate detail, embodies the hotel's unwavering commitment to seamlessly merging spirituality with breathtaking design, promising a transcendent experience for all who step through its doors.

GDC Thannamandi, Municipal Committee join hands for campus cleanliness drive

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THANNAMANDI: In a remarkable collaborative effort to foster environmental consciousness and promote sustainable practices, NSS Unit of Government Degree College Thannamandi, in conjunction with the Municipal Committee Thannamandi, spearheaded a comprehensive cleanliness drive. The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from both NSS Volunteers, Teaching - Non Teaching Staff, Students and Municipal Staff, who actively engaged themselves in various cleanliness activities throughout the campus. Under the esteemed patronage of Dr. Farooq Ahmed, Principal of GDC Thannamandi, and active participation of NSS Program Officer Prof. Asif Ajaz Lone. The drive encapsulated a spirit of unity and shared responsibility towards creating a cleaner, greener environment.

"We believe that small actions can lead to significant change," remarked Dr. Farooq Ahmed, expressing his gratitude towards the collaborative efforts of all involved parties. "By fostering a culture of environmental stewardship within our campus and beyond, we aim to inspire a ripple effect of positive change within our community."

The activities undertaken during the drive encompassed a range of initiatives, including waste segregation, recycling awareness campaigns, and the implementation of eco-friendly alternatives to plastic. The successful culmination of the cleanliness drive underscores the commitment of NSS Unit of GDC Thannamandi and the Municipal Committee towards promoting environmental sustainability and community engagement. By forging strong partnerships and fostering a collective sense of responsibility, the initiative serves as a beacon of hope for a cleaner, healthier planet.

GDC R S Pura holds Shramdhan drive

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R S PURA: A significant cleanliness drive was organized by NSS in collaboration with Beautification committee of GDC R. S.Pura conducted shramdhan activity reaffirming the institution's commitment to community service and environmental stewardship. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members for the noble cause of keeping the campus and its surroundings clean and green. Equipped with cleaning tools and a fervent spirit, the participants enthusiastically took up the task of clearing litter, debris and maintaining aromatic garden constituted in the campus premises. Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Rajni Bhagat in her message encouraged students, faculty and staff for carrying out cleanliness drive. The Principal expressed her appreciation for the wholehearted involvement of students, faculty members and non-teaching staff



Faculty members along with students during the event.

members. She emphasized the importance of community engagement and the role of NSS in shaping responsible citizens and fostering a sense of duty towards society.

Addressing the participants, NSS Program Officer Dr. Chanchal Angral expressed her appreciation for the overwhelming response and commitment displayed by the volunteers. She highlighted the significance of community service and urged everyone to make it a regular part of their lives. She urged students to actively engage in com-

munity service and be the agents of positive change in society. The Shramdhan drive successfully showcased the dedication and zeal of the NSS unit in contributing to the betterment of their environment.

It underscored the importance of collective efforts in maintaining a clean and sustainable living space for all. The faculty who were present on the occasion were Dr. Rajinder Sharma, Prof. Shifali Abrol, Dr. Rakesh Choudhary, Dr. Hari Singh, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch and Sunny Kumar.

GDC Reasi organises orientation programme

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REASI: The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Government General Zorawar Singh Memorial Degree College, Reasi, organized an orientation programme under the patronage of Principal Dr. Kulvinder Kour for the new NSS volunteers on 3rd May 2024 at the Multiple Purpose Hall of the College. The event commenced with a welcome address delivered by Prof. Apfan Ali, the Programme Officer of NSS. In his address, Prof. Apfan Ali emphasized the significance of NSS and elucidated on the pivotal role volunteers play in bettering society. He encouraged the new volunteers to actively engage in community service and highlighted the importance of 'hard work'



NSS unit of College along with faculty members during the programme.

and 'posi' (presumably 'positive attitude') in achieving the objectives of NSS.

The orientation programme aimed to familiarize the new volunteers with the aims, objectives, principles and goals of NSS, instilling a sense of responsibility and commitment towards social welfare. Various activities and in-

tiatives were discussed to engage the volunteers in meaningful projects that contribute to the betterment of the community.

The interactive session enabled the volunteers to gain insights into the values of service, teamwork, and leadership, fostering a spirit of volunteerism and social responsibility among

the participants. The event concluded on a positive note, with volunteers motivated and eager to actively participate in upcoming NSS activities. 15 volunteers gave speeches

Khushboo, Kajal, kavita, Sonalika, Vansh, Bhanu, Zeenat, Deepika, kajal thapa, Sahil, Tancy, Sonali, Hitakshi, kritika and Simran.

Worthy Principal in her message Congratulated the new NSS volunteers. She wished them all the best while they embark on this journey of making a positive impact in the community. She further appreciated the budding volunteers and told them that their efforts will surely inspire others to follow in your footsteps. She thanked them for their dedication and enthusiasm.

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