

# DC Reasi discusses infrastructure development, land compensation issues

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REASI: A meeting was convened today under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik to finalize compensation rates for land acquired under the Collector's Land Acquisition program in the district.

During the meeting, ACR Nitin Verma, presented two land acquisition cases for consideration.

After detailed discussions and a thorough examination of all relevant aspects, the compensation rates for the concerned land acquisitions were finalized, ensuring transparency and fairness in the process.

In addition to land compensation, the Deputy Commissioner also addressed different develop-



Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik chairing a meeting.

opmental issues.

While discussing infrastructure concerns, she resolved the long-pending issue related to the Kanthi PWD road and instructed the SDM Katra to identify forest land where development activity has occurred.

Regarding the impacts of expressway construction,

the DC issued firm instructions to the concerned authorities, directing them to ensure that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) takes immediate and appropriate action concerning residential structures that have developed cracks due to excavation and land-cutting

activities. She emphasized that the safety and well-being of affected residents is paramount and that NHAI would be held accountable for any resulting damages. She also instructed SDMs to obtain reports from XENs on whether adequate road safety measures were

implemented during construction.

Additionally, the DC directed that land for the Agriculture Mandi in Reasi be prioritized so that farmers can benefit from improved agricultural infrastructure. She also instructed the authorities to take strict action against those found burning waste, emphasizing that challans must be issued to violators.

The meeting was attended by ADC Rakesh Kumar, SDM Katra, SDM Dharmari, SDM Mahore, and other concerned officers.

# JKTF J&K UT urges authorities to revise school timings in Jammu division amid severe heatwave

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JAMMU: Ganesh Khajuria, Chief Patron of the Jammu Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF), has appealed to the Education Minister Sakina Masood Itoo, Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary School Education Department Shantmanu, and Director School Education Jammu, to urgently revise school timings in the Jammu Division in view of the soaring summer temperatures.

Highlighting the intense heatwave gripping the region, where temperatures have reached up to 42°C, Khajuria emphasized that



the current conditions pose serious health risks to school-going children. He pointed out that while the Kashmir Division has already witnessed a change in school timings via Order No. 139-DSEK of 2025,

issued on May 22, 2025, no such adjustment has yet been made for Jammu, despite its hotter and harsher climate.

"This is not just a matter of comfort, but of student health and safety," Khajuria stated. "In the larger interest of lakhs of students, especially the younger ones, the authorities must act swiftly and announce revised school timings suitable for the current weather conditions."

JKTF has urged the School Education Department to issue necessary directions at the earliest and ensure that the wellbeing of students remains the top priority.

# Civil Society leads grand Tiranga Rally in Jourian, send strong message against terrorism

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AKHNOOR: A grand Tiranga Rally was organized in Mandal Jourian under the Akhnoor Assembly Constituency by the Civil Society and the Saints', aiming to promote unity and send a stern message against terrorism. The rally commenced from the Shaheed Sthal (Martyrs' Memorial) and proceeded through the main market, eventually culminating back at the starting point. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of local citizens, as well as several dignitaries, who all came together to express their patriotic fervor.

The atmosphere resonated with powerful chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Indian Army Zindabad," creating a vibrant and nationalist mood throughout the area.

During the rally, prominent figures including Mahant Keshav Das Shastri,



MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat and others taking out Tiranga rally at Akhnoor.

Brahmakumari Volunteer Sunita, BJP District President Kuldeep Sharma, and MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal Bhagat addressed the gathering. They emphasized that India is now taking decisive steps against terrorism. They stated that the Government of India and its capable armed forces have made it clear-not just to Pakistan but to the entire world-that any act of terror-

ism will be met with a fitting response, even if it means striking deep inside enemy territory.

Mandal President Neeraj Shastri, in his address, praised the valor and determination of India's Army, Navy, and Air Force under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He asserted that any attempt to disrupt the peace and integrity of India will be

met with severe consequences, and terrorists should realize the cost of even thinking about executing sinister plans on Indian soil.

Among the many dignitaries present on the occasion were Pandit Sham Shastri, former Vice-Chairman of Kissan Advisory Board Daljeet Singh, BJP National Executive Member of Kissan Moreha and Akhnoor District Co-incharge Mannohan Singh, General Secretary Raki Gupta, Rakesh Bhagat, DDC Member Bhushan Bral, former BDC Neha Rajput, District General Secretary Shakti Bhagat, District Vice President Manga Ram, senior leaders Pritam, Subhash, Mangal, Gullu Ram, Pradeep Chaudhary, former Municipal Committee Chairman Madan Lal, Sham Chaudhary, Daler Singh, and several other eminent personalities.

# GDC Surankote holds 'Plant for Peace' Ceremony



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SURANKOTE: In a region that has witnessed periods of unrest and challenge, Government Degree College Surankote introduced a profoundly symbolic event on International Biodiversity Day, the "Plant for Peace" Ceremony. Spearheaded by the college's Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Rani Mughal, an ardent environmentalist, the initiative

wove together ecological restoration with emotional healing.

Organized in collaboration with the NCC Unit of GDC Surankote, the event saw active participation from NCC cadets who played a leading role in the plantation drive. Their discipline, enthusiasm, and commitment set a powerful example of youth-led environmental and social responsibility.

Each tree planted carried a meaning. Students and faculty members planted saplings, dedicating each one to a victim, survivor, or silent hero of recent hardships.

The Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Rani Mughal, personally planted a sapling in memory of Dr. Rajkumar Thapa (ADDC Rajouri), who made the ultimate sacrifice in recent times. Similar tributes were paid

through saplings planted in honour of all those who laid down their lives for the nation, including the martyrs of District Poonch.

Key faculty members including Prof. Javed Manzoor (HoD Environmental Science and Education), Dr. Mohammed Ashfaq (HoD Geography), and Dr. Zabeer Abbasi (HoD Persian) joined hands in leading their students through this meaningful act of regeneration and remembrance.

Dr. Mughal, while addressing the gathering, stated: "These are not just trees, they are silent prayers for peace, guardians of biodiversity, and reminders that growth is possible even after destruction."

The event concluded with a heartfelt pledge led by the NCC cadets to protect these plant species as enduring symbols of both environmental stewardship and communal harmony.

# MLA Ramnagar conducts extensive village tour, reviews development issues, public services



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RAMNAGAR: Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj, MLA of Ramnagar, undertook an extensive tour of the villages Bari, Ldana, and Kulwanta in the Ramnagar Assembly constituency. During the visit, he actively engaged with residents, inspected public facilities, and reviewed ongoing and pending developmental concerns.

As part of the tour, Dr. Bhardwaj inspected several

ration depots in the area to ensure the proper supply and distribution of essential commodities. He directed officials to ensure that ration is provided in full compliance with the prescribed norms.

He also visited Middle School Peta Panchayat Bari, High School Bari, and High School Ldana, where he took note of major challenges such as staff shortages and inadequate infrastructure. In response, he announced that a

new school building for MS Peta Bari, costing Rs 32 lakh, has been sanctioned, and construction will begin shortly. He assured that the issues in the other schools will also be pursued diligently and appropriate relief will be extended.

Local residents raised several demands, the most prominent being the expedited construction of roads recently geotagged under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). These include the Bhang to Gundrela, Incha to Peta, and Tagan to Baadi roads.

Dr. Bhardwaj assured the public that all their concerns will be rigorously taken up with the relevant departments. He reiterated his commitment to ensuring that essential services and infrastructure reach every corner of his constituency at the earliest.

# TMC delegation visits Poonch; meets shelling affected families



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POONCH: A Five member delegation of Trinamool Congress (TMC) party, West Bengal, visited Poonch to express solidarity with those affected by cross-border shelling by Pakistan. The delegation met families who lost loved ones in the shelling, sharing their grief and offering support. The delegation consisted of prominent leaders, including Sh. Derek O'Brien, MP and Parliamentary Party Leader; Rajya Sabha, Shri Mohammad Nadeemul Haque, Chief Whip, Rajya Sabha, Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia, Minister, Government of West Bengal, Smt. Sagarika Ghose, Deputy Leader; Rajya Sabha, Smt. Mamata Thakur, MP; Rajya Sabha, MIA Ajaz Jan. During their visit, the delegation conveyed their condolences and assured the people of Poonch of their support during this difficult times. Interacting with media, Sagarika Ghose said we were shocked to view the scene of Disaster She said they have come to give a message to the peoples of Poonch that peoples of all of Indian and Bengal are standing with them. He said we condemn the innocent killing due to Pakistani shelling.

# SDM visits Ghagwal Market, warns shopkeepers of encroachment, congestion

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SAMBA: In a move to provide relief to the public from the daily chaos of congestion and encroachment in Ghagwal's main market, SDM Ghagwal, KS Bali, conducted a surprise inspection of the area on Thursday evening. He was accompanied by Tehsildar Ghagwal Shakeel Ahmad, DDC member Suresh Kumar Fali, officials and Police personnel.

The SDM firmly stated that roads are meant for public movement, not for shopkeepers to store goods or construct sheds. He warned that if violations are not rectified before the next round of inspections, the administration will not hesitate to deploy bulldozers to remove illegal structures.

During the inspection, SDM Bali directly engaged with shopkeepers and cau-



SDM Ghagwal, KS Bali during market inspection.

tioned them against placing goods on the roads, setting up temporary stalls, or constructing sheds in front of their shops-all of which are illegal. Using a stern tone, he said, You should understand that you are completely blocking the road, making it difficult for pedestrians to even walk.

Anticipating the visit, some shopkeepers had already moved their mer-

chandise back inside their shops, but the administration was not impressed by this temporary compliance. SDM Bali made it clear that the time for warnings is over-strict action will now follow. A two-week deadline has been given. If goods are not kept within shop premises and illegal sheds are not removed, the administration will take decisive action using bulldozers.

# KVK Reasi trains tribal farmers training on agri-entrepreneurship

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised training programme on "Agri-entrepreneurship development in rural areas" here tribal village at Jadh in Reasi distt. of J&K which was attended by the number of tribal farmers of the area.

The programme was organised under the dynamic stewardship of



KVK officials along with farmers during the training programme.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N.Triptahi and able guidance of Director Extension (DE), Prof. Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J. Dr.Banarsi Lal,Chief Scientist &Head of KVK Reasi started the programme with the warm welcome of the participants. He discussed in detail on agri-entrepreneurship development in rural areas and discussed on the scientific production of maize, millets, pulses, oilseeds, poultry etc. of commercial level. He said the farmers that by commercial agriculture farmers can enhance

their crop production and raise their income and employment. He further added that hilly areas have immense scope in natural farming and guided the farmers on the eco-friendly agricultural technologies required for the organic and natural farming. He stressed on the commercial cultivation of maize, millets, pulses and oilseeds crops as these crops have potential in the area and farmers can fetch more returns by growing them of commercial level. He also guided farmers on commercial dairy farming,

food processing, vegetable and fruit processing etc. He elaborated the formulation of natural farming inputs and stressed guided farmers to use in the farmers so that the farm income can be increased by reducing the cost of cultivation.

He discussed on the efficient farm management practices for the maximum results. Farmers thanked KVK Reasi for organising such a useful programme. The programme was concluded by Manohar Lal with formal vote of thanks vote of thanks.

# DC Doda reviews functioning of Kisan Khidmat Ghars

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DODA: To enhance grassroots agricultural services, the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Harvinder Singh convened a comprehensive review meeting to assess the functioning of Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) in the district. The meeting, held in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex, focused on evaluating service delivery, inter-departmental coordination, and infrastructure development of KKGs.

The session was attended by key officials including the Project Officer ICDS, who also serves as GM District Industries Centre Doda S. Parmjeet Singh, Chief Agriculture Officer (Nodal Officer KKGs) Amjad Hussain Malik, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, District Sericulture Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Assistant Directors of Fisheries and Floriculture, District Lead Bank Manager, AD Planning, NABARD Manager, Incharge KKGs from all blocks, and Krishi Udyami representatives.

During the meeting, the



DDC Harvinder Singh chairing a meeting at Doda.

DC emphasized the need to strengthen service delivery in remote areas, ensure timely dissemination of agricultural schemes, facilitate access to KCC loans, crop insurance and agricultural subsidies. He stressed the importance of real-time monitoring, digital record maintenance, and provisioning of IT equipment to improve efficiency at KKGs. The Chief Agriculture Officer presented a detailed overview of the KKG setup status. DC Doda also reviewed issues and grievances raised by the Krishi udayamis during the meeting during the meeting such as infrastructure gaps, registration of farmers under HADP, issuance of fertilizers and pesticides licenses, availability of fertilizers, and the need for Aadhaar centres, commission on sale of seeds,

and provision of electronic gadgets. and assured to resolved the issue and grievances in stipulated time.

The DDC interacted directly with Krishi Udyami and KKG Incharges, listened to their concerns, and assured timely redressal of issues. He directed the officers to expedite the issuance of fertilizer licenses, ensure training for Krishi Udyamis across all 17 blocks, and improve coordination among agriculture and allied departments. He also emphasized raising awareness through IEC campaigns and ensuring that KKGs function as single-window service centres for farmers. He instructed concerned departments to ensure timely dispatch of necessary equipment for KKG setup and provide essential agricultural goods

to Krishi Udyamis.

Further, the DC instructed that committees be formed under designated chairpersons for better monitoring of KKG operations and Krishi Udyamis. He also called for better coordination with NABARD to ensure financial support. The proposal to establish Aadhaar centres in KKGs was discussed, and the DC assured steps will be taken for their establishment. He also suggested that the NIC team be deployed at KKGs to facilitate video conferencing and the smooth functioning of digital services. Concluding the meeting, the DC called upon all agricultural stakeholders to work collectively for the development of the country, emphasizing that agriculture is the backbone of India's economy.

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