

BJP completely failed to curb menace of inflation: Sunil



District President NC Udhampur, Sunil Verma
along with new entrants of party.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Sunil Verma, District President National Conference, Udhampur, has castigated the BJP led Govt in the Centre for the price hike and inflation having broken all the previous records and leaving the common man to suffer on the aforesaid counts.

Addressing a public meeting at village Jonu Tanal, Block Jaganoor in Udhampur today, the senior NC leader, while coming down heavily upon the NDA government, accused the Union Government of bringing anti people policies and mishandling the affairs of governance on all fronts. He

said that today a common man has been facing the brunt of inflation, impacting his daily life in every aspect. He said that the BJP Government headed by Narendra Modi had completely failed to take meaningful steps to curb menace of inflation and rise in prices of essential commodities.

The senior NC leader asserted that the pulses which were sold at cost prices between Rs 50 to Rs 60 per kg the same have been sold in the market at Rs 200 per kg. The LPG cycling which was sold near about Rs 400 the same has cost crossed Rs 1000 which has made it very difficult for

the women to manage the kitchen affairs especially when the prices of all the essential edible items including the vegetables have been sky rocketing regularly.

Sunil Verma accused the government of having fallen into the habit of making holes in the pockets of common people repeatedly and people now are upset and fed up of the government that they had brought with great hopes. "Even its promises of massive employment and development besides ending terrorism in the Jammu and Kashmir have proved to be hollow and hoax. Now the people feel betrayed and ditched by the BJP and will definitely teach the saffron party a lesson in the elections," he added. Later, Sarpanch of Jonu Tanal, Suram Singh of BJP along with his supporters joined the National Conference. Verma welcomed into the party fold and hoped that their joining will strengthen the base of the party.

District police rendering good service to public: Dig Paul Sharma

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SUNDERBANI: District General Secretary of Congress party Dr, Dig Pal Sharma from Kalakote appreciated the work of the police administration during a meeting and said that the police administration

in Rajouri district is doing a very good job and ever since SSP Rajouri Mohammad Aslam took over as senior superintendent of police (SSP) in district Rajouri. The police have adopted a strict attitude on cases like drug

abuse, animal smuggling, drugs and crime and there has been a significant reduction in these cases, for thanks to SSP Rajouri. He said that two women were murdered in Khawas area in the past, after which the police took immediate action and caught the killer within two hours and took him into custody and for this out-post officer Khawas also deserves congratulations, who is in Khawas area. While doing good work, we are adopting a strict attitude on the illegal liquor business.

Serv Sidhi Nursing Home to provide medical services to Amarnath Yatris

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: All Amarnath Yatris will, be provided free consultation, Lab Investigations, Ultrasound and Indoor Facilities w.e.f. 20th June 2022 onwards for two months till 15th August at Serv Sidhi Nursing Home on behalf of Duggar Heritage society Udhampur. The doctors who will render their services include Dr. K C Sharma (MS Surgery Spl.) & Dr. Uma Sharma (Gynaecologist).

Noval seeks cancellation of 'Agnipath' scheme

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NOWSHERA: Social activist Noval Sharma on Sunday held BJP-led government at the Centre solely responsible for rising protests across the country in connection with the Agnipath Scheme, demanding 'controversial' scheme be withdrawn forthwith.

In a statement issued, Noval Sharma called the decision to contractualise the recruitments into the armed forces was an 'insensitive move that poured water on the aspirations of the youth'. "Protests have spread from J&K to across the country but the BJP government is preferred to maintain silence over these protests," he said.

Raising questions over the promise of two crore jobs made by the Centre ahead of the

2014 Parliament elections, Sharma claimed that the actual reality was that crores of public sector employees and workers had lost their jobs in the two years but it is unfortunate that the government has no policy to tackle unemployment.

Noval asked the Central Government to immediately revoke the Agnipath scheme, claiming that it is not in the interest of 'national security' and youths. "This recruitment scheme is neither in favour of our national security nor it is in the favour of our future security of our youngsters," he said.

Noval warned that if the aforesaid scheme will not be withdrawn then he along with people of Nowshera will stage a protest against the BJP government at the Centre.

Div Com visits Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat NCC Camp at Rangreth

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole on Sunday visited Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat NCC Camp at Rangreth, here.

At the arrival, the Div Com was received by Brigadier Kuldeep Singh Kalsi NCC Group Commander Srinagar and given a ceremonial welcome by the cadets.

He was given a brief roundup and presentation



Div Com Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole being presented memento by
Brigadier Kuldeep Singh Kalsi NCC Group Commander Srinagar.

of activities undertaken in the camp since 15 June. A

powerful and spirited cultural programme compris-

High rates of cattle feed, straw prices putting huge burden on dairy farmers: JKDF

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: J&K Dairy Farmers Association on Sunday nominated Arif Hussain as Sub District Incharge of Jammu District during meeting held in Sunjwan. Working President of Association Kulbhushan Khajuria, Vice Presidents Surjeet Singh, Kishore Kumar, Treasurer Sukh Dev, General Secretary Tarun Sharma and President Jammu Province Sandeep Singh Chib were present on the occasion. During the meeting prominent issues discussed include high rates of wheat straw, cattle feed and other fodder and an appeal made to Govt to give at least 50% subsidy on wheat straw. Kulbhushan Khajuria said though dairy farming putting in hundred percent efforts to meet demand for dairy produce, the price of milk has dropped and it is now cheaper than bottled water. This has forced hundreds of farmers in the countryside to sell their cows and take up some other jobs. Selling milk to a middleman yields nothing to the farmer. He said dairy farmers after selling their cows, have become middleman and started purchasing milk from their neighbours. "They purchase milk from their neighbours at cheaper rate and sell it at a good price in the town," he added. Khajuria maintained that the dairy farming in J&K has diminishing returns. "Why would someone invest in a dairy farm where investments are high and returns are low? People who invest in mineral water plants earn much more than dairy farmers." At the same time, for getting one litre

of milk, a lot of hard work and investment are required. He said that in his area several small farmers have already sold their cows. They sell grass which fetches them good money. "They purchase milk from the same money which they get from selling grass and without doing much hard work they earn better," he added. Chib in his address said that dairy farmers have been suffering a lot due to the government apathy and lack of a proper system to encourage milk producers. He blamed the government for its indifference towards them, particularly in marketing produce and providing them other support. The production cost of one litre of milk for a farmer is much higher than what he gets because of high input costs. The end of the wheat harvest in the month of March usually brings with it a sense of relief. But during last few years, livestock farmers are far from feeling content. He highlighted dairy farmers concern concerned about procuring fodder for 100 cows at high rates. He said price of straw across J&K has been rising steadily in the last few years, doubling from Rs 4 to Rs 5 per kg to Rs 12 to Rs 15 per kg. Chib further said that when electric-powered machine threshers were introduced in villages, straw was obtained along with the harvest, and there was no need for a separate, tedious process. Farmers had more straw than they needed at the time, so many of them branched out into animal husbandry, even the ones who didn't own any fields.

Sarpanchs, Councillors call on Sr Officer from GoI



Delegation members during meeting with GoI's Senior officer.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: A delegation of Sarpanchs and Councillors of Rajouri District on Sunday met senior officer Ashok from GoI and discussed many developmental and other issues. Delegation was comprising of Sarpanch Sanjeev Kumar Mangu,

Sarpanch Dheeraj Sharma, Sarpanch Liqyat Hussain Chowdhury, Sarpanch Aksir, Sarpanch Karan Sayal, Sarpanch Samreen Khan, Councillor Pushpiender Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Sanjay Sharma, Mati Mir youth leader and Kapil Saryal.

JKTJAC raises issues of teachers/students

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) organised one day convention at Rajouri on Sunday under the chairmanship of District President Manzoor Khan and UT Chief Spokesperson Naresh Sharma.

Vinod Sharma UT President JKTJAC was the Chief Guest and the special invitee on the occasion. The convention was attended by a large number of teachers from all zones of Rajouri. The main purpose of the

convention was to discuss the role of teacher in implementing NEP 2020 and the measures to compensate the loss of studies of the students due to the pandemic COVID 19. Vinod Sharma while addressing the teachers congratulated them for the large number of new admissions in the government schools and asked them to work hard in imparting the education to the students. Beside this various issues were raised in the meeting and their resolution sought from the government. While speaking on the occa-

Sikh Missionary College oragnises Gurmat Samagam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: In ongoing yearly Samagam at Gurdwara Yaadgaar Bhai Bahadur Singh Dharamsal Kharhi Poonch, Sikh Missionary College Poonch Unit organises Gurmat Samagam. Preaching Organisation of Sikh community also displayed religious book stall in Gurdwara premises. Raagi Jathas of SMC and preachers Pawandeep Singh, Gagandeep Singh Sehajpal Singh, Ravinder Singh, Kulwant Singh Jammu, Mannohan Singh, Jasneet Kour, Manpreet Kour and other women preachers recited Gurbani Keertan and described Sikh philosophy. Kulwant Singh Jammu narrated the Sikh philosophy and



A preacher addressing Sangat during the Samagam.

urged Sangat to read Gurbani and Sikh philosophy. He also made the Sangat aware regarding challenges being faced by Sikh Community. Harcharan Singh Khalsa while speaking urged Sangat to aware new generation about Sikh philosophy and narrated the motive of Gurmat Samagam to incul-

cate the Sikh and human values among children and youth. Mannohan Singh also spoke on the occasion and urged Sangat to give academic education as well as religious education. Ravinder Singh Circle Incharge made the Sangat aware about 13 projects of missionary College.

Widening of NH-244: DC takes on-spot appraisal of approach road, survey to proposed Singhpora tunnel



DC Kishtwar, Ashok Sharma interacting with locals.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Ashok Sharma on Sunday visited the Singhpora area of Chatroo Subdivision to take first-hand appraisal of the progress of the Survey for widening of National Highway-244, besides listening to the grievances and issues of the land owners there.

He was accompanied by Sub-Divisional Magistrate Chatroo, Inderjeet Singh Parihar, General Manager NHIDCL Parveen Ahlawat, besides other concerned officers and officials.

During the inspectional visit, GM NHIDCL apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the current status of the survey for the widening of existing NH-244 and also

enlightened about the hurdles and bottlenecks faced by executing agencies.

Meanwhile, the land owners demanded to revisit the alignment of the approach road to the proposed Singhpora tunnel as the current alignment was passing through a major chunk of irrigated land and engulfing residential houses thereby causing huge losses to locals.

Interacting with the locals, the Deputy Commissioner said that this Highway, on completion, would serve as an all weather road and sought the cooperation and coordination of locals in this regard. He assured that their genuine issues and demands would be forwarded to the concerned authorities for prompt action so that the work on the widening project was completed.

Councillor dedicates renovated lane to Subhash Nagar residents



Councillor Priti Khajuria inaugurating renovated lane.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Councillor Priti Khajuria on Sunday inaugurated newly con-

structed lane near Govt Girls Middle School at Subhash Nagar Udhampur. While inaugurating the

newly constructed lane Priti said it was long pending demand of the people for the last twenty years. She told that due to lack of lane, children of the school also faced problems because one side it was difficult to walk due to the unpaved road, secondly due to the mud during the rainy season and leakage in water supply pipes. Priti further told that it was her endeavor that all the development work of her ward is over in time and the residents had sigh of relief.

'Environmental Week' celebrated at Anantnag

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: The Department of Water Management & Environmental Sciences in collaboration with Eco Club, NSS, NCC, Landscape Committee and Debate and Seminar Committee organised a week-long 'Environmental Awareness Programme' to mark the 50th year of establishment of Environmental Day in 1972.

Various activities including awareness and cleanliness drives, debate, quiz, essay competition and guest lecture were part of the week-long programme.

The over arching aim was to provide a general awareness platform for faculty and students and to sensitise all stakeholders of college about the present environmental scenario. The awareness campaign

kick-started with the inter-college essay competition on 13th June, 2022, which was followed by the 'General Cleanliness and Conifer Plantation' drive on 14th June, 2022. Inter-college quiz competition was organised on 16th June, 2022, in which students from different colleges from South Kashmir participated.

In order to encourage awareness of the environment through art, a painting competition was held on 17th June, 2022. To foster the competitive spirit among the budding youth, inter-college debate competition was held on the 18th June, 2022.

The highlight of the programme was a guest lecture by an expert on Environment and Water Management, Dr. Syed Javiad Ahmad Indrabi, Assistant Professor, Department of Water

Management, SP College on the last day of the programme.

To praise their efforts and talent, the students were given prizes, certificates and mementos by the worthy Principal, Professor Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat.

The Principal commended the commitment and the effort put in by various departments during the weeklong programme. The efforts and contribution by Dr. Sartaj Ahmad (Head Deptt. of Water Management), Dr. Rouf Ur Rafiq & Dr. Syed Zulfikar (Assistant Professors, Deptt. of Environmental Science) was appreciated by the Principal.

The program was concluded with the Environment Pledge followed by the vote of thanks by Dr. Feroz Ahmad Rafiqi, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry.