

# DC Kathua reviews preparations for sowing of Kharif Crops on Zero Line

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner, Kathua Rahul Pandey on Friday conducted an extensive tour of border tehsil Hiranagar and took stock of the preparations for sowing of Kharif Crops across the fence on Zero Line of Indo-Pak International Border.

The DC interacted with the farmers and prominent citizens of the Border Area at Chandwan post of Hiranagar Sector. He was accompanied by BSF Commandant Atul Shahi and CAO Kathua, Sanjeev Rai Gupta.

Pertinently farmers of the International Border of Kathua District were jubilant after resumption of cultivation on their fields on the forward line during the last Rabi Season after a long span of 20 years.

During the meeting, the local farmers expressed sat-



Deputy Commissioner, Kathua Rahul Pandey during tour of border tehsil Hiranagar.

isfaction as they had a bumper produce of Rabi Crop during 2021-22. The farmers were glad to re-cultivate their fields with the support of the Government, BSF and Agriculture Department.

The DC Kathua congratulated the farmers for their participation in agriculture activities. The Farmers were proposed to sow Kharif Crop over 200 Acres of land across the fence. He said district administration will

extend all help for ensuring welfare of the border people and all their genuine issues will be redressed on priority basis.

During the deliberations, farmers and prominent citizens put forth issues concerning their respective areas and thanked the Administration and Agriculture Department for the initiatives taken for the welfare of the Border farmers. Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua Sanjeev Rai

Gupta also visited Border out post (BOP) Chandwan on the forward line of the International border. He said Murari Lal, SDAO Hiranagar has been appointed as Nodal officer for Border Sowing.

BSF Commandant, Atul Shahi assured full cooperation to the administration and farmers. He praised the hard work done and assistance provided by Agriculture officers and officials for the successful cultivation of Rabi Crop 2021-22. DDC Marheen Karan Kumar Attri also expressed satisfaction over the measures taken by the administration through the Agriculture Department for successful sowing of crops on zero line.

Border Sowing Team Comprising Sudhir Singh, Narayan Singh, Sanjay Kumar & local farmers were also present on the occasion.

# GGZSM Reasi organises bicycle rally to commemorate World Bicycle Day

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: In commemoration of World Bicycle Day 2022, the NSS Unit of Government General Zorawar Singh Memorial Degree College, Reasi in collaboration with IQAC Cell organized a bicycle rally under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The principal, Dr. Chander Shekhar was the chief patron of the event.

The objective of the program is to develop a culture of cycling for basic transportation, commutation, and strengthening physical and mental health.

Dr. Chander Shekhar, Principal of the College, flagged off a mega cycling rally at the college campus, Reasi. Addressing the students, he said that the world Bicycle Day celebrations would be an inspiration to many people in changing their lifestyles, and switching to cycling will help them stay fit and reduce pollution



Faculty along with students during the rally.

in the city.

The rally started from the College premises to District Hospital, Reasi, and then came back from there to the college. NSS volunteers took part in the rally with their bicycles and presented various messages through slogans, placards, and posters.

Prof. Palvinder Kumari, NSS Nodal Officer also motivated the students to ride bicycles every day in order to save the environment and keep it clean and green.

Prof. Kewal Krishan, convener of IQAC cell then shared the benefits of riding a bicycle. Around 70 volunteers participated in the rally with great enthusiasm.

The Program was adroitly conducted by Prof. Palvinder Kumari, NSS Programme Officer, Prof. Kewal Krishan, Staff Secretary and Convener of IQAC, along with Prof. Sunil Magotra, and Prof. Norin Akhtar for successfully organizing the event.

# Brucellosis Vaccination drive launched in Kishtwar District

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: The Department of Animal Husbandry Kishtwar on Friday started Brucellosis Vaccination under National Animal Disease Control Programs (NADCP) across the District. The Brucellosis vaccination has been introduced by Govt. of India for the very first time in UT of Jammu & Kashmir, in which female calves under the age of 4 to 8 months are to be vaccinated (prophylactic) which will grant a lifelong immunity against the disease. The vaccination program was kick started at village Lachdyaram by Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Kishtwar Dr. S. K. Sen. He requested the Animal breeders to get all the female calves of age group 4-8 months vaccinated and directed the staff deployed for vaccination to follow the SOPs during vaccination and ensure proper disposal of the used material afterwards as the disease is of Zoonotic importance.

# NYK organises fit India freedom rider cycle rally

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MENDHAR: Nehru Yuva Kendra Poonch in collaboration with National Service Schemes volunteers organised a "Fit India Freedom Rider Cycle Rally" as a part of World Bicycle day at GDC Mendhar.

Nehru Yuva Kendra Poonch and National service scheme volunteers took part in cycle rally.

The aim of the programme was to encourage and motivate people to take up and adopt cycling in their daily lives for physical fitness activities and get freedom from Obesity, laziness, stress, anxiety, disease etc. Adopting



Principal GDC Mendhar, Dr. Mohd Azam and others flagging off rally.

cycling by common citizens will also facilitate in reduction of carbon footprints.

The 7.5 Km cycle rally flagged off from Ari by Dr. Mohd Azam (Principal GDC Mendhar), Prof. Mohd Shokit (HOD Chemistry), Sheezan Bhat

(SDPO Mendhar), Prof. Javed Manzoor (HOD EVS), Dr. Asad Imran (NSS PO), Prof. Mohd Razaq (HOD Botany) and Prof. Mohd Alyas (HOD Physical Education and Sports). NSS volunteers of GDC Mendhar present-

ed a handmade sketch of great freedom fighter "Bhagat Singh" to Chief Guest Shaheen Bhat (SDPO Mendhar).

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Mohd Alyas (Physical Director GDC Mendhar) briefed the students about the basic rules and stated that the UNGA also acknowledged the versatility and longevity of the bicycle which has served as a sustainable means of transportation for two centuries. In senior Category Irfan Shabir, Rahul Sharma and Akash Malhotra secured first, second and third position respectively whereas in junior category Intiaz

Ahmed secured first position whereas whereas Irfan Khan and Shazia secured second and third position respectively. At the concluding session, all the participants were facilitated with participating certificate by Principal of the college, Dr. Mohd Azam, NSS Programme Officer, Dr. Asad Imran and HOD Physical Education, Prof. Mohd Alyas and Nitin Hangloo (DYO Poonch).

NSS Volunteers, Numan Arfi, Amjid Hussain, Mohd Tariq, Rozia Koser, Shazia Kouser, Naseer Ahmed, Ayaz Ahmed and Abdal Ahmed khan managed and organized the overall proceedings of the event.

# GDC Khour celebrates World Bicycle Day



Faculty along with students during the event.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KHOUR: Govt. Degree College Khour celebrated "World Bicycle Day". On this occasion, the NSS and NCC unit of the college carried out a Bicycle rally. Prof. (Dr) T K Sharma, Principal GDC Khour flagged off the rally, along with senior faculty members, Prof. Tarsem Lal

and Dr. Kuldeep Raj Sharma.

About 25 volunteers and cadets participated in this event which started from the college premises to village Narayana and back. While addressing the students, the principal emphasized how bicycles have the potential to be a cost-effective and health-

ful mode of transportation that conserves resources and protects the environment. The programme was organized by NSS Programme Officer Prof. Gurvinder Kour and NCC Officer Prof. Arun Sharma under the able guidance of Prof. (Dr) T K Sharma, Principal, GDC Khour.

# VC BGSBU launches university Magsine ‘Campus Buzz’



VC BGSBU Prof. Akbar Masood and others releasing university magazine.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice-Chancellor, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University launched the maiden edition of the University magazine 'Campus Buzz', a quarterly e-magazine of the University which will be the reflection of academics, research, sports, cultural, extension, and outreach activities and achievements of the University.

Chancellor of the

University Manoj Sinha in his message congratulated Prof. Akbar Masood and the editorial team on the publication of the quarterly magazine of the University. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Akbar said that this magazine will provide an important platform for the students, research scholars and faculty members to showcase their creativity and will become a must-read chronicle of happenings around us. The Vice-

Chancellor further mentioned that 'Campus Buzz' will ensure wider readership and visibility of the achievements of all the members of the BGSBU fraternity. On the occasion, Prof. Akbar Masood congratulated the editorial board for their contribution in ensuring the publication of the maiden edition of the e-magazine of the University. Members of the editorial board who were present on the occasion included, Dr Danish Iqbal Raina, Executive Editor and Dr Shachi sood & Er. Junaid War, Editors of the magazine. Also who were present at the launch of the magazine included, the Associate Dean of Students, Dr. A.A. Shah, Associate Dean of Languages, Dr. Shams Kamal Anjum and Associates Dean of Nursing & Biomedical Sciences, Dr Titi Xavier.

# Gurudwara Singh Sabha organizes Shabeel



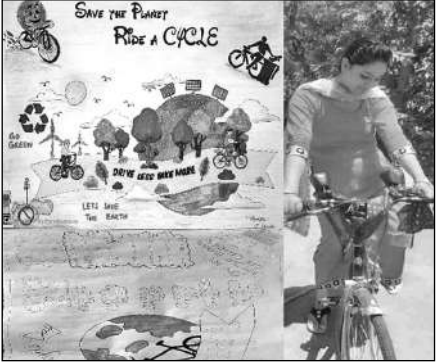
Sikh Sangat serving water among passersby.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SUNDERBANI: On the occasion of Shaheedi Diwas of Guru Arjun Dev, committee members of Gurudwara Singh Sabha Beanigala and Sunderbani organised Shabeel near in front of Gurdwara Sahib and distributed sweet water to the all passers of this areas. The committee members said that they organised Shabeel during the Shaheedi Divas of our Guru in hot summer days.

# Govt PG College Rajouri celebrates World Bicycle Day

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: NSS units Boys and Girls of Govt. P. G. College Rajouri celebrated World Bicycle Day on Friday to spread the awareness about the benefits of using the bicycle, a simple, affordable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transportation. To mark the occasion, various activities were organized by NSS programme officers Prof Supriya Gupta and Dr Naseem Ahmed under the guidance of worthy Principal of the college Prof Dr J. A. Qazi.

Online quiz competition, poster competition and essay writing competitions on the themes "Save the Planet Ride a Cycle", "Pedal for Earth Pedal for future" were organized. A large number of students participated with great enthusiasm. Humera Mirza, Sofia Sultana, Kirti Bala, and Riffat Shaheen were adjudged best in different categories.



# YC protest againsts Govt's failure over targeted killings, demands Shah's resignation

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Kathua Youth Congress staged a protest against the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Government and the Central Government for the unabated target killings in Kashmir and the government's utter failure to stop such killings. The protesting Youth Congress workers and activists raised vociferous slogans against the government and burnt the effigies of the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Government as well as the Central Government.

It is pertinent to mention here that the protest was held on the directions of Uday Chib, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress Committee (JKPYCC) President. The protesting Youth Congress



YC members staging protest at Kathua.

activists led by the District Youth Congress President Kathua, Romi Khajuria demanded the resignation of the Home Minister.

Talking to reporters, Romi Khajuria castigated the Central Govt and the UT Administration for being unable to restore peace in Kashmir as a result of which

Romi Khajuria said that as of today the situation in the Valley has returned back to 1989-90 circumstances when minority community of Kashmiri Pandits was subject to forced exodus that could not be reversed till date. He demanded that the Government must immediately bring some law for the security of Kashmiri Pandits and other vulnerable persons in Kashmir so that targeted killings in the Valley are immediately brought to a grinding halt, failing which he threatened that Congress workers and activists, will come on roads in support of the miniscule community.

The District Youth Congress president said that the Home Minister Amit Shah is wholly and solely responsible for the deteriorated law and order situation

and killing of innocents in the Valley. The Home Minister must own the responsibility for the same and resign immediately on moral grounds, he demanded.

Others who joined the protest include Congress Farmers Cell Vice President Ghanshyam Sharma, Anil Bhardwaj, District Youth Congress General Secretary Gagan Deep, District Youth Congress General Secretary Manish Kumar, District Youth Congress General Secretary Deepak Sharma, Marheen Block Youth Congress President Ankush Sharma, AYC Gen.Sec. Sanjay Digra, Sarpanch Vinay Sharma, Sarpanch Sat Paul Bhagat, Panch Pradeep Sharma, Panch Ram Paul and Romesh Kundal.

# GDC Billawar organises bicycle rally



Prof. Rakesh Sharma flagging off cycle rally.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BILLAWAR: "World Bicycle Day" under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on the theme "Fit India Freedom Rider cycle Rally" was celebrated with great fervor by NSS unit in collaboration with Department of Physical

Education and Sports, GDC Billawar. A rally of almost 50 participants including NSS volunteers and the students was carried out from the campus of the college to Dharamkot. The programme was held under the overall supervision of Prof. Anita Jamwal, Principal of the College. The rally was flagged off by Prof. Rakesh

Sharma who was the Chief Guest of the event. NSS PO Dr. Sunil Dutt and Physical Education Director Ravi Kumar initiated the event and told the importance of cycling.

Dr. Shiv K. Khajuria was also present to boost the morale of the participants and actively participated in the event.

## 102 vaccinated, 1371 samples collected in Ramban

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer, Ramban Dr Suresh, the Health Department on Friday administered Covid vaccine doses to 102 persons in the district.

Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol, the Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, the Health Department has collected 1371 samples including 474 RT-PCR and 897 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 102 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: A delegation of traders from Rajouri city met DC Rajouri Vikas Kundal on Friday and submitted a memorandum of their pending demands to him and urged him to complete the demands at the earliest. Under the chairmanship of Vyapar Mandal Rajesh Gupta, the delegation met DC and apprised him that due to lack of public parking in the city, people and customers coming from outside have to face problems, so as soon as possible, two- Three public parking



Traders handing over memorandum to DDC Vikas Kundal.

should be set up in town. People are facing acute shortage of drinking water in various wards of Rajouri city, so new water schemes must

be immediately started so that people do not face the problem of drinking water. PR President Rajesh Gupta, while demanding the establishment of a warehouse for the traders of Rajouri city, said that the traders of the city are facing difficulties due to lack of warehouse. In Sabzi Mandi more shops have been given to the people outside, due to which the people of Rajouri city and surrounding areas have got very few shops, due to which they are also facing a lot of problems. The traders appealed to the DC and said that shops in the vegetable market should be distributed to the native people so that they can get its benefit.

A request was also made to

start the work of Rajouri Mini Secretariat, which has been stopped for the last several years, and it was said that this will bring all the offices under one roof and people will get rid of the problems. The old hospital located in Gujjarmandi of the city was converted into mother-child hospital but the mother-child hospital has not been shifted yet, president asked DC that mother-child hospital should be started in the old hospital building soon. DC gave a patient hearing to their demands and assured an early redressal.

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