

Deputy Mayor reviews development works at Ward 45

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JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, undertook a comprehensive tour to assess the prevailing concerns of the general public regarding development works at Ward No. 45, Digiana in Bahu constituency.

Accompanied by a welfare committee and local representatives, Deputy Mayor embarked on a detailed inspection of various infrastructural projects and public amenities within the ward.

This initiative was undertaken in response to numerous complaints received from residents, highlighting the issues of substandard workmanship and incomplete works.

During the tour, Billawaria empathized with their dissatisfaction and assured them of immediate action to rectify the prevailing issues.

The Deputy Mayor reiterated



Dy Mayor, B.S. Billawaria, interacting with people during visit to Ward No. 45, Digiana.

ated his commitment to ensuring high-quality workmanship and timely completion of construction works in all wards of Jammu city.

He also directed the officers to ensure high quality development works of Jammu city and timely completion of development works.

Deputy Mayor said, "We are committed to the development of Ward and ensuring

that it remains a model ward. The construction of new lanes and drains is just the first step in our efforts to improve the infrastructure of the area. We will continue to work towards the betterment of the Ward and its residents."

Acknowledging the importance of citizen participation, Billawaria emphasized that the administration values the feedback and concerns raised

by the residents.

He assured them that their voices would be heard and taken into account when making decisions to improve the overall infrastructure and services in the ward.

Prominent among those present were Satpal Choudhary, Choudhary Aslam, Vinod Sharma, Kashmir Singh, Suraj Kumar, Magar Singh and Ashwani Kumar.

Nursing Colleges students hold protest, seek refund of extra charged fee

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JAMMU: Students of Government Nursing College Gangyal Jammu on Friday held a protest urging Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to ask college authorities to refund extra charged fees.

"We enrolled in nursing college have been disturbed by the sudden merging of the college with Government Nursing College Gandhi Nagar as this merger will result in the unavailability of the classes. Due to this, we will be unable to complete our coursework and gain the required experience and knowledge," protesting students said.

Moreover, they said the students who paid the fees upfront are not being refunded their money, which is a significant concern for all of us. We would like the government to look into the matter and ensure that all fees are refunded to the students.



Nursing Colleges students sitting on Dharna.

Students' interest is top priority: Lecturers Forum

Calls on BOSE Chairman, urges for early declaration of class 12th results

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JAMMU: A two-member delegation of All JK +2 Lecturers' Forum comprising of Pardeep Singh Rakwal, President and Ghar Singh, General Secretary on Friday called on JKBOSE Chairman, Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas in his office Chamber.

They urged chairman JKBOSE for early declaration of Class 12th results citing the reason that many professional colleges have started the counseling for admission to various courses but due to non-declaration of the results of 12th class students are at the verge of losing the seats and a precious year of their wards. Responding to the genuine issues raised by the Forum, Prof. Manhas assured that he is following a uniform academic

Calendar for Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh to provide equal opportunities to all.

He informed that the last paper in hard zone areas was conducted on May 23, 2023 followed by practical on May 30, 2023.

Despite of this, the BOSE would try its best to declare the result of class 12th within a week's time in the interest of career of students.

Meanwhile, Pardeep Koul, District President, All JK +2 Lecturers' Forum Kishtwar, in a statement, has hailed Prof Parikshat Singh Manhas, JKBOSE Chairman for his professional approach in achieving the targets in the interest of thousands of students of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh by accomplishing the herculean task of conducting examination and starting

evaluation work simultaneously.

Prof. Manhas also discussed 'Toyeathon' with the forum and urged them to use their influence in promoting this initiative of the Govt. Toyeathon is an initiative to inculcate creativity and critical thinking among young minds by developing toys & games reflecting the innovative ideas, use of regional resources and revival of local heritage.

The submission of ideas under the project 'Toyeathon' would be done in 3 categories viz 6th to 8th class students, 9th to 10th class students and 11th to 12th class students.

The Forum has urged all stakeholders to work for the success of Toyeathon and assured the Chairman JKBOSE that it would make all out efforts for more registrations.

PPT on e-beatbook system of Chandigarh Police presented at PHQ

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SRINAGAR: A PowerPoint Presentation (PPT) of e-beatbook System of Chandigarh Police was arranged for the senior officers of Police Headquarters, Zones, Ranges and Districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday at Police Headquarters. The presentation was presented by Mr. SP City Chandigarh, Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh, ADGP (Coord/Hqs) besides other police officers present. While giving details of the key issues being faced with the offline beatbook, Mr. SP City Chandigarh threw light on the advantages of e-beatbook. He also presented a detailed report on the objectives of the system besides different approaches of stakeholders and services available on the e-beatbook system.

Yudhvir inaugurates Jan Aushadhi Kendra at Dhounthali Bazaar



Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President BJP, J&K inaugurating a Jan Aushadhi Kendra.

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu and Kashmir, on Friday inaugurated a Jan Aushadhi Kendra at Dhounthali Bazaar, here in presence of Market Association President, Akhara

President, Ward No 10 President and other senior leaders of BJP East constituency.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said that the opening of pharmaceutical store is aimed at providing affordable generic medicines to the people of Jammu and it

will help them save money on their medical expenses.

He also encouraged people to take advantage of Jan Aushadhi Kendra by getting medicines on cheaper rates.

Sethi appreciated Shalabh Sharma, Rifat Nazir and Subhash Jandial (Jan Aushadhi Distributor) for opening this store for betterment of his constituency people.

Sethi said that Modi government is committed to provide affordable healthcare solutions to the people across the country.

Rajesh Verma, President Dhounthali Bazaar Association, Vishwa Partap Singh, Convener Ward 10 and prominent people of the area were present on the occasion.

Compostable products launched in Jammu

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JAMMU: Track Mark International is collaborating with Pawan Kumar Girdhari Lal Compostable Products, a sister concern of the Swastik Group of Industries and Hotels, as the marketing business partner responsible for handling the sales of Track Mark compostable carry bags.

"People in the J&K market will now find compostable bags under the name of Pawan Kumar Girdhari Lal Compostable Products," said Pawan Kumar Shastri, Managing Director Swasti Group of Industries and Hotels in a press conference here on Friday. Pawan Kumar Shastri was flanked by Vinod Manchanda, Chairman of



Pawan Kumar Shastri with Vinod Manchanda launching compostable bags during a press meet.

Bhartiya Compostable Products Industry Association.

"Made from plant-based materials, these compostable bags are designed to break down naturally in composting environments within 180 days of disposing, leaving behind no

harmful residues or micro plastics," Shastri said adding that by embracing this breakthrough technology, Track Mark International compostable products aims to minimize the carbon footprint associated with packaging

waste and contribute to a cleaner, greener future for our community.

"Track Mark International compostable bags that will supply in market are approved by the Central Pollution Control Board and our material is tested by CIPET, and it will sale with the name of Pawan Kumar Girdhari Lal Compostable Products," Shari said and added "Our product is 100% compostable and get composted into the environment and convert into manure within 180 days of disposing."

"Notably, compostable bags do not adhere to any micron limitations, providing them with an advantage over conventional plastic bags," Vinod Manchanda said.

Two days workshop on 'Teaching Methodology and Pedagogical Skills' concludes

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JAMMU: A two-day workshop on "Teaching Methodology and Pedagogical Skills" was organized by KU's Regional Centre for Distance Learning (RCDL) in Jammu for the B.Ed. program Batch 2020 pupil teachers. The workshop commenced on June 1, 2023, with a warm welcome address, followed by the rendition of the "University Tarana" at the inaugural function. Dr. Mirza Muneeb Manan presented the aims and objectives of the workshop through a concise presentation. Parallel technical sessions were conducted in different halls, with experts such as Dr. Rakesh Sharma leading sessions on pedagogy of Mathematics, Physical Science, and Material Science. Angela Gadroo presided over the session on pedagogy of Geography, and Veena Koul led the session on pedagogy of History/Civics.



Faculty members posing for photograph after workshop.

On the second day, parallel technical sessions were led by language experts. Meghna Sharma conducted

the session on Teaching of English, while Rajneesh Kour handled Teaching of Hindi/Punjabi. Mohd. Liakat took charge of the session on Teaching of Urdu.

In the valedictory session, Dr. Habibullah Shah, an invited guest speaker from the University of Kashmir, delivered an impressive talk

titled "Reflect, Transform, Excel: Exploring the Depths of Reflective Teaching".

The students also had an opportunity to share their feedback regarding their workshop experience. Their insights and experiences added value to the overall event. Dr. Mirza Muneeb Manan conveyed gratitude, on behalf of all participants, in absentia to the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Neelofer Khan, and Prof. Showkat Ahmad Shah. Additionally, he expressed personal thanks to Meenakshi Raina, the workshop coordinator, whose leadership ensured the successful organization of the workshop at the Regional Centre for Distance Learning, Bathindi Jammu.

Two heroin smugglers get 10 years RI

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KUPWARA: Additional Sessions Judge Kupwara Khem Raj Sharma today awarded 10 years rigorous imprisonment and fine Rs 1.00 lacs each to two heroin smugglers namely Mohammad Shafi Lone and Bilal Ahmad Dar.

Prosecution story in brief is that a Case FIR No. 45/2020 under sections 8/21 NDPS Act was registered by Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir (Srinagar) on receipt of an information through reliable sources that two persons namely Mohammad Shafi Lone S/o Mohammad Ramzan Lone R/o Bonia, Edipora, Sopore and Bilal Ahmad Dar S/O Ghulam Qadir Dar R/o Sadiq Colony, Bye Pass, Sopore were carrying Narcotic drugs (Heroin like substances) in Chevrolet vehicle bearing Regd. No. HP22E-5622 and were going to sell the same to the youth of Drugnalla and Kupwara areas. After registration of FIR

investigation was set into motion through Inspector Nisar Ahmad of ANTF Kashmir. During the personal search of the individuals afore said, i.e., driver of the vehicle namely Bilal Ahmad Dar along with another person namely Mohd Shafi Lone two polythene bags containing contraband Narcotic drugs apparently "Heroin" like substance was recovered from their possession and accordingly personal search memo was drafted on the spot in presence of the Magistrate aforesaid. The recovered substance got weighed by the Legal Metrology Officer in presence of the Executive Magistrate and weight of the contraband recovered from the possession of Mohd Shafi Lone was found to be 435 gms and weight of the contraband recovered from the possession of Bilal Ahd Dar was found to be 372 gms. After completion of investigation challan was presented.

Additional Sessions Judge Kupwara

Khem Raj Sharma after hearing both the sides observed that the menace of drugs is on increase in these days and main sufferer of this menace is younger generation of society and due to this menace, the life of younger generation is being put on the peril of destruction thereby affecting not only the individual families but the society in large also and in order to save the youth, who are future of the society, from destruction the easy availability of drugs including supply thereof at doorsteps is to be curbed with an iron hand.

But considering the mitigating circumstances which overweigh the aggravating circumstances, Court awarded a sentence of rigorous imprisonment of 10 years and fine of Rs. 1.00 Lakh to both the convicts/accused persons. In default of payment of fine aforesaid the convicts/accused persons shall undergo further sentence of rigorous imprisonment of 2½ years.

Idol of Sant Kabir installed at Sant Kabir Nagar Temple

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JAMMU: Shiromani Sant Kabir Mandir Trust on Friday installed Idol of Shiromani Sant Kabir at the temple of Sant Kabir at Sant Kabir Nagar, Village Kotli Gala Bana, RS Pura, here. A colourful procession in the form of Jhanki carrying the statue of Shiromani Sant Kabir Sahib, bought from Rajasthan, passed through the Main Bazaar RS Pura under the supervision of President of the Shiromani Sant Kabir Mandir Trust, Chaman Lal.

The devotees from Ramgarh,



Shiromani Sant Kabir Mandir Trust members carrying statue of Shiromani Sant Kabir Sahib.

Kotli, Suchetgarh, Bishnah, Kalyana and Jammu participated in the function with singing of hymns of Sant

Kabir. Thousands of devotees were welcomed by the main bazaar shopkeepers by serving them water and refreshments.

Shiromani Sant Kabir Mandir Trust members present on the occasion were Darshan Lal, Jeet Raj, Shashi, Balak Ram Master, Fateh Chand (Sarpanch), Chander Gorkha, Romesh Kumar, Garu Ram, Dimple, Deepak, Surjeet Singh, Sarpanch Suraj Parkash, Chairman Bhushan Lal Dogra, Anand Kalia besides Sham Choudhary (former Minister).

Fifth Sudhmahadev Chhari Yatra to take out on Jun 4

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JAMMU: Sudhmahadev Chhari Yatra Samiti is organizing fifth Chhari Yatra to Sudhmahadev from an ancient Panjbakht Temple (Rupaye Wala) which will start after Chari Pujan on the June 4, 2023.

This was stated by the members of Sudhmahadev Chhari Yatra Samiti during a press

that after Chhari Pujan on June 3 at 11.00 PM in Panjbakht Temple, Chhari Yatra will start from this temple on June 4 early morning at 7.30 AM. Chhari will be carried by Sant 1008 Swami Damodar Dass Ji Maharaj (Varindavan Wale), they said adding that it will have Puja at Shiv temple, Kol Kandoli (Nagrotta), Devika Temple



Sudhmahadev Chhari Yatra Samiti addressing a press conference at Jammu on Friday.

conference held at Panjbakht Temple, here on Friday. Samiti members Narinder Sharma, Varun Magotra, Ritu Choudhary, Ram Magotra, Raj Kumar Sodhi, Rajesh Behal and Pandit Sahil Sharma were present in the press conference. Samiti members said

Toldi Nallah, Chenani Town, Gouri Kund and finally at Sudhmahadev Temple.

Samiti appealed to all Jammuites and Shiv Bhakts who want to accompany Chhari Yatra, individual or in group, register themselves and vehicles in Samiti office, Panjbakht Office Jammu.

DES J&K organizes workshop on Annual Survey of Industries 2021-22



Resource person speaking at a workshop.

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JAMMU: Directorate of Economics & Statistics organized training programme on Annual Survey of Industries 2021-22 on Friday under the patronage of Director General, Economics & Statistics, J&K Satvir Kour Sudan.

Regional Director, Evaluation & Statistics Jammu Sanjay Vashisht in his address emphasised on the importance of training programme and expressed his trust that the field functionaries will collect reliable coherent and quality data.

Joint Director Surveys Ashiq Hussain Bhat welcomed the participants and encouraged them to

take full benefit of training so that quality data could be obtained for the preparation of ASI reports.

The training was devoted to the discussions on concepts, definitions, methodology and schedules on ASI2021-22.

The training was imparted by Paramjeet Singh Janwal and Sunil Khar, Senior Statistical Officers, NSO, FOD, RO, Jammu.

The training was attended by the DSEOs of Jammu division along with their field staff and other Officers/officials of DES. Vote of thanks was presented by Deputy Director, Survey.