Civil Work completed on 180 bedded additional building of DH Rajouri



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal during visit to District Hospital at Kheora.

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RAJOURI: To review the progress of work on the 180bedded additional building, Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Sunday visited District Hospital at Kheora.

During the visit, the Commissionerinspected the progress and quality of the work. He was informed that the civil work on the building has been completed, while the sanitation and electrical works are

The DC asked the concerned officers to expedite the pending work at the earliest so that the building can be handed over to the Health Department and put to use for benefit of the pub-

Meanwhile, the DC also inspected the blood bank and directed the staff to start the component facilities to improve the blood transfusion services in the

the completion of the pending work of the additional building will greatly benefit the people of Rajouri and

surrounding areas.

The DC's visit to the District Hospital bears testament to the government's commitment to improve healthcare facilities in the region. The administration is taking all necessary steps to ensure that the people of Rajouri have access to quality healthcare services.

Among others who accompanied the DC during the visit were Principal GMC Rajouri, Dr AmarJeet MS DH, Dr Singh; Mehmood Bajar; EXEN (R&B) Rajouri, Tasadaq Hussain and EXEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma.

Naryana Hospital organises cancer survivors' meet



Cancer survivors along with doctors at hospital.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS KATRA: On the occasion of World Cancer Survivor Day, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Naryana Hospital organised a gathering of cancer survivors who have under gone cancer treatment at the hospital. The theme of this year's meet was "Strength is their super power" The meeting was attended by prominent oncologists of the hospital including Dr Abhinav Choudhary (Surgical oncologist), Dr Rajeev Saini

(Medical oncologist), Dr Rajapal Singh (Radiation Oncologist) & Dr Deepak Bharti (Medical oncologist). Speaking on the occasion Dr Abhinav Choudhary mentioned to the survivors that in the journey of cancer treatment the resilience of the patient matters the most and it's their mental strength that eventually enables them to overcome cancer. The cancer survivors present at the meet were also felicitated by the faculty of the Hospital.

Thousands of devotees throng Sudhmahadev mela Day 2

UDHAMPUR: Thousands of devotees and visitors thronged to Sudh Mahadev temple to seek the blessing of Lord Shiva amidst colourful festivity around the Mela site on Sunday.

During the second day of three day folk fair, the devotees first bathe in the Beenisangam which flows out from top of the Dhar Shivgarh and is considered an abode of innumerable saints. The devotees took in the holy spring (Pap Nashni bowli) situated just at the entrance of the temple, about which it is said that a holy dip in this spring shuns all

District administration has made elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Mela like uninter-



Dignitaries being honoured during the Mela

rupted power, safe drinking water, sanitation, medicare, Police Control Room, assistance booth and security have been made at the mela site beside various departments like Agriculture, Horticulture. Health. Handloom, Fisheries have put up their departmental

A number of temporary

tion for the general public visiting the Festival site. Outnumbered children were seen enjoying the joy rides. Langers were also organised

On the occasion of 'Manav Ekta

sweet shops, toy shops and

other eatable corners by the

locals as well as outside ven-

dors were the main attrac-

voluntarily organisations at the mela

Aghar Jitto Mela: DIPR Reasi organises scintillating cultural programme on Day 2

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REASI: Every year in the month of June Baba Jitto Mela, a cultural fair is organised to pay tributes to a great and revolutionary farmer Baba Jittoo, who fought against the feudal system in the area and laid down his life to promote social justice. On the second day of the

mela, thousands of visitors from J&K, HP, Punjab, Harvana and other parts of India congregate to pay obeisance to the Jitto Mal

DDC Chairman Saraf Singh Nag was the chief guest on the second day of the historic mela.

Addressing a huge gathering, Saraf Singh Nag threw light on the life and sacrifice of Baba Jitto who



Participants being given certificates during the programme.

laid his life to fight oppression by landlords. He welcomed the devotees who have througed the shrine of Baba Jitto and his daughter 'Bua Kodi'.

He said district administration Reasi has made elaborate arrangements and special awareness stalls to educate farmers and the general public about the new initiatives taken specifically for their benefit. The purpose of this

mela is to promote the region's rich tradition and cultural heritage

He said that DIPR organised a wonderful programme and such types of events should be held on regular intervals as these act as a communication channel to pass on cultural heritage to coming generations and spread awareness about the government sponsored schemes.

The three day long annu-

the martyrdom of Baba Jitto & Bua Kodi is witnessing a huge congregation of people from different parts of northern India.

Earlier, a scintillating Culture program was organised Department of Information and Public Relation, Reasi in association with Baba jitto Mela Committee. Several culture troupes performed to name a few were Neha Noor and party, Ashok Hans and Party, Pintu and party, Devika band troupe and other local artists from Reasi & Udhampur.

SDM Katra, DIO Reasi, BDO Katra, Sarpanch Aghar Jitto, prominent citizens and a large number of

Sant Nirankari Mission holds blood donation camp

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RAJOURI: With the divine grace of Nirankari Satguru Mata Sudiksha Maharaj and Nirankari Rajpita, a blood donation camp was organised in Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan ,Rajouri in the presence of Rev. Saint BP Singh, Zonal Incharge, Udh-Zone, 1-A, JKUT, who inaugurated the camp along with District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal. All the blood donors, participated, voluntarily donated blood with full enthusiasm. DDC, Rajouri, lauded the Mission for all the selfless services they are doing from the last so many

Describing the importance of blood donation, Rev. Saint B.P.Singh said," the message of our Satguru Mata is 'Blood should flows in the veins, not in drains' that, while donating blood, we do not consider in whose body our blood is going, it is a social work which reflects human values. Blood donation is not a social factor but, a divine quality of humanity which reflects the spirit of contribution.

Satguru Mata further stated that



A volunteer donating blood.

blood donation is such a beautiful gesture of selfless service in which only the good of the world is in mind then, the feeling does not arise in the heart that not only our relatives or our family is important but, the whole world becomes our family.

He also added, "Sant Nirankari Mission has already hosted 7585 blood drives with a total of 12,47,367 units of blood collected, that is over 3.75 million lives potentially saved from last 37

Diwas'.dedicated to the inspirational teachings of Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji Maharaj, a series of blood donation camps are organized in a big way at almost all branches of Sant Nirankari Mission. These camps continue to be organized at various places of the country throughout the year. More than 50,000 units of blood were collected already all over India this year itself on 24th of April,2023

Apart from the Indian Red Cross Society, GMC and Associated Hospitals, Administration officials, Doctors and their trained team reached there for the collection of the blood. All the donors went through a check up prior to the blood donation.

Anil Kapoor, Convenor, SNM, Branch Rajouri felt grateful to the whole Distt. Administration specially DDC, Rajouri, Police Department officials and GMC officials and their team for their participation and co- operation to make this event a big success .He also thanked to the saints, who voluntarily donated their blood for this noble cause

'Stop shifting of proposed GDC from Rakh Rara to border village Palota' and adequate space for

SAMBA: SSP. Col SS Pathania (R), President Sainik Samaj Party, JKUT expressed his concern and anguish, over shifting of proposed Government Degree College from village Rakh Rara to border village Palota. Government had sanctioned one Degree College in Ramgarh tehsil, district Samba along with other degree colleges sanctioned in various districts of JKUT in year 2019. In consonance with gov-

ernment order village Rakh Rara was selected and laying of foundation stone and allotment of sixty kanal of



SSP. Col SS Pathania (R), President Sainik Samaj Party, JKUT along with locals.

education department in May 2020. However ,after Higher Education Alok lapse of three years and inspite of numerous announced through social requests made by people, media that proposed of good education through no construction were ever

"On 31 May 2023,

Principal Secretary Sharma and DC Samba degree college at Rakh Rara, now will be shifted

.This shattered the hopes of thousands of people belonging to near by villages, who were dreaming a government degree col lege, centrally located,

raising new infrastructure for education and sports both" he said adding that proposed site of village Palota is on a limb, next to Ditch Bandh (DCB) our first line of defence and endanger the safety and security of children due to a volatile border.

He requested LG to investigate the matter and provide justice to the people of this area and affected students, by revoking the decision, if being contemplated by the conauthorities which includes, Secretary higher Lucky

GDC Kathua organises poster making, essay writing competition Majotra stood Second and

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KATHUA: NCC Cadets of 4 J & K BN of Government DegreeCollege Kathua Organised Poster Making and Essay Writing Competition on Sunday on the theme Plastic Free India, Bad Effects of Plastic and

Plastic Ban for Future. The Activities were conducted under the Aegis of Puneet Sagar Abhiyan and World Environment Day. A Total Number of 20 Cadets were particinated in the event. Cadet. Jasrotia stood

Third place bagged by Akshya. Principal of the College Prof Seema Mir was the Chief Guest on the Occasion. She felicitated the winners of the Competition. Inaddress she said that NCC Cadets of GDC Kathua always shows their active participation in all the activities. She said that there are primarily three ways of managing plastics: Reduce, Reuse Recycle Plastic She advocates that it is

the members of the Society to Keep their surroundings Plastic Free. She also advised the NCC Cadets that they should spread the message of Plastic Free India in every nook and corner of the society. She applauded the efforts of ANO of the unit Dr Verinder Singh for his tireless efforts in conducting the massive drive for making plastic free India. Others who present on the occasion were senior Faculty Member Prof Raj Kiran, Dr Rachana ANG Cadet Kartik the responsibility of all Singh ANO Naval Wing.

Sudh Mahadev bound Yatra received at Kol Kandoli with religious fervour

occasion in which hun-

dreds of devotees took

Praying for universal

peace, Khajuria prayed

for universal peace and

brotherhood and hoped

the Yatra to usher Jammu

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DODA: On the directions of

Doda, the District Health

Society Doda organized a

Tuberculosis awareness and

NCD screening camp at the

The camp was organized

as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit

Mahotsav activity under the

National TB Elimination

Programme (NTEP) and

was held under the supervi-

sion of CMO, Dr A H

Zargar and District

Tuberculosis Officer (DTO)

Dr Versha Sharma.

Commissioner



Devotees being given warm reception at temple

Parshad.

Deputy

construction

Khellani Tunnel.

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NAGROTA: Amid spiritual ambience and recital of Shalokas and Mantras devotees, led by Senior BJP leader Som Nath Khajuria on Sunday $_{
m the}$ Sudh received Mahadev bound Yatra flagged at historic Kol Kandoli Temple Nagrota.

The devotees were chanting bhajans and Keerthana. Shri Sanatan Dharam Samiti had organised a Langar on the

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and Kashmir in new era of peace and normalcy. He said such Yatra imbibe spirit of togetherness among the Sanatanis and inspires them to observe glorious traditions of Dharma.

Khajuria also prayed for well being and prosperity of the compatriots, hoping that the nation will scale newer heights of progress and development.

The Yatra originated from Jammu East and will proceed towards Sudh Mahadev with halts at various stations. A group of devotees joined the Yatra at Kol Kandoli

During the camp, the

workers as well as staff of

NHIDCL Ltd were sensi-

tized about the mode of

transmission, symptoms

apprised them about pre-

vention and treatment of

Tuberculosis and spoke

about the TB free India

campaign launched by the

GOI for total elimination of

Around 100 persons were

screened for TB as well as

NCD by the health team

deployed for the purpose

Tuberculosis by 2025.

treatment

health officials

and

Tuberculosis.

Ramnagar Society organizes cleanliness drive on Environment Day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS UDHAMPUR: Ramnagar TourismDevelopment Society in collaboration with Progressive Youth Forum Ramnagar organized special cleanliness drive and tourist education program at Samna Banj (R C Peak) in Ramnagar Tehsil of dis-Udhampur Sunday.

Besides collecting six bags full of garbage and other plastic waste from the Toursit Spot, the volunteers of the Society and Forum educated the visiting tourists not to leave the any non-degradable material behind on the slopes of this beautiful

which included Dr Faheem

Wani, Dr Anil Kumar, Sh

Sunil Gupta (Phst), Sh

Chaman Lal (Lab Tech), Sh

Bhaveshwar Katoch (MTS)

and Sh Aditiya Kumar

(MTS), all from Medical

Block Assar District Doda.

TB screening is an effec-

tive method for identifying

people who may not other-

wise seek treatment due to

misinformation or misun-

derstanding about their

symptoms. It helps ensure

that TB is diagnosed early

and treatment is initiated

as soon as possible, reduc-

ing the risk of transmission

TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan: Screening camp held for

workers at Khellani Tunnel construction site



Society members during cleanliness drive at Ramnagar.

"We visit this prominent spot of Tehsil Ramnagar on a regular basis to promote the place. This time, the Society organized the cleanliness drive in association with Progressive

in the community and

improving treatment out-

comes for the patients.

Screening camps such as

these are also effective in

raising community aware-

ness about symptoms, pre-

vention and treatment of

On this occasion, the

National Highways &

Infrastructure

Development Corporation

Ltd (NHIDCL) authorities

on this occasion thanked

the District Administration

Department for organizing

Health

and

the medical camp.

Youth Forum on the eve of World Environment Day. A team of volunteers.

convince the visiting tourists to help promote the place by way of keeping it clean and green. In turn, the families from Jammu and district Udhampur were happy to find the place tourist friendly. However,

divided into different

groups cleaned the entire

Samna Banj picturesque

tourist destination and

collected six bags full of

garbage," said president of

The Society also tried to

the Society, Ravi Kant.

facilities especially for night stay. "The Society made special

they asked for improved

efforts by way of highlighting the shortcomings to the concerned quarters, but things are moving on a very slow pace. Samna Banj is a place worth visiting with a temperature of around 20 degrees in the month of explained the June,"

Society Head. Members of the Society who took part in the drive included Moveen Bandey, Chain Singh, Pawan Kumar, Vijay Kumar. Vishal Kundal, Anil Atri, Manjit Singh, Balbir Singh, Shabir Singh, Sardar Alam, Varinder Singh and Naresh

GDC Surankote students visits Poonch City Forest

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POONCH: The NSS unit of Government Degree College Surankote on Sunday embarked on a field trip to City Forest Poonch as part of the ongoing five day international workshop on Environment Protection, under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav.

The event was inaugurated by the College Principal, Prof Dr. Rani Mughal, who flagged off the enthusiastic

students. The City Forest Poonch is a remarkable man-made forest that owes its flourishing existence to the late Mohammed Bashir Mughal sahib, a retired DFO and former President of Pir Panjal Environment and Eco Development Society,

Jammu & Kashmir.

The forest is a testament to late officer's dedication and commitment to preserving the environment. His efforts have resulted in a thriving ecosystem that provides numerous benefits to the local community, including improved air quality, increased biodiversity, and a natural habitat

for wildlife. During the enlightening tour, the students gained invaluable insights into the crucial role of forests in safeguarding our environment. The officials at Poonch City Forest highlighted various government schemes aimed at raising awareness about environ-

mental protection. The students were accom-

panied by NSS officer Prof. Khaleeq Qazi, Head of the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Syed Ovais, and Head of the Department of Political Science, Prof. Fatima Bi. The students absorbed knowledge while enjoying a memorable day in nature's embrace. The visit to City Forest

Poonch marked a significant milestone in the ongoing international workshop on Environment Protection, leaving a lasting impact on all participants. The NSS

Government Degree College Surankote is committed to creating awareness about environmental protection and encourages students to take an active role in safeguarding our environment.