

## Principal Secretary Home conducts public outreach cum grievance redressal camp

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UDHAMPUR: Principal Secretary, Home, Chandraker Bharti, spearheaded a public outreach cum grievance redressal camp in Udhampur, to take stock of public issues and demands besides assessing development projects being executed in the district.



Principal Secretary, Home, Chandraker Bharti visiting a stall during public outreach programme at Udhampur.

### J&K Startup Policy: JKEDI holds series of EAPs

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SRINAGAR: As part of the mass awareness initiative, the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Monday organized a series of Entrepreneurship Awareness Programs (EAPs) under J&K Startup Policy. The programs were conducted for the students of Government Degree College (women), Pulwama, Vishwa Bharti Women's College, Rainawari, Department of Tribal Affairs Poonch and Government Physical Education College, Ganderbal. Faculty members from JKEDI Pulwama, Waseem Afzal Naik and Arbin Hassan, coordinated the program. Faculty of the Government Degree College for women (Pulwama), Aijaz Ashraf (Moderator), Dr Tanvir Bilal and Dr Zaffar were also present on the occasion. Faculty JKEDI, Srinagar; Aejaz Mulla, Syed Miftah, Iqbal Ali, faculty JKEDI Poonch, Shabir Ahmad Shah, Mohsin Hamid, Rashid Mehmood and faculty JKEDI Ganderbal, Sheikh Newsheen and Muhammad Rafiq conducted the EAPs in their respective districts. J&K Startup Policy is expected to focus on setting up of 2000 startups by 2027.

The event witnessed presence of DDC Chairman, Udhampur, Lal Chand, DDC Vice Chairman, Juhli Manhas Pathania, Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai, Senior Superintendent of Police, Joginder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia, DDC members, former Legislators, former Councillors and public of the district.

raised including work progress on various roads, weak mobile signal, tourism promotion, traffic congestion, pending liabilities under MGNREGA, road widening, opening of new ration depots, unsheduled power cuts, drinking water scarcity, sewerage and drainage problems, land compensation, shortage of teaching staff, construction of foot over bridges on NH, establishment of solid waste management plant in transport nagar and ware house besides recruitment of constables.

## BJP celebrates in Bhadarwah after Modi swear-in as PM of nation for 3rd consecutive term

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BHADARWAH: Dozens of BJP workers and local came together in Bhaderwah last evening to celebrate Modi's swearing-in ceremony as he become Prime Minister of India for 3rd consecutive term in NDA government.



BJP workers celebrating at Bhadarwah.

It is notable that Narendra Modi took oath as the Prime Minister for the third consecutive time last evening, equalling a feat that only Jawaharlal Nehru achieved in the past. The workers led by District General Secretary Doda Sanjay Saraf and District General secretary Kisan Morecha Neeraj Singh Manhas dance to the drum beats and distributed sweets among people at Lakshmi Narayan Chowk in JK's Bhaderwah. They also burst fire crackers to express their feelings after Modi swear-in as PM of nation again.

Modi for becoming Prime Minister of India for 3rd consecutive time, which reflects faith of public on PM's vision. Besides congratulating Narendra Modi, they also thanked him for induction of Dr Jitendra Singh 3rd time MP from Udhampur-Doda parliamentary seat as Cabinet Minister, which pinned hope for new era of development in their areas.

while responding to public issues, assured them that their issues would be redressed on priority basis while issuing on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers to address the same. Elaborating on the purpose of the outreach program, the Principal Secretary emphasized its role in assessing grassroots issues, thereby improving the public service delivery mechanism. He had an exclusive interaction with the participants during the public darbar to take stock of their issues and concerns. He directed the officers for ensuring timely redressal of all the issues raised by the public during the camp.

He also emphasized the need to further step up efforts to curb the drug menace in the district while focusing on creating intensive awareness on the ill effects of this social evil. He directed the officers for preparing action plans based on the outcomes of previous outreach programs.

## Bhaderwah Bandh on Reasi terror attack

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BHADARWAH: To express their resentment over the terror attack on pilgrims in Reasi district, all business establishments of particular community remained closed in Bhaderwah on Monday on the call of Beopar Mandal Bhaderwah. Meanwhile Sanatan Dharam Sabha Bhaderwah hold protest at Lakshmi Narayan Chowk against the attack. While A n j u m a n - e - I s l a m i a Bhaderwah also condemned the attack on pilgrims.



Locals staging protest at Bhadarwah.

It is notable that nine people have died and 33 injured after militants fired on a bus carrying Hindu pilgrims in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi District yesterday. The official said that the driver lost control after the attack, causing the bus to plunge into a gorge in Reasi district of Jammu. A search operation by the Indian army and police is under way to track down the attackers. Responding to the cowardly act of Pakistan backed terrorism, all communities came together and expressed their resentment over the attack on pilgrims.

## VHP, Bajrang Dal protest against Pak for targeting pilgrims at Reasi

**POONCH:** VHP, Bajrang Dal protested against Pakistan for Targeting Pilgrims at kanda area of Reasi District. As the news of Terrorist attack on innocent pilgrims vehicle by Terrorist reaches poonch entire district mourned the martyrdom of pilgrims. Today afternoon different social and religious organizations including VHP, Bajrang Dal and Poonch peoples forum assembled near main bazaar and Protested against Pakistan. Peoples Forum, Vishav Hindu Parishad, Bajaran Dal, Protested against Pakistan. Peoples Forum, Vishav Hindu Parishad, Bajaran Dal, Protested against Pakistan. Protesters shouted slogans against Pakistan, Sourab Sharma President Bajrang Dal Poonch said Pakistan is the biggest threat and its mother of terrorism at the moment. He said that at this time when the whole world is celebrating PM Narinder Modi oath Ceremony Pakistan is malicious in spreading terror; PAK sponsor terrorist didn't have the ability to fight with Army javans directly that's why they're targeting Innocent Pilgrims. Nishu Gupta J&K and Ladakh UT Yatra Pramukh said it was horrible we condemn this act he demanded action against Pakistan He demanded More Security for Pilgrims in jammu and Kashmir.



Naseer Mehboob. Meanwhile Sanatan Dharam Sabha Bhaderwah led by President Vrinder Razdan and Neeraj Singh Manhas hold strong protest against the terror attack and demanded immediate action against those involved. They demanded strong

## NGO, Anti Crime Bureau congratulates SP Mohan Lal

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AKHNOOR: NGO, Anti Crime Bureau, Chairman Sham Lal Gupta met SP Mohan Lal Sharma in his office at Akhnoor and Congratulated him for his Promotion as SP Akhnoor. Gupta told Mohan Lal being DSP Nagrota, Jammu performed very well his job and worked continuously against the drug peddlers, Mohan Lal being a big member of the family, settled many mutual disputes and issues related to the people. Gupta in his office, welcomed him with Bouquet of flowers and Presented Mata



NGO, Anti Crime Bureau, Chairman Sham Lal Gupta and others honouring SP Mohan Lal Sharma.

ki Churni along with Picture to him. Mohan Lal Sharma is serving as Superintendent of

reply to Pakistan for this cowardly act by killing innocent people. Neeraj Manhas said that it's frustration of Pakistan as people here elected Narendra Modi as PM for 3rd consecutive term. A n j u m a n - e - I s l a m i a Bhaderwah President Abdul Hafiz also hold meet in Markazi Jamia Masjid Bhaderwah and condemned the attack on pilgrims. Meanwhile similar reports were also received from Doda and Kishtwar areas.

## Court rejects bail of Moulvi for solemnizing marriage of minor

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Bhaderwah Amarjeet Singh Langeh on Monday rejected the bail application of Moulvi namely Mohd Sharief Lone allegedly involved in solemnizing marriage of minor. Complainant in the case who is mother of victim, lodged written complaint with Respondent-Police Station disclosing therein that she is a widow and has 04 minor daughters; that her eldest daughter, the victim in this case - went to purchase medicines at Doda on 24/25th of April, 2024 and principle accused in the case namely Waseem Ahmed S/O Riyaz Ahmed R/O Dhudote, Tehsil and District Doda lured and enticed her and entered into Nikah with her; that said Waseem Ahmed is a married person with 5/6

children; that said accused keeps on roaming freely in the area enticing minor girls by showing them green pastures and does illegal activities with them; that he plays with the lives of innocent minor girls; that petitioner herein who is a Moulvi took hefty amount from principle accused aforesaid and acted as Nikah-Khawan and facilitated Nikah-nama of her minor daughter (victim) with principle accused Waseem Ahmed in absence of her guardian and - knowing that the victim is minor and by hurling threats to her etc. etc. Complainant accordingly sought legal action to be taken against the two accused. Based on this complaint initially FIR No.100/2024 for offences under sections 363/367/365/366-A/109 of IPC and Sections 9/10/11 of

Prohibition of Child Marriage Act was registered and investigation started. During investigation, it came to fore that principle accused also committed rape on minor victim and petitioner herein coerced minor victim to execute Nikah-nama with principle accused and subsequently, he also destroyed the Nikah-nama register, therefore offences under sections 376/109/201 of IPC and Section 4 and 11 of POCSO Act were also added. Statement of victim under section 164 of Cr.PC was also recorded during investigation wherein victim alleges that principle accused drove her forcibly, took her to his residence wherein a Moulvi (petitioner) forced her to sign a document; that Moulvi also threatened her that if she refuses to sign the docu-

ment, she then would be done away with and that accused Waseem did wrong to her etc. etc. Principal Sessions Judge Bhaderwah Amarjeet Singh Langeh after hearing both the sides while dismissing the bail application observed that there is prima facie evidence regarding involvement of petitioner in the abetment/intentional aid in offences alleged against principle accused as aforesaid. All these offences are heinous and the alleged victim is a minor. Release of petitioner on bail at this stage therefore shall not only hamper the ongoing investigation qua antecedents of petitioner and principle accused but it will also end up in diminishing the faith of public at large in the process and execution of law in the circumstances like those in the case in hand.

## HC upholds PSA in illegal trade of narcotics

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JAMMU: Justice Rajnesh Oswal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court uphold the detention under PITNDPS of Mohd. Iqbal Khandey, son of Bashir Ahmed Khandey, resident of Keshwan, Tehsil and District Kishtwar (J&K). While upholding the detention under PITNDPS, Justice Rajnesh Oswal after hearing Adv Irfan Khan for the detenu whereas AAG Amit Gupta for the UT, observed that the recovery of different types of narcotic drugs from the petitioner makes it abundantly clear that the petitioner has indulged in illegal sale of drugs and the apprehension of the respondent No.2 that the activities of the petitioner pose serious threat to the health and welfare of the people, cannot be held to be unfounded and unjustified. It is worthwhile to mention

here that petitioner has been detained by the respondent No. 2 vide order No. PIT-NDPS 31 of 2023 dated September 2, 2023 issued under Section 3 of Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (hereinafter to be referred as "the PITNDPS Act"). Justice Rajnesh Oswal while dismissing the petition, observed that the petitioner did not mend his illegal activities and again on February 5, 2023, 52 grams of Chitta and 123 grams of poppy straw were recovered from the petitioner regarding which FIR No. 20/2023 under Section 8/20/21/22/25/27/29 was registered with the Police Station, Kishtwar against him. The petitioner was released on bail on 06.07.2023 and the order of detention has been passed on 02.09.2023. The gap between the last FIR registered

against the petitioner and the order of detention is not so long that the live and proximate link between the order of detention and grounds for detaining the petitioner, has snapped. The DDRs, though vague and bereft of necessary details, have been prepared in quick succession but would not have any effect on the validity of the order of detention. The contention of the petitioner that order of grant of bail ought to have been challenged by the respondents instead of detaining the petitioner is also not sustainable in the eyes of law, as the quantity of contraband recovered from the petitioner does not fall within the category of "commercial quantity" and because of inapplicability of the Section 37 of the NDPS Act, the petitioner has been able to obtain bail and any challenge thrown to the order of bail would not have met with success at all.

## Sunil Verma expresses grief over demise of Ravi Dogra

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UDHAMPUR: Sunil Verma, District President of JKNC Udhampur, has expressed profound grief and sorrow over the sad and untimely demise of Ravi Dogra, Vice President of Central Zone JKNC Jammu. In a heartfelt statement issued here today, Sunil Verma described Ravi Dogra as a dedicated leader and a pillar of the JKNC family, whose contributions to the party and the community were invaluable. "Ravi Dogra was not only a committed party leader but also a compassionate individual who worked tirelessly for the welfare of the people. His sudden passing is a tremendous loss to all of us," Verma stated. Verma extended his deepest condolences to Dogra's family, friends, and colleagues, urging them to find strength in this difficult time. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Ravi Dogra's family. May they find comfort and peace during this period of mourning," he added.

## DC Doda supervises rescue operation at Assar accident site

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, along with Tehsildar Assar, ARTO and other officers, supervised the rescue operation at an accident site in Assar, here today. The tragic accident occurred on NH-244 at village Kurmail, Tehsil Assar yesterday night at approximately 10:30 pm. A Maruti S-Presso vehicle bearing registration No JK06A-8724, on way from

Jammu to Doda, skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge at Wani Morh in village Kurmail, Tehsil Assar. The unfortunate incident resulted in the on-spot death of a person identified as Ram Raj, son of Amar Chand, resident of Village Priyote, Tehsil Doda. Ram Raj, a Police official was posted as a Head Constable in Police Station Bus Stand Jammu. The deceased body was evacuated from the accident site at 10:00 am this morning and shifted to PHC Assar for the postmortem. The DC expressed his deepest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased and assured all necessary support and assistance during this difficult time. He emphasized the importance of road safety and urged all commuters to exercise caution while travelling on highways.

## SKPA starts 3-day course on 'Anti-Human Trafficking'

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UDHAMPUR: S.K. Police Academy today commenced a 3-day course on 'Anti-Human Trafficking'. Seventeen officers from various units and wings of the J&K Police are participating in this training program. The course is designed to cover key topics such as the concept of human trafficking, child trafficking, underlying causes and purposes, social and legal dimensions, case investigation, FIR drafting, search and seizure procedures, arrest protocols, charge-sheet submission, relevant laws, case studies, the role of NGOs in child protection, police prevention strategies, and SOPs for missing children through group exercises. Eminent guest speakers from academia and various units of the J&K Police, including SKPA, will share their extensive knowledge with the participants. Simultaneously, a 5-day



SKPA officials along with participants posing for photograph.

course on new criminal laws also began at SKPA, with forty-eight officers and officials from District Udhampur/Reasi in attendance. This course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the new criminal laws, highlighting significant changes. Participants will gain essential knowledge and skills to address modern law enforcement challenges. Interactive discussions will compare old and new laws, enhancing comprehension and practical application. This initiative

demonstrates the police's commitment to keeping their personnel at the cutting edge of law enforcement practices. The inaugural function, held at SKPA, featured Rajinder Kumar Gupta, IPS, SSP, Dy. Director (Indoor), as the chief guest. In his welcome address, Gupta warmly greeted all participants, emphasizing their preparedness to tackle contemporary law enforcement challenges. He highlighted the differences between old and new laws

and reaffirmed SKPA's dedication to providing relevant and thorough training. He also touched on international instruments concerning trafficking in persons, including women, children, the destitute, and the poor, encompassing both sex trafficking and forced labor. The 3-day 'Anti-Human Trafficking' course is being coordinated by Sandeep Mahajan, Inspector, with assistance from SI Dhian Singh. The 5-day 'New Criminal Laws' course is coordinated by Riaz.

## DC Ramban clears bottleneck; throws open Raikote Road held up for past 3 years

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RAMBAN: In a significant development, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ramban Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, along with a team of functionaries from stakeholder departments, cleared a major bottleneck on the road connecting Raikote Mandir village and its adjoining habitations. The area was inaccessible, causing much inconvenience to over 300 families in the area. The DC, alongside Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Varunjeet Singh Charak, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Gool, Pawan Kumar Goswami, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) PWD, Naseer Ahmed Wanin and other officials conducted on spot inspection of the site and resolved the issue. The execution work on the 1.5 Kilometer road tendered out at an

allotment cost of Rs 63 lakh was held up for the past three years, preventing access to transport services to the residents. The team led by DC supervised the execution work on the remaining/ held up 0.5 Kilometer, making it possible to move their vehicles on the road in a single day. To overcome this challenge, the DC persuaded local farmers who had been affected by the road construction to allow its completion. The DC also issued on the spot orders for paying compensation to farmers whose crops got damaged during the road construction process. The successful clearance of the bottleneck will provide much-needed relief to the residents of village Raikote Mandir and its adjoining areas, ensuring access to essential services and improved connectivity.

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