

Ravinder leads congress protest in Sunderbani town against terror attack

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SUNDERBANI: JKPC Senior Vice President and Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma Ex-MLC today lead a Congress protest demonstration at Sunderbani town against the terror attack on Yatri bus and demanded upgradation of security to check rising terrorism.

The protest organised by Block Congress Committee Sunderbani led by NC Sharma and Youth Congress leaders denounced Pakistan for sponsoring terrorism. The protestors raised slogans & carried play cards against Pakistan and terrorism and demanded stern action terrorism besides strengthening of security system in vulnerable areas of Rajouri - Poonch and Reasi districts.

The protestors raised slo-



Congress leaders taking out protest rally at Sunderbani.

gans against the centre and UT administration for failure to check rising terrorism and revival of militancy in twin border districts and adjoining Reasi. They called for firm action against Pakistan and terrorism to check innocent killings.

They supported the demands of Treayath, Mogla & other sensitive areas for deployment of army posts and strengthening of entire security network to save lives on

common people.

Sharma lauded army police and security forces and asked people to fully cooperate them to control militancy.

He said that government has failed to control rising militancy which has raised its ugly head in twin districts in the past two years.

Several prominent Congress workers took part in the protest, Dwarka Nath, Ajit Singh, Capt Joginder

Singh, Yog Raj Sharma, Om Parkash, Ashok Kumar, Chuni Lal, Govind Sudan, Nobat Ram, Raj Kumar Raina, Om Parkash Raina, Sdr Mohinder Singh, Ranjit Singh, Jasmer Singh, Babu Ram Bhagat, Patel Kumar, Vijay Kumar Damral, Madan Khajuria, Lok Nath, Sonu Kohli, Pankaj Raina, Sanjay Sharma & several others joined the protest.

Earlier two minutes silence was observed to mourn the killings and express sympathies with the families.

Later Ravinder Sharma joined the deliberations with the District administration led by DDC Rajouri with prominent leaders and citizens at Treayath regarding urgent steps to be taken for up gradation of security and health infrastructure at Treayath and other adjoining areas.

Ensure adequate supply of essentials on Shab-e-Qadr, Eid-Ul-Adha in District Ramban: Sajjad Shaheen

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANIHAL: Urging the JK Administration to ensure adequate supply of essentials to people on the auspicious occasions of Shab-e-Qadr and Eid-Ul-Adha in district Ramban particularly in Banihal and Gool, National Conference leader and district President, Ramban Mr Sajjad Shaheen has said that people should not suffer on account of essentials on these auspicious occasions.

He said that people living in far flung areas are facing shortage of ration and many villages in Banihal, Ramban, Gool and Batote that include Sangaldan, Khari, Trigam, Mahu-Mangit, Neel, Rajgarh, Kanga, Harog, Gagarnag, Pogal, Maligam, Alinbas, Paristan, Chaka, Sarbagni, Anukote, Thachi, Sarachi,

Runigam, Tajnihal, Kharwan, Nadika, Sumar, Chamalwas, Chaknarwa, Hinjhal, Phago, Lamber, Nowgam, Chanjlu, Sarachi, Tank, Armdaka, Bawah, Hijwa, Shagan, Hingni Deedah, Harog, Indh, Chachwa are complaining about frequent electricity cuts and scarcity of drinking water that's causing immense problems to the people during the on going month of Ramadan.

He appealed to the administration to ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity and drinking water to people in all village of the district particularly in remote areas of Banihal.

He emphasized that District Administration should maintain complete vigil on the supply of essentials and ensure that people

do not suffer on account of ration, sugar, kerosene, Cooking gas and others essentials. He also urged upon the Administration and Food and Supplies department to take effective measures to check the market prices of essentials and keep the prices under control.

Shaheen further said that it would be better if market checking squads are deployed in every market in the Ramban District and elsewhere so as to ensure that consumers are not charged double price.

Shaheen also demanded release of salaries of casual labours, daily wagers, RET teachers, SPOs, Anganwari workers, pensioners and employees of all departments whose salary is pending for last many months.

DLC approves 09 cases for Change of Land Use
STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: A meeting of the District Level Committee on change of land use (CLU) was held, here today.

Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai chaired the meeting in the Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

After thorough scrutiny, the District Level Committee approved nine cases received online from the applicants. A total of 19 cases were placed before the committee, out of which 9 cases were approved, 2 were rejected for not being as per norms and remaining 8 were reverted for fulfillment of deficiencies in the documents.

The DC directed the concerned departments to ensure the timely issuance of NOCs and urged officers to conduct field certification before processing applications.

GHSS Berarru Summer Camp acquaints students about Water Conservation techniques



Students displaying posters during a summer camp.

STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: On the 6th day of Summer Camp, the volunteers from Eco Club of GHSS Berarru, under the guidance of Principal, Anjeel Kumar Thakur on Tuesday organized a series of activities blending education and action to instill the value of water conservation in students. The event,

themed "Save Water," aimed to foster a sense of responsibility towards the environment among the participants.

The activities included checking for tap leakages, creating posters, delivering speeches, and testing the quality of drinking water collected from various sources.

Lecturer Chemistry, Surjeet

Kumar guided students in testing water samples collected from Dradlu, Bhalla and Berarru springs as well as a groundwater sample from Nagbani, Jammu. The tests, conducted using reagents provided by the Jal Shakti Department, measured pH levels, hardness, and the presence of minerals such as Chloride, Fluoride, Iron, Nitrate, Sulphate, Phosphate, Calcium and Magnesium.

All samples met the quality standards, with the sample from Berarru showing a neutral pH of 7, while the other samples were slightly alkaline.

Through these hands-on activities, students not only learned about water chemistry but also gained practical skills and knowledge essential for water conservation and environmental stewardship.

Rajouri Day celebrated with traditional fervour

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Rajouri day was celebrated at ALG Rajouri to commemorate the liberation of Rajouri and to honour the bravery and sacrifices of those who defended the region during the historical conflict of 1948. Indian Army joined the 'Civil Administration' and the people of Rajouri in paying tributes to the brave hearts and reaffirming the bond between the AWAM and the Indian Army. The grand celebrations included an Indian Army equipment display, martial arts exhibition, equestrian show, hot air balloons, military dog show, Police Band display and various cultural programs by school children of Rajouri.



Enforcement team conducts Market checking in Kishtwar Town ahead of Eid-ul-Adha

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: A joint team of enforcement departments today fined several traders in Kishtwar town during a comprehensive market inspection conducted ahead of Eid-ul-Adha and Urs.

The inspection team led by Assistant Director Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Shafiq Hussain Keen, included officials from various departments.

The team fined several vendors for not adhering to the approved rates. A fine amounting to Rs. 3,700 was recovered from erring traders.

Alongside the inspections, an awareness campaign was conducted to educate vendors on the importance of displaying rate lists, verifying



Admn team inspecting a vendor at Kishtwar.

weighing machines, and maintaining cleanliness in their premises.

Vendors were reminded of their responsibility to maintain hygienic conditions, which is particularly important during festivals when food safety concerns are heightened. They were advised to keep their stalls clean and dispose of waste properly to prevent health

hazards. The inspection drive received positive feedback from the local community, who appreciated the administration's proactive measures to ensure a fair and clean market environment. The FCS&CA department assured that similar inspections would continue to maintain market discipline and protect consumers from malpractices.

GDC Ramban organizes orientation programme on NEP- 2020

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RAMBAN: A Workshop cum Orientation Program on the New Educational Policy (NEP) 2020 was successfully organized at Degree College, Ramban under the leadership of its Principal, Prof. Archana Koul.

The workshop was attended by the principals of all nine Government Higher Secondary Schools in the Ramban district, along with two faculty members from each school. The event aimed to provide an in-depth understanding of the New Educational Policy 2020, the Common University Entrance Test (CUET), the admission process, and curriculum selection under the

NEP.

Prominent resource persons, Dr. Ravinder Kumar, Dr. Romesh Chander, Dr. Ramprakash, and Prof. Satish, delivered comprehensive sessions on these critical topics. The workshop's proceedings were expertly moderated by Dr. Vishal Bloria.

The chief guest, Principal GDC, Prof. Archana Koul, emphasized the importance of such workshops, stating that more such workshops will be organized in both colleges and schools. She highlighted the crucial role of schools in preparing students who are well-informed about the NEP, thereby

Eid-Ul-Azha arrangements finalised at Udhampur

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Saloni Rai finalized the necessary arrangements for Eid-Ul-Azha at a meeting held in Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex, here today.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Dr Umesh Shan; Additional SP, Baljit Singh and other District Officers besides Representatives of civil society attended the meeting.



Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Saloni Rai chairing a meeting.

Detailed discussions were held on the provision of Drinking water supply; uninterrupted power supply; First Aid, Fire tenders, quality and rate checking of eatables, and sanitation in the city.

The DC directed the concerned departments to take advance measures to provide adequate essential services and maintain cleanliness in the district, while police authorities were asked to put in security arrangements.

Enforcement departments were asked to conduct frequent visits to the market during the festival days to keep a check on the rates and quality of the eatables.

The Chief Medical officer was directed to make available Medicare facilities at Eid Gah and Jamia Masjid Udhampur during the festival while Traffic Police was

asked to deploy adequate police personnel in traffic jam prone places of the town for effective traffic regulation.

The shopkeepers were directed to prominently display the rate lists of eatables in their shops and refrain from overcharging.

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To mark the occasion, each participant was presented with a pine tree sapling and a Participation Certificate as a token of appreciation for their involvement and commitment to advancing educational practices in line with the NEP 2020.

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'Knows Your Army' event organised



Armymen acquainting students with weapons.

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: On the momentous occasion of 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas Indian Army organized a "Know your Army" event at Budhal, Rajouri to honour the valour and sacrifices of the soldiers who fought the Kargil war. The event encompassed display of specialised equipment ranging from latest state-of-the-art weapons and even day/night surveillance devices. A talk on 'How to join Armd forces' and 'Life

in Army' was also organised along with the weapon display. The event was attended by children from nearby villages. The event was aimed to foster understanding of AWAM with the 'Armed Forces' and to focus on community engagement.

Children were invited to explore various weapons, accompanied by informative sessions highlighting the importance of defence, peacekeeping, and 'National Security'.

DDC reviews progress of work on NH144A, Rajouri-Thanamandi- Surankote Road project

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat chaired a meeting to review progress of work on National Highway 144A (NH144A) and the Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote Road project.

The deliberations focused on resolving bottlenecks for smooth execution of the twin roads. The issue at Atti village hampering work progress on Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote Road project was discussed thoroughly. Om Prakash Bhagat directed the concerned authorities to take effective measures to address the issue at the earliest.

Regarding the National Highway 144A (NH144A), the DC asked for looking into claims of pending payment of compensation for the structures and trees removed along the highway. The DDC stressed the need for close coordination among the stakeholder departments and agencies involved in the execution of the twin road projects. He directed the officers to work together to find solutions to the identified problems, so that the crucial roads are completed without any delay.



District Development Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat chairing a meeting.

DC Samba conducts security review ahead of SANJY-2024



DC Samba Abhishek Sharma chairing a meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Samba Abhishek Sharma on Tuesday chaired a crucial meeting here in the DC Office Conference Hall to review security arrangements for the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2024 (SANJY). SSP Vinay Kumar briefed the chair regarding the security arrangements across lodgment centers and along the National

Highway.

ADC Suresh Sharma, highlighted the comprehensive arrangements made at 26 lodgement centers, including provisions for bedding, sanitation, water, electricity and dining facilities for the yatrias.

The DC welcomed the establishment of two RFID issuing counters at Chichi Mata and Nonath to facilitate the pilgrims. He directed Sub-

Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) and Tehsildars to mobilize Lambardars and Chowkidars, and to sensitize dhaba owners and petrol pump operators to report any suspicious movement to the authorities promptly. The meeting was also attended by Deputy Commandant, ACR, SDMs, Tehsildars and SDPOs, all contributing to the robust security strategy for the yatra.

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Army organises interaction With ESM, Veer Naris & Widows

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Living up to the traditions, Indian Army organized an interactive session with Veer Naris and Ex-servicemen at Ojhan, Rajouri district to enquire about their well being and to assist them in conveying the latest policies and resolution of the problems faced by them with respect to pensions and other documentation procedures. Veer Naris

and Veterans embody the indomitable spirit of our great nation. Their resilience and determination to move forward despite challenges serve as a shining example to society. Indian Army expressed its deepest gratitude to their sacrifice. Veer Naris and Ex-servicemen present in the interaction were felicitated by the Army personnel organising the interaction.

Eid-Ul-Azha arrangements finalized at Bhandarwah

STATE TIMES NEWS
BHADERWAH: Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhandarwah, Sunil Kumar on Tuesday discussed the arrangements for Eid-ul-Azha here at a meeting held in his office chamber.

Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Bhandarwah, Block Medical

Officer, Tehsil Supply Officers, SHO, Livestock Development Officer, Naib Tehsildars and other concerned officers were present. Besides, the representatives from Anjuman Islamia, Beopar Mandal and the Fire and Emergency Department also attended the meeting.

Security and other arrangements were discussed thoroughly. Respective departments briefed the meeting about the provision of power and water supply, besides availability of essential commodities such as mutton, chicken, vegetables, fruits and dairy items at approved

rates and sanitation of the Town.

The Tehsildar, Livestock Development Officer, Food Safety Officer, Executive Officer Municipal Committee and TSOs were instructed to conduct market checking and ensure the availability of good quality items at approved rates.