

PHE workers stage protest, demand release of pending wages



PHE workers raising slogans during a protest.

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UDHAMPUR: Jal Shakti (PHE) Workers on Wednesday staged a protest in support of their long pending demands under the chairmanship of Som Nath President Jal Shakti Employees and Workers Association and Senior Trade Union Leader Jammu Province. A large number of workers drawn from different

places of District Udhampur assembled at PHE Complex Udhampur and raised slogans in favour of their demands. Som Nath strongly criticized the attitude of LG administration for not fulfilling their pending demands which were earlier committed to fulfill at the Raj Bhawan. The water supply of Jammu region is badly affected from 22 days due to Kam Chor

Hartal. "The UT administration is paying no attention towards the demands of the workers and befooling the workers and the general public", he said. The long pending genuine demands are highlighted in the protest were regularization of CP/ITI/Land case Workers; release of pending wages; minimum Wages Act etc. Som Nath appealed to all type of daily wagers to remain unite and strongly continue the Kam Chor Hartal till the demands are not fulfill by the UT Govt.

Others who spoke Rajinder Sharma, Kulbushan Bhat, Subash Chander, Rattan Lal, Mohan Lal, Kishore Kumar, Karan Singh, Bladev, Shambu Dutt, Ashish Samotra etc.

National Lok Adalat on Aug 13; DLSA Reasi invites litigants to approach concerned court

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REASI: As directed by National Legal Services Authority and UT of J&K Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authority Reasi, under the guidance of R.N. Watal, Chairman and Principal District and Sessions Judge) is organizing National Lok Adalat on August 13 in the District.

The litigants, interested to settle his/her dispute or case in the said National Lok Adalat amicably through Conciliation and Mediation, can approach to the concerned Court and get fixed his/her case in the said National Lok Adalat.

Tribal bodies welcome Draupadi Murmu's nomination

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BHADARWAH: All Jammu and Kashmir Gaddi and Sippi Tribal Welfare Association (AJKGSTWA) has welcomed the BJP-led NDA government's decision to nominate tribal woman Droupadi Murmu as its official candidate for the upcoming presidential election. AJKGSTWA, the apex body of the tribal groups of the J&K UT, said the NDA, by naming a tribal woman as the party's candidate for the coveted post, has displayed a bold and smart political move and it shows the deep concern and commitment the present union government has for the inclusive growth and development of all sections of the

society. Parveen Jaryal, President of AJKGSTWA who was addressing a press conference at Bhadarwah expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister and BJP led NDA for nominating a tribal woman for the coveted post, "the decision will surely give a lot of self confidence and instill sense of belonging for the Nation among the tribal communities who are still living in most difficult circumstances in the length and breadth of the country." By choosing a tribal to occupy the highest position of the country, the NDA alliance has envisaged a compassionate Indian society as she also might go on to become the first tribal woman president of India,"

Parveen Jaryal said. The society said being a tribal woman Murmu's life had been always difficult and filled with hardships. She lost her husband and two sons in succession, but bravely fought back against all such odds with sheer determination to serve the marginalized sections of the society. She rose to become an MLA and then a minister in the state of Odisha and finally the 9th Governor of Jharkhand. She is the first tribal woman to occupy such an august position in the country, the AJKGSTWA said. The AJKGSTWA has also appealed to all the political parties to support and unanimously elect her as the new president of the country.

48 vaccinated, 1,273 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh the Health Department on Wednesday administered Covid vaccine doses to 48 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 1273 samples including 430 RT-PCR and 843 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 48 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

NABARD distributes fruit plants under watershed scheme

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MAHANPUR (KATHUA): The programs of agricultural development along with the integrated development of rural areas through NABARD's schemes for rural India development have been commendable. In this sequence, on Wednesday, distribution of fruit-bearing saplings was done in Athyalta village under Sukhal Khad watershed operated by NABARD, Jammu, nurtured and implemented agency SARDA.



NABARD officials and farmers during an event.

Kumar and Executive Director of SARDA Amresh Bihari Jha. The dignitaries planted saplings along with the villagers and also distributed saplings to 273 villagers. This watershed

scheme is being run through Sukhal Khad Jalchhajan Committee in remote village Athyalta of Mahanpur (Kathua). Addressing the villagers on this occasion, Amit Kumar said that by harvest-

ing rain water under the scheme, a new green revolution can also be started in the remote hill village of Athyalta. With the campaign of Khet ka Pani Khet Mein, Gaon Ka Pani Gaon Mein, rainwater harvesting will enable a permanent arrangement of moisture in hundreds of acres of surrounding land, in which crops will flourish in every season.

Along with this, by raising the water level, an important contribution can also be made in the prevention of drinking water problem. On this occasion, Amresh Bihari Jha, Executive Director, Sharda said that

people have to come forward for environment and water conservation. For the survival of the coming generations, great efforts are needed from now in this direction. He said that SARDA organization is committed to play a big role in this.

Under this project, lemon and fig saplings were distributed among the villagers by Sukhal Khad Jalchhajan Committee. During this, Athyalta Sarpanch Smt. Sushma Devi, members of Jalagam Vikas Samiti, Dalip Kumar, Hemraj, Yograj, Akhil, Nandlal besides hundreds of villagers participated.

Chhan Matloni residents call on DC Samba over water crisis

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: A delegation of people of Chhan Matloni village of Tapyal Panchayat of Ghagwal Sub Division met DC Samba Anuradha Gupta on Wednesday over water crisis issue. The women which were the part of delegation apprised the DC that there is no water supply in their locality for the last several days and alleged that JSD employees misbehave with women folk when they raise the issue. They sought transfer of action against erring



DC Samba, Anuradha Gupta interacting with residents of Chhan Matloni.

employees. The delegation was led by DDC Suresh Kumar(Falli) and social worker Pawan Kumar, Bal Krishan,

Sashi Wala, Toshi Devi, Bimala Devi, Rajni, Kamli Devi, Rani Devi, Tara Devi, Monika, Hansraj were also present.

Awareness drive held on 'Know Your Army'



Army officials and participants during an awareness drive.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: A lecture and awareness drive on the theme "Know Your Army" was conducted for students at Phagwari Gali and Sethna, Rajouri. The day long programme gave an insight to the attendees about the functioning, traditions and the popular life in the Indian Army.

A motivational cum educational talk, explaining various entrance schemes available to join the defence forces, was also given to the children. The children and their parents appreciated the Indian Army for conducting the event and guiding the youth towards a path of excellence and patriotism.

Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway: DC Samba disburses Rs 5.20 crore land compensation among 22 owners

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: To make the process hassle free and transparent, a special camp for disbursement of land compensation, acquired for Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway was on Wednesday held here at Tapyal in Ghagwal.

A team of revenue officers led by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anuradha Gupta supervised the exercise of the verification of documents of the land owners acquired for DAK Expressway.

Block Development Council Chairman Ghagwal, Vijay Tagotra, DDC Member, Suresh Kumar, SDM, Ramkesh along with Tehsildar, Naib Tehsildar and other officials and land owners were present on the occasion.



DC Samba, Anuradha Gupta during a meeting.

To make the exercise transparent, all the details viz. the name of the land owner, quantum of land acquired, amount of compensation assessed were publicly announced.

It was informed that out of 38 owners/beneficiaries in the area, 22 owners/beneficiaries were identified and verified during the camp and

later the compensation amount was disbursed directly in their bank accounts. "Rs 5.20 crore were disbursed among the 22 owners as per the nature of land acquired, while rest of the land owners will be provided the same in the next camp" informed an official. Meanwhile, the Deputy

Commissioner informed that 24 land compensation disbursement camps will be held across district Samba for ensuring fair and transparent disbursement of compensation amount. "This was the first camp held with the cooperation of elected members for the disbursement of the compensation of land acquired for Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway" said the DC Samba.

The other land compensation distribution camps would be organized at Sagal, Suhanda, Birpur, Jatwal, mailpur, meen Charkan, meen Sarkar, patti, patli, tarore, katli, rehian, ramnagar, rakh ambatali, badheri, langath, Bara, Sunjwan, Chak Mehtab Singh, Vijaypur, Salmeri, pekheri, and chajjwal in coming days.

Blacktopping work on Raguchak to Randwal link road commences



DDC Ghagwal, Suresh Kumar and others inaugurating blacktopping work.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: DDC Ghagwal Suresh Kumar (Falli) along with Sarpanch Sudesh Kumari and officials of PWD on Wednesday started the work of laying black topping on road from Raguchak village of Ghagwal sub-division of Samba district to Randwal link road.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC Suresh Kumar (Falli) said that the years old

demand of the people has been fulfilled today by inauguration of this road link.

He informed that work will done on 1 kilometer on this route with an cost of Rs 14.4 lakh.

Local residents Arjun Singh and Raghuveer among others thanked DDC.

DEO Doda discusses rationalization of polling booths with political representatives

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: District Election Officer (DEO) Doda Vikas Sharma on Wednesday convened a meeting with representatives of political parties and discussed the rationalization of polling stations. Addressing the meeting, the DEO said that polling stations were a vital part of the electoral process which need to be created keeping in view the convenience of the voters and must include all essential facilities. He informed the political representatives that there are 451 existing and newly proposed polling stations. "Go through the proposed draft which will be provided to you by the election office and includes total electorates, areas falling in and around to the polling station, and record comments/ rectification if required for smooth, fair and transparent elections," the DEO asked the political parties. Any new proposal falling within the norms shall be considered and accepted, he added. Apart from this, the DEO also asked the Deputy DEO to gear up the BLOs and asked them to work efficiently and in a fair and transparent manner. Besides, the DEO also apprised the political representatives about the ensuing special summary revision of electoral rolls, which will give opportunity to the new eligible voters to get them enrolled as the last summary revision was done in 2019, he added.

Among others present during the meeting were Dy DEO Akhtar Hussain Qazi, Election Naib Tehsildar Angrez Singh besides other concerned were also present.

Army organises painting & drawing competition



Participating students, Army officials and teachers after competition.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI : A multi-talent painting and quiz competition was organised by the Indian Army to mark 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' at Government high school Galuthi (Kotli),

Rajouri. The competition aimed at providing a platform to showcase talent, encourage creative pursuits and induce healthy competitive spirit amongst school going children of border

region. Participating students were provided with drawing material and accessories for the competition.

The beautiful and imaginative drawings made the event more colorful. The ideas expressed by the students through their drawings were impactful. Post the events, refreshments were provided to the participants. At the conclusion of the event, attractive prizes were also distributed among children who stood first, second and third in the competition. Teachers and Parents of children appreciated the efforts of the Indian Army in organizing such a wonderful event.

GDC Basohli organises workshop on 'Skill Development'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BASOHLI: Under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' Fine Arts and Music Club, and NSS Unit of Government Degree College, Basohli organised three days workshop on "Skill Development: Let's Unlock the Talent". The event was organised under the patronage of Dr. Nidhi Kotwal, Principal, GDC Basohli. The main objective of the workshop is to inculcate the art of utilising the waste paper, bottles, crockery etc., for household usage and as a new avenue for employment.



Students of GDC Basohli during a workshop.

On the first day of the workshop, the Resource Persons, Sanjogita Dogra and Rekha Sharma from Buddha Arts and Painting Studio Jammu taught students the technique of making

decorative from the glass bottles. Glass bottles collected by NSS volunteers from the Purther Picnic Spot of Basohli were cleaned by the participants and used for the first day's

Guru Purnima celebrated at Banpuri Temple & Shiv Kashi Ashram

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SUNDERBANI: Guru Purnima was celebrated with religious fervour at Shiv Kashi Ashram Sunderbani and Guru Gadi 1008 satguru baba



BJP J&K President, Ravinder Raina and senior leader, Vibodh Gupta during Guru Purnima celebrations at Sunderbani

Kanshi Giri Ji Maharaj Banpuri Tehsil Sunderbani. Thousands of devotees came in this occasion and took langer Parshad while

Guru Gosai Brij Bhushan and secretary of Guru Gaddi Rajesh Prasher thanked all devotees and all departments which contributed in this religious function.

Meanwhile at Shiv Kashi Ashram Sunderbani Guru Purnima was also celebrated. On the occasion, devotees of Mahamandleshwar Swami Vivekanand Saraswati Maharaj performed Puja and sought blessings of Shiv Ji. BJP State President Ravinder Raina, former MLC Vibodh Gupta were also present on the occasion.

Guru Purnima was also celebrated with full enthusiasm and religious fervour at Rajouri. SVS Gyan Ganga Mathh Sunderbani also witnessed huge gathering of devotees on the occasion.

RSETI Poonch trains 28 women on tailoring

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POONCH: J&K Bank RSETI, Poonch organised a valediction programme for one month training programme on "Women Tailor" in which 28 candidates (all women) from villages Degwar Maldyalan of District Poonch were imparted training.

The function was chaired by Cluster Head Banks cluster Poonch Sukhbir Singh was the guest of honor.

Speaking on the occasion, the cluster head impressed upon the candidates to establish their own units for dignified livelihood for which JK Bank is always as was there for providing hassle free bank finance to every person of this society whosoever is willing to go for self employment.



Participants along with officials after training programme.

ment. While speaking on the occasion, Director JKBRSETI Poonch impressed upon the candidates to take up these activities as an income generating activity. He applauded the role of RSETI in producing entrepreneurs. He advised the trainees to be job givers

and not job seekers. Director JKBRSETI Poonch thanked the dignitaries for gracing the occasion.

On this occasion Faculty JKBRSETI Poonch Sangram Singh & Rajat Sharma, Aditi Dutta, Yasmeen Akhter and other trainees were present.

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