

I-Day arrangements discussed; DC Udhampur stresses on following COVID-19 SOPs

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UDHAMPUR: To discuss the arrangements for the smooth Celebration of Independence Day 2022 at District headquarter Udhampur Deputy Commissioner, Kritika Jyotsna convened a meeting of district officers of line departments, here at Conference Hall, DC Complex.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Dr Vinod Kumar, Additional District Development Commissioner, Anu Behl; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mohd Syed Khan; Chief Planning Officer, Mudassir Yaqoob Zargar and other senior officers from Civil Administration, Police, and CRPF were present in the meeting.

Detailed discussions were held on seating arrangement, barricading, security, traffic regulation, drinking



Deputy Commissioner, Kritika Jyotsna chairing a meeting at Udhampur.

water and power supply, sanitation, first-aid, PAS and fire-tenders etc.

It was decided in the meeting that the main function would be organized in the premises of Government Degree College Boys, where the VIP would unfurl the National flag.

The function would start with the Shehnai Vadan programme in the morning by the Information department. It was decided in the meeting that the rehearsal will be started from 10th of August 2022.

The DC directed the Xens PHE &

PDD to ensure seating, barricading and drinking water arrangements, besides uninterrupted power supply at the function site. The Chief Executive Officer, Municipality was asked to maintain cleanliness in the town as well as at the venue.

Regarding First aid arrangements, the Chief Medical Officer was directed to ensure the deployment of one ambulance along with a team of Doctors and necessary medicine till the conclusion of function. District Police and Traffic Police would

ensure security and traffic management, the DC added.

While discussing the Transport arrangements for public, the DC directed ARTO to ensure the arrangement of sufficient number of buses so that a large number of people turn up for the Independence Day celebrations. The DC added that the celebration will be held amid strict adherence of COVID 19 SOPs. The DC advised all the participants to keep in view the safety and security of all and follow the COVID-19 SOPs issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare GOI from time to time.

Different committees like the Reception Committee, Illumination Committee, etc were also constituted for the successful celebration of the national function.

121 Bn CRPF launches plantation drive at KV Hiranagar

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KATHUA: 121 Battalion of CRPF Hiranagar on Monday launched a plantation drive on Monday in Kendriya Vidyalaya Hiranagar. Under the campaign, trees of mango, teak and other fruits and timber were planted. The drive was conducted under the chairmanship of Prahlad Paswan, Commandant of CRPF 121 Battalion. Second-in-Command Officer Sanjay Tripathi, Second in Command Officer Neelam Sargal, Deputy Commandant Mahesh Kumar Yadav, Kendriya Vidyalaya Principal Sanjeev Kumar Bhandari, Principal Anil Kumar, teachers and school Students Mridul, Manvi Sharma, Sneha planted saplings.



CRPF officials along with students & faculty during the drive.

On this occasion, Commandant of 121 CRPF Prahlad Paswan said that due to continuous felling of trees and rapidly increasing population on the earth, there has been a lot of change in the environment at the global level. To get a better future on earth it is necessary to

solve this big problem. This is a big challenge before us. A total of 300 saplings were planted in Kendriya Vidyalaya during this campaign. Subordinate officers, jawans of financial force and Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers and students participated in the plantation programme.

Various organisations accord warm send off to outgoing SHO



SHO S D Singh Charak being given farewell at Poonch.

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POONCH: Various organizations of border town of Poonch including Beopar Mandal, Senior Citizens, District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee and Sanatan Dharam Sabha accorded a warm send off to outgoing SHO Poonch S. D Singh Charak on his relinquishing

the post.

The Beopar Mandal under its President Paramjit Singh carried him in a rally from Parade Ground to Bus stand via main market and in their lectures hailed his services for the last more than two years in which he drastically brought down the graph of crimes including thefts, drug paddling, bovine smuggling and illegal mining.

He exercised sufficient strictness in the beginning in spite of public resistance but he convinced them that it was necessary to reach up to the roots of the crime. He had a greater role during the black period of COVID-19 and promoting communal harmony which was highly appreciated by the people.

Besides Beopar Mandal Senior Citizens Society members including Taj Mir and Mohd Zaban, District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee headed by President Prof Narinder Singh, Sanatan Dharam Sabha headed by President Satish Sassan also hailed his services and accorded send off.

490 vaccinated, 1,172 samples collected

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RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer Ramban, Dr. Suresh, the Health Department today administered covid vaccine doses to 490 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 1172 samples including 400 RT-PCR and 772 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 490 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

Central Team inspects water conservation works in different parts of Kathua district

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KATHUA: A Central Team headed by Director, Ministry of Finance, Sunil Kumar Singh Government of India on Tuesday inspected the ongoing works taken up under Jal Jivan Abhiyan 2022 in different parts of District Kathua.

The central team, who is on a three day visit to the district, visited Kishanpur-Kandi, Mearth, Sahar, Janglote, Chandwan and Phangeri villages where they inspected various ongoing water conservation works.

Pertinently, the Lotus Pond in Kishanpur-Kandi and Mearth Panchayats are being developed under the Amrit Sarovar initiative of the government.

The team also inspected the largest pond of Kathua district (spread across 33 kanals) in



Central Team during visit to Kathua.

panchayat Sahar, and directed concerned authorities to take up the rejuvenation work at the earliest.

The central Team also visited the Poly lining pond set up by the Agriculture department at Janglote panchayat.

At Phangeri, Kootah, the team inspected Check Dam developed to make optimum use of rain water and chan-

nelise it for agriculture and other activities by locals.

The Central team asked the executing agencies to take up the conservation work on mission mode so as to meet the given timelines.

The Central Team also interacted with PRIs and listened to their issues and problems and assured that their genuine issues will be redressed with

utmost priority. The team informed that the Prime Minister of India has given a clarion call to people to contribute their bit towards "Catch the Rain, where it falls, when it falls" under Jal Shakti Abhiyan on World Water Day.

The team urged upon the people to adopt Rain water harvesting through Roof Top Rain Water Harvesting, digging percolation pits, building check dams, diversion of road side drains to conserve rain water for subsequent use in different activities.

The Central team stressed on intensifying IEC activities for involvement of the general public in water conservation.

District Soil Conservation Officer Kathua, Rahul Singh, PRIs and other concerned officers accompanied the team during the visit.

JKSAC welcomes defreezing Assembly Seats reserved for POJK

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R S PURA: Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee (JKSAC) in a meeting of executive members of its unit of sub-district R.S.Pura at Baspur Bangla welcomed the Union cabinet for taking call on nomination of seats for the Displaced persons (DPs) of 1947 from POK in the Legislative



JKSAC members after the meeting.

Assembly as per the recommendations of Delimitation Commission. The participants appealed to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah Home Minister to defreeze the DP's share of 8 seats which had been captivated by the past several Governments, having no justification and termed it as a most appropriate time to deliver justice to DPs who are clamoring for their constitutional rights for the last more than 7 decades. The participants

also appealed to Dr. Jatinder Singh, Lt. Governor Manoj K. Sinha and MP Jugal Kishore Sharma and other high profile leaders of Pardesh BJP to impress upon the central govt. to release the DPs seats proportional to their population in one go in the UT of J&K.

Speaking in the meeting Gurdev Singh, President alongwith Bhagwan Singh, Capt. Puran Singh Chib, Ch. Joginder Lal and S. Tarlok Singh Tara said that DPs are claiming their legitimate constitu-

tional rights under the banner of JKSAC since its inception in 1967 but unfortunately having no political support DP's voice was crushed. He said that DPs have represented to Delimitation Commission with all the evidences to recommend their share of seats in proportion to their population now settled in Jammu region as J&K has fully integrated and the govt. is now left with no justification to captivate their constitutional rights of representation. He said that it

is not understood how the Delimitation Commission made recommendation to the Central Govt. for consideration of only 2 seats which lacks justification. He apprised the participants members that constituent Assembly was convened in 1951 and delineated 100 seats for J&K. The election was held for 75 seats only and DPs share of seats numbering 24/25 were reserved and kept vacant. He said that strength of assembly seats remained 100 only when as an act was passed in 1988 and seats of J&K assembly were increased to 111 in 1995 after making an amendment by the govt. of erstwhile J&K State. JKSAC raised their voice forcefully and started Andolan in 1988 and similarly again resented strongly in 1995 but unfortunately DPs having no support of Jammu based political parties, they were denied of their legitimate rights of constitutional representation. As per section 48 of the erstwhile J&K State constitution election was held for 87 seats only including

4 seats of Ladakh. 24 seats were reserved again and kept vacant for show casing only to strengthen the Indian constitutional claim over POK. He further apprised the participants that JKSAC made a protracted struggle all along these years in this regard, but the govt. always escaped under the plea that defreezing of the DPs seats needs an amendment in the constitution and regretted that such amendments were never made as it suited the valley centric govts. in J&K who always wanted to keep intact their hegemony over Jammu region.

He further said that after historical abrogation of article 370 and 35-A by the Narendra Modi Govt. the DPs were very hopeful and have full faith that some provision would be made for DPs representation in legislative assembly and this is the only govt. who has the capacity to do so and this time they would not be deprived of their legitimate right of representation in the UT Assembly awaiting from the last more than 7 decades.

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KATHUA: Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Sub Office Kathua organised a multi lingual Mushaira at Govt. College for Women, Kathua on Monday in which over eighteen poets of Kathua district participated in the Mushaira in front of a mammoth gathering of students.

Sangeeta Nagari, Principal Govt. College for Women, Kathua was the chief guest on the occasion who got awestruck after witnessing the world class Mushaira by the seasonal poets of Kathua District. She appreciated the way of JKAACL for presenting Mushaira in the college premises. She further shared that, 'Culture is a binding factor that ties people



A poet reciting poem during Muhaira.

together'. Sanjeev Gupta SOCA, JKAACL Sub-Office, Kathua dwelt in detail about the journey of Sub-Office Kathua since he took charge.

The poets who gave the marvellous poetic performances include Santosh Ria, Dinan, Dharamveer, Guru Par, Paramjeet Sharma, Mohd.

Showket, Balak Ram, Madan Lal Tofan, Sham Lal Khajuria, Kuldeep Kippi, Anu Gupta, Khajoor Singh, Karandhin Chopra, Sunil Dutt, Sham Narayan Mehta, Dr Usha Monga, Tilak Raj Sumbria and Ritu Raj Sharma. The Mushaira was ably conducted by the Sahitya Akademi Awardee Sh. Vijay Sharma.

Congress flays BJP for consistently rising inflation

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UDHAMPUR: Senior congress leader Sumeet Magotra flayed BJP led Govt. for imposing GST on food products like packed milk, curd, ghee, Lassi, wheat and rice. While addressing a press conference at Udhampur, Magotra express that LPG



are already been increased and now GST on packed

milk products is another gift to people. He said that people are inconvenient due to the price hike of these essential goods resulting they are unable to meet up their family expenditure. He further said that it is now right time to raise their voice against BJP Govt. because situation is becoming worst day by day.

GDCW Kathua organises rally on 'Har Ghar Jhanda'



Principal, Dr. Sangita Nagari flagging-off rally.

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KATHUA: A rally was organised at GDCW Kathua by NSS/RCC Volunteers on the theme of Har Ghar Jhanda to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav on Monday. NSS/RCC Volunteers of the College participated actively in the rally under the dynamic supervision of Dr. Sangita Nagari, Principal of Govt. Degree College for Women, Kathua.

The rally was flagged off by Principal in presence of other staff members Prof. Ashwani Khajuria, Prof. Ravinder Kour and Prof. Ritu Raj. She addressed the volunteers and students in the rally, she stressed upon the importance of National Flag and dis-

cussed among the volunteers and students about the history of Tiranga for which many freedom fighters, soldiers, and social activists laid their supreme sacrifice. She further said that our National Flag is a symbol of National pride. We must protect its honor at any cost. She congratulated the NSS organizing team led by Dr Arun Dev Singh NSS Program officer, Prof Raj Kumari, Prof Pallavi and Dr Rajani Khajuria and NSS/RRRC Volunteers for organizing wonderful rally which would be helpful to fulfill the purpose of bringing flag to all the houses of Indian society. Dr Arun Dev Singh also spoke and assured worthy Principal madam on behalf of organ-

izing team, NSS/ RRC volunteers to carryout mission to bring Tiranga to all the houses of country and took pledge to fulfill the idea behind the initiative for invoking the feelings of patriotism in the hearts of the people and promote awareness about our National Flag. On this occasion the NSS/RRRC volunteers presented their thoughts and ideas through play cards, slogans and abundant floating messages for expressing their love, passion and respect towards Tiranga.

The volunteers promised that they would never lessen the grace and dignity of our National Flag in the world. Concluding the rally Dr. Arun Dev Singh NSS programme officer extended his special thanks to Dr Sangita Nagari worthy Principal of the college for her support and encouragement and thanked her for sparing her valuable time for the programme and he also extended his special thanks to all media persons for giving wide coverage and support to all the NSS/RRRC volunteers and students.

Birth Anniversary of Girdhari Lal Dogra celebrated

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HIRANAGAR: Govt. Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Degree College Hiranagar celebrated birth Anniversary of Late Girdhari Lal Dogra after whose name this college has been established. The programme was conducted by paying floral tributes to his statue in the college premises and by organising a 100 meter race amongst the students of the college. The floral tributes to the late legend were paid by Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Pragma Khanna. A musical performance by the students of Music Department was also presented on occasion. Students of the college namely Komal Sharma of semester 4th and Nishu Kumari of semester 6th highlighted the contributions of late. G L Dogra. Later Principal of the College in her address also mentioned the contributions of the legend. In her address she said that late Sh. G L Dogra was a veteran politician, academician and a social worker: He selflessly fought for the cause of the people. He was popularly known as People's Man. He was born on 17th July 1915 in Tehsil Hiranagar of the District Kathua. He was interested in politics from his student days. He was elected Member of Parliament twice and contested and won elections five times from Hiranagar: He remained on key positions in both the Congress and the National Conference. Prof. (Dr.) Pragma Khanna also impressed upon the students to follow the path laid down by this towering personality. Programme Officer NSS

Prof. Rakesh Sharma and ANO Dr. Sukhdeep Singh Sasan along-with students organised floral tributes function. The 100 meter race was flagged off by Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Pragma Khanna in the presence of other staff members and students of the college. In this race a total of total 25 boys and 15 girls participated for the title of Fastest-Man and Fastest-Woman of the college. In the three rounds event Kanchan Devi turned out to be Fastest Woman by completing the 100 meter race in 13.71seconds. In the boys section Shekhar Kumar won the title of Fastest Man by completing the race in 11.97 seconds. Pajal Sharma and Manti shared second position in the girls section while Rohit Sharma and Nar Singh stood at second and third positions in the boys section. All the winners were felicitated by the Principal of the college by presenting Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the conclusion of the event. The competition was organised by Mr. Vikram Jamwal, Physical Director, Department of Physical Education and Sports together with the Dr. Arun Kumar, Head, Department of Sociology and Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Head, Department of Music. Also present on the occasion were Prof. Parveen Pathak, Prof. Manjot Singh, Prof. Neha Bhagat and Prof. Kiran Thapa. The security arrangement for the programme was managed by SHO Hiranagar Police Station Sunil Sharma and Vikram Manhas Sub-Inspector J&K Police.

PHE workers hold protest, seek redressal of pending issues



PHE workers staging protest at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees and Workers held a protest under the Chairmanship of Som Nath President Jal Shakti Employees and Workers Association and Senior Trade Union Leader Jammu Province in support of their long pending genuine demands. 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 role of LG Manoj Sinha Administration for not resolving their pending issues which forced them to Kam Chor Hartal. "The UT administration is paying no attention to the demands of the workers and befooling the workers" he said. The various long pending genuine demands highlighted in the protest were regularization of CP/ITI/Land case Workers; release of pending wages; shortage of staff, 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, Rattan Lal, Mohan Lal, Kishore Kumar, Karan Singh, Bladev, Ashish Samotra etc.