

# Border people, farmers, refugees will receive priority in Cong Manifesto: Ravinder

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RS PURA: The problems of border residents, farmers ,refugees would recive more attention in the Congress manifesto in J&K said Co-chairman & Senior Vice President & Chief Spokesperson JKPCC Ravinder Sharma.

Interacting with border residents ,refugees & farmers of border area of R S Pura, Suchetagarh and Bishnah here today, Mr Sharma assured them to keep their problems and demands on top priority because they are worst suffering sections.

Former MP T S Bajwa, General Secretaries Shashi Sharma, Pawan Raina,



Chief Spokesperson JKPCC Ravinder Sharma during the public meeting at R S Pura.

Satish Sharma, Suresh Dogra, T S Tony, Karan Bhagat, Bhushan Dogra, Daleep Kumar, Iqbal Dar Badri Nath Sharma, Ajaib Motton, Rajiv GandhiBanchyat Raj leader

Sandip SinghRissam , Anil kumar and others were present.

Several prominent persons and representatives of farmers, Border residents, refugees, OBC, SCs, minori-

ties,rep of para military , Ex-servicemen spoke and put forth their demands.

Expressing gratitude to the people for their overwhelming response to the initiative of Congress party to reach out to the people at grass roots level before drafting the manifesto , Mr Ravinder Sharma asked the people to send their demands and suggestions for considerations of the party.

The farmers complained about poor management of the irrigation canals and lack of water at tail ends, poor supply of power, drinking water, inflated bills, huge taxes, lack of due attention to border roads, schools and

health facilities.

The ex- servicemen and entire population vehemently opposed Agniveer Scheme & demanded special recruitments in border areas and weapons for checking infiltration besides better facilities of life.

They complained about lack of basic facilities to the border residents who are unarmed soldiers of nation and have to migrate time and again. They are served inflated power bills and arearers of migration period too, The bunkers are in very bad condition and filled with rainy water with all sorts of insects and snakes taking shelters there.

# GCW Udhampur pays tributes at Dhruva War Memorial on Kargil Vijay Diwas

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UDHAMPUR: In order to commemorate valiant son of soil rich tributes were paid to the Kargil War hero on Kargil Vijay Diwas. Wherein large group of 80 NCC cadets of GCW Udhampur led by ANO's, Lt Dr Kamal Deep & Prof Rukhsana in collaboration with 7151 ASC bn led by col Dhiraj Kumar CO of ASC bn paid rich tributes to Kargil War Hero at Dhruva War Memorial and Param Yodha Sthal at the HQNC.

According to reports in a significant solman Col Dhiraj Kumar and Lt Col Yatinder Kumar provided a detailed briefing to the cadets about the profound significance of these sites. The Dhruva War Memorial stands as a testament to the courage and sacrifice of soldiers who laid down their lives in defense of the nation. The Param Yodha



NCC cadets at Dhruva War Memorial and Param Yodha Sthal at Udhampur.

Sthal honors the gallant warriors awarded the Param Vir Chakra, India's highest military decoration. This visit was especially poignant as it coincided with Kargil Vijay Diwas, a day commemorating India's victory in the Kargil War and honoring the valor of the soldiers. However cadets fully informed and were deeply moved by the stories of bravery and sacrifice, reinforcing their

resolve to uphold the values of courage, dedication, and service to the nation. This initiative underscores the importance of such visits in fostering a deeper understanding and respect for the nation's military heritage among the youth. Such initiatives play a crucial role in shaping future leaders who are aware of the proud army legacy and responsibilities of serving the nation.

# KVK organises vocational training on value addition under ARYA Project

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KATHUA: A two-day workshop for Kohinoor Farmers Producers Organisations (FPOs) of block Barnoti was organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kathua with a focus on value addition for realising better profits in collaboration with Manager cum Chemist, Department of Horticulture, Kathua under the leadership of Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu under the aegis of Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu. The vocational training programme on value addition was organized with the objective of Attaining and Retaining Youth in Agriculture and make them self reliant in which more than 40 trainees participated. The aim of the programme is to develop the skill of the youth in processing so that they will become job providers rather than job seekers.

Chief Horticulture officer Kathua was the chief guest of the programme and Amit kumar DDM NABARD and Vinay Vilas, MMC Kathua



KVK officials along with farmers during the programme.

was the Guest of Honour during the programme.

At the outset, Dr. Vishal Mahajan Chief Scientist & Head, KVK-Kathua welcomed the participants of training Programme and highlighted the role & importance of Krishi Vigyan Kendra in skill development of rural youth. He briefed about the importance of entrepreneurship development. While welcoming the participants, Dr. Vishal Mahajan, Chief Scientist and Head, KVK Kathua said it was imperative for farmers to adapt to the emerging situations and learn how to add

value to their produce so that they can get better returns. Both the Central and State governments were implementing various schemes, including subsidy schemes, to promote value addition and FPOs can avail the same, he said.

He practically demonstrated the manual operation of continuous band sealer for sealing different type of products. Continous band sealers are a go to option for sealing bags and pouches. He motivated the farm women to go for value addition of different products like pickles, anola candy,

gulkand, aamchoor powder, badiyan etc. He said Krishi Vigyan Kedra Kathua will provide the facility of sealed packing to all the groups who are associated in value addition Agri business.

Chief Horticulture Officer Ashwani Khajuria briefed the participants about different types of schemes related to horticulture under HADP Project.

DDM NABARD Amit Kumar gave Power Point Presentation on Formation and Management of Farmer Producer Organisation. Vinay Vilas Manager cum chemist explained the FPO group about Processing of seasonal fruits and vegetables. He practically demonstrated the manual operation of continuous band sealer for sealing different type of products. Continous band sealers are a go to option for sealing bags and pouches. He motivated the farm women to go for value addition of different products like pickles, anola candy, gulkand, aamchoor powder, badiyan etc. Sh. Kamal

kumar, Canning Instructor Practically demonstrated the participants about preparation of different types of pickles like mango, bitter gourd, chili and Mango Chutney at KVK Kathua.

Dr. Anamika Jamwal, Chief Scientist- Plant Protection briefed about the importance of sealed products. She explained the basic motto of this training programme and motivated the participants to establish their own units for generating income.

Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat discussed about the marketing strategy, pricing and financial projections to start agribusiness plan.

The queries related to production technology and value addition of different produce like vegetable and fruits were satisfactorily answered by the team of scientists of KVK Kathua. The participants showed keen interest in the programme and requested to carried these types of training programme in future also.

# Kathua Forest Div & CRPF organise plantation drive



Forest officials and CRPF men during the programme.

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H I R A N A G A R : Continuing committed initiative towards rejuvenation of deteriorating condition of ecology and environment imbalance on earth. A team of Kathua Forest Division organised a mega Plantation in collaboration with CRPF and students of local academy at Heeranagar today.

According to reports

DFO Kathua Dr.Rajan Singh, Commandant CRPF Henzang, RO Jasrota Rakesh Sharma, RO Soil Ved Parkash and staff of Lower Hiranagar Block actively participated in plantation drive. In brief speech Rajan Singh exhorted all and sundry to extend all out efforts to reverse the apparent detrimental effects of climate change by way of planting more and more

trees in and around their respective localities.

As many as 300 saplings of specific spices were planted. While 1700 plants of different varieties were distributed amongst participants from adjacent panchayats also. Other who present were Dy.Commandt Vikas Choudhary, Dy Commndt Geeta Yadav and other officers of CRPF and students of school.

# DC Jammu conducts surprise inspections of SDH RS Pura



DC Sachin Kumar Vaishya during inspection of SDH R.S Pura.

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya conducted a surprise inspection of Sub District Hospital R.S Pura today. Additional District Development Commissioner, Sher Singh was also accompanying him.

During his visit, the DC meticulously reviewed the hospital's facilities and services. He engaged with

patients in the general patients ward, gathering their feedback on the treatment and amenities provided. His inspection extended to the hospital drug store, where he cross-verified the stock against official records to ensure accountability.

In an innovative move to gauge patient satisfaction, the DC also took feedback from former patients and their families over phone

calls. He encouraged the use of medicines from PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras, highlighting the affordability and accessibility of these outlets.

The DC noted significant improvements in the hospital's functioning in recent months. He assured that patient feedback would be acted upon and that the demands of the local populace would be communicated to higher authorities. "The improvements noticed will continue to be built upon, and genuine feedback will be implemented to enhance hospital services," remarked the DC.

Earlier in the day, DC Vaishya also inspected the Mission Vatsalya Open Shelter for Girls, managed by the Social Welfare Department.

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RAMBAN: Commissioner Secretary, Information and Technology, Prerna Puri, who is also Electoral Roll Observer for Ramban district, on Saturday reviewed the progress on ongoing 2nd Special Summary Revision (SSR) 2024, with respect to 1st July 2024 as the qualifying date.

District Election Office Ramban, Baser-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, briefed the Electoral Roll Observer about the latest achievement during 2nd SSR in the district through a Power Point Presentation. It was informed that 17 new polling stations have been created in the district as per the ECI norms making a total of 365 polling stations across the district for 2,19,711 eligible voters. The district has two



Com Secy, IT Prerna Puri chairing a meeting at Ramban.

Assembly Constituencies, 54- Ramban and 55-Banihal. It was further given out that Gender Ratio of Electors in the district is 925 and Age Cohort is 100%.

The Electoral Roll Observer was apprised that till date 766 new voters have been added in the district during ongoing SSR, till today. Further, the district

has disposed off 1581 claims and objections pertaining to addition, deletion and transposition. During the review meeting, Prerna Puri applauded the efforts of the district administration for maintaining the highest standards in ensuring accurate, inclusive and error free Photo Electoral Roll, which is prerequisite of a healthy democracy. She assessed the

progress made, so far, and emphasized the need for meticulous and timely completion of the revision process. She stressed the importance of maintaining accuracy and inclusivity in the electoral roll.

Prerna Puri also interacted with district officials, EROs and AEROs to understand the revision process and offered guidance to

address the grievances with due diligence and promptness for healthy and robust Photo Electoral Roll.

During her visit, Puri also inspected 24x7 High-tech District Control Room established in the district administrative complex, Maitra

The Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Roll is being carried out to ensure that all eligible citizens are enrolled in the electoral roll and have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

The meeting was attended by Deputy District Election Officer, Ramban Abdul Jabar, ACR (ERO) Ramban, S Harpal Singh, SDM (ERO) Banihal Rizwan Asgar, ACP Ramban (Nodal Officer SVEEP) Ashfaq Khanji, AEROs and other concerned officials.

# World Hepatitis Day: DC Kathua inaugurates Special Testing Camp for Jail inmates

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KATHUA: In observance of World Hepatitis Day, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas, inaugurated a special health check-up and vaccination camp at District Jail Kathua today.

The camp aimed to raise awareness about Hepatitis B and C among the prisoners and was organized for over 350 inmates.

The event was attended by Superintendent, District Jail Kathua Kaushal Kumar, Chief Medical Officer (CMO)



Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas chairing a programme.

Kathua Dr. Vijay Raina and a dedicated team from the Health Department to address public health concerns within the correctional facility.

Interacting with the inmates, the DC emphasized the importance of timely testing and vaccination for Hepatitis B and C, both of which are viral diseases that can become life-threatening if left undetected. He highlighted the role of safe practices, such as the use of single-use syringes, in preventing the spread of these diseases. He stressed for holding similar health camps in

the future, aimed at curbing the spread of Hepatitis and educating the public on preventive measures.

"The key to controlling and curing Hepatitis lies in timely testing and adherence to safe practices. By organizing these camps, we are taking proactive steps to protect the health of our citizens, particularly those in vulnerable situations," said Dr. Minhas. He further encouraged inmates to maintain health consciousness and adopt precautionary measures during their incarceration and upon rejoining their families, urging them to lead healthier

lives as informed citizens.

Superintendent Jail expressed gratitude towards the District Administration for their initiative in conducting the camp, which ensures proper health assessments and medical assistance for the inmates to prevent the spread of Hepatitis B and C within the facility.

CMO Kathua, Dr. Raina, outlined the broader goal of the camp, which is to spread awareness about Hepatitis B and C among the masses, especially vulnerable groups, enabling them to take necessary precautions against the disease.

# GMC Doda hosts CME on dengue Fever to enhance medical awareness

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DODA: Government Medical College (GMC) Doda organized a comprehensive Continuing Medical Education (CME) session on Dengue Fever on Friday, July 26, 2024.

The multidisciplinary event featured speakers from the Departments of Community Medicine, Microbiology, and Internal Medicine. The audience included consultants, resident doctors, MBBS students, and various health professionals from the Department of Health Services, who gathered to gain insights into all aspects of Dengue Fever.

Dr. Mohd Arif Kelam from the Department of Internal Medicine delivered an in-depth presentation titled "Clinical Profile and Management of Dengue." He detailed the signs and symptoms, phases of Dengue Fever, high-risk groups, Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever, Dengue Shock Syndrome, and home care for uncomplicated cases, providing a comprehensive overview for the participants.



Dr. Sameera Zargar from Department of Microbiology provided valuable information on the laboratory diagnosis of Dengue Fever, informing participants about the available testing facilities for accurate detection of the virus. Her session aimed to enhance the diagnostic capabilities of the attending medical professionals.

Principal of GMC Doda, Dr. Rakesh Bahl, who was the chief guest, emphasized the importance of preventive measures in combating Dengue Fever. He stressed the need for lifestyle changes, such as maintaining general cleanliness, proper waste disposal, and regular cleaning of water-holding containers to prevent mosquito breeding. Dr. Bahl also advocated for

health education in schools to raise awareness among the younger population.

Veteran healthcare professionals, including Dr. R. S. Manhas, Dr. Mohd Saleem Bhat, Dr. Nazir Ahmed Var, Dr. Sheikh Mahvish, Dr. Farooq Ahmed Runyal, Dr. Gurjinder, and Dr. Mohd Abbas, along with various other faculties from different specialties, attended the CME.

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