# Youth Congress launches 'Chalo Panchayat' Programme

RAMBAN: Youth Congress is thrilled to announce the launch of the "Chalo Panchayat" programme today in Rajgarh. This pioneering initiative is designed to address public grievances and advocate for their resolution.

As the former Youth Congress Working President of J&K and National President of NSUI, I am honored to lead this transformative movement for a better Rajgarh. The Youth Congress has officially launched the 'Chalo Panchayat' movement in Raigarh, Ramban. This programme aims to address the grievances of residents across six panchayats in the Rajgarh Block of District

Key speakers at the launch event included Paraviz Wani, District President Congress Committee, Kuljeet Singh, Youth Congress Block President Raigarh, Hukum Chand. Towheed Wani, Vice President Block Youth Congress Rajgarh, Vinod Balwal, Jammu University President NSUI, and Hilal, among others.

Fairoz Khan emphasized that the 'Chalo Panchayat' Programme is focused on connecting with youth, farmers, and the general public. He highlighted that the initiative will cover all panchayats before the upcoming elections to understand and address residents' concerns. Khan stated, "We are committed to engaging with the community to address their issues, which will help shape our strategy for the elections.

Khan criticized the BJP-led government for its failure to effectively tack-



Congress leader addressing gathering at Ramban.

le rural issues. He accused the BJP of neglecting the people of the Ramban region, particularly Rajgarh, and failing to meet their aspirations for justice and equality. Specifically, Khan noted that the only significant development in Rajgarh has been the opening of a wine shop.

Expressing serious concern about the unemployment problem facing educated youth in Rajgarh, Khan pointed out that neither skilled nor unskilled youths are being employed in ongoing projects in District Ramban. He assured that only Congress can effectively address these issues. The 'Chalo Panchayat' programme will also collect public suggestions to incorporate into the Congress manifesto, with a commitment to address rural concerns if Congress is elected to power. Khan urged the people of Rajgarh to support the campaign wholeheartedly.

During the meeting, it was decided

that Youth Congress workers would visit villages in Rajgarh as part of the 'Chalo Panchayat' programme to engage with youths in rural areas and assess whether they have benefited from the promise of generating 2 crore jobs annually and address issues

rights, and local issues of Rajgarh. Parvaiz Wani, District President District Congress Committee, highlighted that the Modi government came to power with significant promises to the youth, which have not been fulfilled. He emphasized that the Youth Congress is reaching out to both urban and rural youth to highlight the failures of the Modi government and present the vision of Congress and our party president, Rahul Gandhi. He also stressed the need to restore statehood, secure jobs, and establish land rights in Jammu

related to recruitment scams, restora-

tion of statehood, job rights, land

Hukum Chand stated, "Congress is the only party capable of providing a people-friendly government in J&K and fulfilling the aspirations of all the people of the state." He added that the four panchayats, Chakka A1, Chakka A2, Chakka B, and Bibrotha, have been discriminated against for long. Their revenue village is with Ramban, only four departments are with Ramban, while the rest are with Doda district. People have to go to Doda for other work and suffer. We demand that departments regarding these four panchayats should be in Ramban district.

Kuljeet Singh, Youth Congress Block President, mentioned that there is no doctor in PHC Raigarh, schools lack infrastructure, and the fare of vehicles is high. He demanded a doctor in PHC, SRTC for Rajgarh. He added that the road from Chanderkote to Rajgarh is very narrow and causes accidents. Crash barriers are not properly placed; we demand the widening of the road and crash barriers at each place.

Vinod Balwal, Jammu University President NSUI, demanded a college for Rajgarh. He stated, "The opening of the wine shop is a black day in Rajgarh. We want a college and a better student-teacher ratio

Towheed Wani, Block Vice President Rajgarh, declared, "We will go to every panchayat and make this programme successful." He demanded a bridge connecting Rajgarh and Shiv Maninder and other panchayats. "We will fight for the youth and people of

# Dr Sachin Vaid elected as new president of Rotary Club Rajouri Grand



Newly elected rotarians during the installation ceremony.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: Rotary Club of Rajouri Grand held its 5th Installation Ceremony, marking a significant event conducted in traditional manner, adhering to established protocols. The chief guest for the occasion was Rtn Rohit Oberoi District governor and Rtn DN Sharma and Rtn HS Yogi were special guests.

The ceremony saw the outgoing President Rajesh Mehta and Secretary Dr Sachin Vaid handing over the reins of the club to the incoming President Dr Sachin Vaid and Secretary Saboor Malik.

The function commenced with a welcome address by

Chartered President Rtn Lokesh Bakshi followed by the singing of the National Anthem and the lighting of Outgoing lamp. President Rajesh Mehta presented a review of the projects undertaken during the Rotary year 2023-24. This was followed by an award function, recognizing notable members for their significant contributions to society.

The installation of the new President Dr Sachin Vaid and club Secretary Saboor Malik was conducted by District Governor Rrn Rohit Oberoi following the traditional oath-taking and collar exchange ceremony. Rtn Rohit Oberoi also presented the new officials with Rotary

**Training Session on Stress & Time** 

inducted, taking their oaths and receiving Rotary literature and lapel pins. In her presidential address District Governor Rtn Rohit Oberoi emphasized the club's goals for the coming year, aiming to create magic through collective efforts and

new members were also

Additionally, 7

lapel pins.

highlighting the importance of Rotary fellowship to undertake need-based projects for societal service. He praised the club's efforts, particularly in conducting free surgeries and other community service projects, and expressed hope that the club will continue to serve the society with great zeal and enthusiasm in future also.

# **Empowering Girls in Remote Areas: Beti** Bachao Beti Padhao Initiative in Ramban



#### STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: The Social Department (SWD), in collaboration Education Department and under the Deputy Commissioner Ramban,  $\mathbf{B}$  a s e e r -  $\mathbf{U}$  l -  $\mathbf{H}$  a  $\mathbf{q}$ Chaudhary, organized a Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) program at Government High School Dheda, Subdivision Gool.

Supervised by DSWO Ramban, Rahul Gupta,

the initiative aims to disseminate information about welfare schemes for

The event, coordinated by Fyaz Ahmed Mushtaq, saw enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, and community members. The primary objective was to ensure information about welfare schemes reaches even the remotest areas.

The District Social

sized the significance of such outreach, highlighting that every girl should be aware of available welfare schemes. The program included activities promoting girls' education and empowerment, with participants displaying supportive placards and

The SWD remains committed to empowering every girl in Ramban, ensuring a more inclusive Welfare Officer empha- and equitable society.

#### From Miseries to Dream Living: PMAY-G, MGNREGA, SBM-G, Ujala & Ujjwala Schemes transformed Reyaz Ahmed Mullah's life

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Reyaz Ahmed Mullah, a poor rural household in Block Gool, Ramban, lived in a dilapidated mud house with his family. The roof was damaged, and the family suffered during snow and rainy seasons.

Despite being a wage seeker under MGNREGA, Reyaz struggled to make ends meet and bear medical expenses due to unhealthy living conditions.

However, everything changed when Reyaz's house was sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) in 2023-24.

Administration, led by the BDO Gool, took a special drive to complete the house, involving the community and providing regular monitoring and assis-

With financial assistance of Rs. 1,30,000/- under PMAY-G, Reyaz constructed a new house within 45 days. Additionally, he

received a twin leach pit toilet under Swachha Bharat Mission (Gramin), electricity connection under Saubhagya Scheme, LED bulbs under Ujala scheme, and a free LPG connection under Ujjwala Scheme. The intervention transformed Reyaz's life, providing a healthier and safer living condition for his family. They are now concerned about health and hygiene, using sanitary toilets, and enjoying the benefits of electricity and LPG connections. expresses his gratitude towards administration and said that due to PMAY-G, SBM, Ujala, and

Ujjwala Schemes, my family's living condition has illustrations improved, and we are living happily. This success story showcases the impact of PMAY-G, SBM, MGNRE-GA, Ujala and Ujjwala schemes in improving rural lives and demonstrates the power of community involvement and government initiatives in trans-

# Management organised at SMVDU

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KATRA: Directorate of  ${\bf Quality \, Assurance, \, SMVDU}$ organized a Program entitled, "Stress and Time Management" for all the Officers & Staff Members of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. Resource Person of the training session Ankush Gupta, Assistant Director (Human Resource), Earnest and Young (E&Y), India, emphasized on different sources of stress at the workplaces and advised various remedial processes to overcome excessive stress levels.

Gupta explained with the help of various case studies, different aspects of stress and consequential disadvantages. He emphasized that the modern stress management practices are essential to be adopted as the job requirements are dynamically changing in the present technology driven workplaces. The session was very lively participated by



staff members of the young University. The resource person with the help of various demonstrations highlights the intricacies of internal and external stress and a mechanism has been presented to work on these issues. Earlier the inaugural part of the training program Prof. Supran Kumar Sharma, Director, DQA accentuated the significance of such kinds of training programs which are in the form of on-job trainings.

Ajay Kumar Sharma, JKAS, Registrar, SMVDU & Shri Neeraj Gupta, JKAS Finance Officer, SMVDU also attended the session. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University has conveyed warm wishes on the different officers and this occasion. Directorate of

Quality Assurance, SMVDU is regularly focusing to conduct different training program on relevant areas including Noting & Drafting; Administrative Rules Communication Skills and Personality Development; Upgradation of Computer Skills; Leadership Skills; Management, Purchase Capacity Enhancement Program etc.

It has been well established that to improve the productivity and quality of the present era educational Institute of National & International repute, regular knowledge upgradation is the key, working on the same lines; a complete calendar for the academic year has been prepared Directorate of Quality Assurance SMVDU.

# DLSA Ramban holds Training program for members of the JJB, CWC, Panel Lawyers

# **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMBAN: The District Legal Services Authority, Ramban organized a training program for the members of the Juvenile Justice Board, Ramban, Children Welfare Committee, Ramban and Panel Lawvers working under DLSA Ramban at Juvenile Justice Board, Ramban.

The training program was organized under the guidance of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (Principal District & Sessions Judge) Ramban, Ranbir Singh Jasrotia, and was attended by Secretary, DLSA Ramban, Anjana Rajput, who is also heads the Juvenile Justice Board, Ramban as Principal Magistrate and Chairperson, Children Welfare Committee, Ramban,



Nighat Ara Ghani.

The training was also attended by Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel, Kumar Harshvijay Singh, along with Panel Lawyers, Para Legal Volunteers and other staff and members of DLSA Ramban, Juvenile Justice Board and Children Welfare Committee, district Ramban. The Principal Magistrate

emphasized the significance of Juvenile Justice Act and highlighted the importance of juvenile centric laws and sensitized the present members about how to deal with cases when a juvenile is involved in criminal activities.

She also mentioned the process followed by the JJB while dealing with juveniles so as to take care of their

physical and mental well-

The Chairperson CWC threw light on taking care of children in conflict with law, complexities involving child custody, guardianship and importance of attending to basic needs and amenities such as education, physical and mental well-being of the affected children. She mentioned that the main objective of the CWC is to foster a sense of confidence and awareness within the observation homes, ultimately contributing to a more supportive and protective environment for children.

The attendees actively participated in discussions and raised question about the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act,

# L&E Deptt conducts awareness programmes on Self-Employment initiatives & opportunities

RAMBAN: On the directions ofCommissioner Ramban Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, an awareness program regarding various Self Employment Schemes under Mission Youth J&K and the Schemes of Industries Department, was conducted today at BDO office Khari.

The program was conducted in coordination with Development Department and District Industries and Commerce Department Ramban.

The event aimed at generating mass awareness among the unemployed Youth of the block. At the beginning of the

programme, Amir Hassan Carrier Couselling Officer



Deptt officials during the programme.

Ramban briefed about the schemes of Mission youth like MUMKIN, Tejaswini Spurring

Entrepreneurship Initiatives. He elaborated the eligibility conditions, benefits and procedure of applying under the schemes. He further requested the youth to think differently

and bring out innovative ideas and this department is ready to provide any financial and other support in the establishment of the unit and assured that such camps shall be held on monthly basis in each Block. About 20 young people showed their willingness to apply under these schemes.

Representatives of JK bank were also present whi elaborated the sponsoring mechanism of the government Sponsored self employment cases, under various self-employment schemes at Bank level and assured that the proper SOP shall be followed to prevent unnecessary delay at bank level.

The camp was also attended by various labourers, construction workers, to whom official of Labour Department, gave detailed information about welfare schemes being provided by the the JKBOCWWB and briefed the new rates of the education assistance to be provided to the wards of the registered construction workers applicable from this financial year 2024-25.

# DC Doda inspects Govt Schools, Ayush Centre, Gatha Park

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BHADERWAH: Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh undertook a day-long tour

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of sub-district Bhaderwah, emphasizing the importance of infrastructure, health, and education in the region.

During the tour, the DC Doda conducted a surprise inspection at Primary School Dranga, where he assessed the school's facilities and emphasized the need for maintaining high standards of cleanliness and punctuality among the

In Drudhu Bhaderwah, the DC Doda inspected the Health and Wellness Centre, directing the staff to prioritize cleanliness and punctuality. He high-



Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh carrying out inspection of a school.

lighted the importance of these centers in providing essential healthcare services and urged the staff to continually strive for excel-

The tour also included an inspection of the underconstruction Seri Tipri road. The DC Doda lence in serving the com- reviewed the progress of

the developmental project and urged the concerned officers to expedite the work to ensure timely completion.

Additionally, the DC Doda visited Gatha Park to inspect the facilities and directed the relevant officers to address pending electrical issues promptly to enhance the lake's appeal and facilities for

visitors. Further, the DC Doda visited the Ayush site at Thanthera Bhaderwah, where he issued directives the Public Health Engineering department to ensure adequate facilities.

# Idols of Lord Shiva, Mata Parvati consecrated at Veerbhadreshwar temple

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NOWSHERA: The idol consecration ceremony of Lord Shiva, Mata Parvati and Veerbhadreshwar ji was organized in Veerbhadreshwar temple near the India-Pakistan Line of Control on Sunday under the Shri guidance of Shri 1008 Mahamandaleshwar Shri Santosh Das Moni ji Maharaj. Acharya Shri Shubham Shastri and Pandit Narendra Sharma performed the havan pujan and installed the idols. After this, a huge feast was organized by performing the Kanya Poojan. The slogans of Mouni Maharaj ki Jai, Har Har Mahadev ki Jai resounded. The commanding officer and soldiers of the local battalion bowed their heads in the temple and took blessings. Being a military area, the Army provided full support in the program along with tight security.

