

Live electric wires hanging on wooden poles, trees in Dandi-Soura area posing high risk to villagers; JPDCL assures redressal at earliest

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BHADERWAH: On one side Government is claiming to have electrified maximum areas of Jammu and Kashmir under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) along with other parts of the nation, beside upgraded existing infrastructure especially in far-off areas, but on the other hand, many areas of Jammu and Kashmir's District Doda are still waiting for iron poles and other infrastructure as Government has launched RDSS recently.



It is notable that Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), has recently launched by Government of India with the objective of improving the quality and reliability of power supply to consumers through a financially sustainable and operationally efficient Distribution Sector but these areas are still waiting for the scheme. The residents of Dandi village in Block Bhalla of Additional District Bhaderwah has expressed concern over low hanging live electric wires on wooden poles and trees and

accused the Power Development Department of showcasing callous approach and throwing all norms to wind. In village Dandi of Panchayat Soura as well as adjoining areas, live electric wires are hanging less than 8 feet from the ground. At many places, these wires are attached to wooden poles or trees. It seems that the Power Development department is inviting trouble. "The Department has failed to install the electric poles and the transmission lines can be seen hang-

ing from the wooden poles," local residents including Dost Mohd, Mohd Yaqoob and Mohd Ayoub said, adding the transmission lines were lying very low to the ground thus posing a severe danger to the lives of people of the area. The inhabitants said that they pay their electricity bills regularly but PDD is not installing electric poles and other infrastructure properly. They warned to come on road if PDD fails to install iron electric poles in their area. Locals appealed the Lieutenant

Governor Manoj Sinha and DC Doda Harvinder Singh to intervene and issue orders to JPDCL authorities to install new poles and other infrastructure in the area, so that the people may feel safe and secure. When contacted, Executive Engineer PDD Doda Gopal Singh said that we have already written to the higher authorities about the issue and very soon we will get the approval for the installation of the electric poles wherever needed. "The survey of the said area has been conducted by the team under sanctioned Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in the first phase," Singh added, saying that the objective of this scheme is to improve the quality and reliability of power supply to consumers, beside it's mainly focused on strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network of project areas for the benefit of consumers. "Hopefully, after completing all the formalities, the work on the first phase will probably start from mid of July 2024 and who missed in first phase will be included in 2nd phase," he informed.

Sehyogdhara collaborates with Health Inn for CPR Training in Kishtwar

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K I S H T W A R : Sehyogdhara, a prominent NGO renowned for its healthcare services and support for the poor and needy, in collaboration with Health Inn Kishtwar organized a CPR training program for paramedical students and the local community.



The event, supervised by senior physician Dr. Sanjay Parihar, aimed to equip paramedical trainees and residents of Kishtwar with essential life-saving CPR skills. Dr. Ashraf and Dr. Mohsin conducted the training, emphasizing the critical role of CPR in cases of cardiac arrest. The event highlighted the increasing incidence of heart attacks post-COVID and the life-saving potential of timely CPR. The importance of CPR in preserving precious lives

was thoroughly discussed, and certificates were awarded to all participants upon completion. The civil society lauded the efforts of Sehyogdhara and Health Inn, expressing hope for more such impactful training programs in the future. These initiatives are crucial for the betterment of humanity, aiming to train as many individuals as possible in Kishtwar to respond effectively in emergencies. Additionally, Sehyogdhara is dedicated to providing education and healthcare to underprivileged children. Dr. Daisy, in her article "From Begging Bowls to Books," underscores her commitment to this cause, illustrating Sehyogdhara's ongoing efforts to transform lives through education and health support.

DC Reasi evaluates rainy season, flood control preparedness

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the preparedness for the rainy season and flood control in the district. The meeting focused on rescue operations, relief measures and essential services like road connectivity, electricity supply, water management, and safety protocols. DC Mahajan instructed officials to ensure all essential services are maintained and prepared to handle emergencies arising from adverse weather conditions. He emphasized public safety, directing the police and Tehsildars to advise residents against venturing near water bodies during the monsoon season. Health services were prioritized, with directives issued to



DC Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, chairing a review meeting.

stock adequate medicines and strategically locate ambulances. A dedicated control room will be established to facilitate seamless communication and coordination among all departments involved in rescue and relief operations. DC Mahajan urged residents to stay vigilant, follow safety guidelines, and cooperate with local authorities to mitigate the impact of the rainy season effectively. The meeting was attended by senior officials, including SSP Mohita Sharma, O/C GREF Aditya Sharma, SEs PWD and Jal Shakti, ACR Anshumali Sharma, SDMS, Project Director NH Anuj, XENs PWD, PMGSY, JPDCL and Jal Shakti.

24th Mahant Gurmat Samagam concludes

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POONCH: The 24th Mahant Gurmat Samagam, a 40-day spiritual event, successfully concluded with fervour and gaiety at Gurdwara Yaadgar Sant Bhai Bahadur Singh ji Dehri Sahib Dharamsal Khari near Zero Line Chakkian Da Bagh in Poonch. On the occasion, Singh Sahib Gyani Baljit Singh ji Granthi Sahib from Sachkhand Shri Darbar Sahib Shri Amritsar and Hazori Raagi Darbar Sahib Bhai Shokeen Singh were specially invited for the event. Singh Sahib gives religious Sermon by briefing life history of Guru Amar Das ji, sikh philosophy, Sikh history, Gurbani and Bhai Shokeen Singh recited Gurbani kirtan captivating the attendees with their soulful performance. Singh Sahib Gyani Baljit Singh ji stressed upon Sikhs to work for unity, serve humanity, serve parents and to lead life as per Guru Granth Sahib philosophy.



Ragi Jathas delivering religious sermons during the Samagam.

During the Smagam, Gen Secy. Bhai Santokh Singh conducted the proceeding of the programme. The event saw the participation of Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Former Chief Minister of Jammu Kashmir and Mian Altaf Ahmed Larvi Member Parliament Rajouri Poonch Anantnag Constituency. Their presence highlighted the significance of the samagam in fostering unity and spiritual growth. Dr. Farooq Abdullah appealed gathering to follow sikh guru's teachings and work for peace prosperity, unity brotherhood to defeat the communal forces. Mian Altaf

MP thanked people for their cooperation support and assured that he will work for the progress of area and public irrespective of considering region and religion. He assured Sikhs for early redressal of their problems and grievances. Various local raagis and par-charaks also took part, enriching the spiritual ambience and sharing insights into the teachings of Sikhism. Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin.M Choudhary(IAS), SSP Poonch, yougal Manhas, ADDC Poonch, Sandesh Kumar Sharma, Former MLC, Jahangir Mir, Former MLA, Aijaz Jan, R cattan Lal

care services and spritual religious enrichment to the attendees. The management committee of Gurudwara Yaadgar Sant Bhai Bahadur Singh Ji expressed gratitude to the district administration and army authorities for their support during the 40-day samagam. S Harcharn Singh Khalsa while his adress throw light on the importance of Samagam and briefed Sikh history with participants. He also appealed Sangat to follow the teachings of Gurm Granth Sahib Ji. He also briefed the history of Guru Amar Das ji and urged Sangat to be united for betterment of Community and humanity. Approximately 15,000 people from all walks of life participated, reflecting the event's broad appeal and communal harmony. The gathering concluded on a high note, leaving the attendees spiritually enriched and inspired. After the Ardaas Guru Ka Langer were also served among the devotees.

JKTJAC seeks redressal of burning issues of teaching fraternity

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UDHAMPUR: A meeting of Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) held at Udhampur under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and District President Udhampur Lekh Raj Parihar today on 07.07.2024. The meeting was attended by the JKTJAC representatives of JKTJAC from all zones of the district. While speaking on the occasion Vinod Sharma raised the issue of release of MDM dues which are still pending for 2023-24 due to which teachers are facing lots of problems. He also demanded the resolution of various other genuine and burning issues of the teaching fraternity and appealed the LG administration to resolve them for the welfare of thousands of teachers of the UT. Raising the issue of com-



JKTAC members during the meeting.

prehensive transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme he said that these teachers have been working in the same schools for last more than two decades and suffering badly including females due to non availability of transfer policy. He appealed worthy Principal Secretary School Education for consideration of the genuine demand of transfer policy for the welfare of thousands of these teachers and include them in ATID. He also demanded conversion of headteachers posts into non plan posts of masters so that many headless middle schools get justice. While speaking he also appealed the Director School Education Jammu to issue regularisation orders of ReTs who have completed 5 years ReT period as they are waiting for their regularisation for a long time and conversion of left out RRETs to Teachers Grade II/III who weren't included in the recent list. Regarding rationali-

sation of teaching staff Mr Sharma appealed Director School Education Jammu, Chief Education Officers, Cluster heads and ZEOs to strengthen the primary and Middle schools by providing adequate staff so that basic education of the students isn't compromised. He said that every Primary teacher be provided two teachers and every Middle school be provided at least five teachers. Other demands highlighted on the occasion included Raising Grade of teachers at par with their counter parts in other UTs; Filling up of vacant posts ZEOs/ Principals/ Headmasters as many zones/schools are headless, Issuance of 2nd DPC list of teachers to master. Speaking on the occasion Lekh Raj Parihar demanded the earned leave in favour of teachers/masters who were engaged for summer/ winter camps and for other duties

during summer/ winter vacation. He also demanded release of more than two years arrears (time barred) of teachers and masters as they are suffering badly and updating of service records of teachers in the zones of District Udhampur as teachers are facing lots of problems for getting them completed. He appealed CEO Udhampur to intervene in this matter. Others who also spoke on the occasion were:- Sham Sharma, Ashok Seth, Pritam Goswami, Ravinder Singh Rathore, Bhushan Khajuria, Shamsher Singh, Jagdish Chander Sharma, Sandeep Sharma, Suresh Sharma, Madan Bhardwaj, Manoj Sharma, Sudesh Azad, Sunil Verma, Som Raj, Ashok Kumar, Puma Chand, Uttam Singh, Sudesh Kumar, Sanjay Sharma, Vabal Singh, Maan Singh, and others.

Glory of saints is unique: Madhuparamhans

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SAMBHA: Sadguru of Sahib Bandgi Madhuparamhans Maharaj, while delighting the congregation with the nectar of his discourses in Rakhbandhu, said that the glory of saints is unique. They give the message of the immortal land beyond the three worlds to the world. There is no one greater than them in the universe. Paltu Sahib is saying a very lovely thing in his speech. He is saying that one should worship the one who is great. The saints took everyone into consideration. Saw all the 33 crore deities, Tridev etc. Then even from the 33 crore deities, Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh were selected considering them to be the greatest among all the gods and goddesses. Then even from these three, leaving two, Vishnu



Ji was chosen considering him to be the greatest.

Paltu Sahib is saying in his speech that Hari is in the middle of Gunas and saints are beyond Gunas. Therefore, worship saints. That is why saints have great glory. A saint is one who worships beyond both Sagun and Nirgun Bhaktis. But nowadays there is a lot of confusion. Wearing any clothes, people say that they are saints. Sahib Ji said that the saints opposed the caste system. They made the

society aware. If we see the essence of the words of the saints, then he said 5 different things. First he said that these 3 worlds, these 14 buildings are destructible. No one is safe in it. But that immortal world, from where the soul has come, never gets destroyed. Second he said that one cannot survive without a Sadguru. No matter how learned one is, one cannot cross over without a Guru. Thirdly, he spoke about the glory of the Name. He said that there are erases of names in the world, but that True Name is beyond them. That is a different name, which only the saints have. Through that, the soul can cross over this ocean of the world. Fourthly, Sahib stressed on Gurumukhtaa. Fifth, he spoke about Surati Yoga.

Plantation drive organised at GDC Katra

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REASI: As part of Van Mahotsav week, the NSS unit of Government Degree College Katra, in collaboration with the Red Ribbon Club of the college, conducted a plantation drive in the College campus. The drive, conducted under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" is part of a campaign initiated by the Prime Minister of India. The program was organized under



the able guidance of the Principal, Dr. Rajni Bhagat, and the overall supervision of Dr. Manisha Kumari, NSS Program Officer. A good number of students participated in the drive, contributing to its success. Several saplings were planted in the College ground during this drive. While addressing the gathering, Principal Dr. Rajni Bhagat emphasized that afforestation is the need of the hour as we are facing a serious threat of global warming. She further stated that due to global warming, the earth's temperature has broken all previous heat records during the summer season. She urged everyone to plant a tree because trees are one of the most effective ways to limit global warming.

Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha provides scholarship to meritorious students of EWS of Rajput Biradari

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SAMBHA: Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha is providing scholarship to meritorious students of EWS of the Rajput Biradari every year to encourage the students to continue/complete their study. On Sunday Sabha also distributed scholarship to 51 students of samba Distt. amounting to Rs. 176,500 and 31 children who scored more than 90 per cent marks and did not fall in the economically weaker section were also honoured with trophies, under the supervision of Shri Jagdish Singh (Vice President) of Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha at Samba also address the parents & students to keep close watch on their wards, keeping in view of present



Sabha members along with meritorious students.

scenario. Capt.inder singh ji (president) SAKRS, Samba also said that keep distance from Drugs & take part in games for sound health & sound body (Good Physique) and also said that this scholarship is for EWS students of Biradari so that these students who belong to our Rajput BIRADARI never face any obstacle and so

that they can study well. Chief guest of the today function was kr NARYAN singh EX.President of sabha also express their views to the students they ask to students, Study when you must and also play when you must. Both are equally important in life. A healthy body helps us to learn well. So students, I wish to advise you

to make the most of your student days here and benefit from the incomparable education you receive, from your institution. All the best, my dear students and once again I thank you all for giving me this opportunity to grace today's function as the chief guest. I wish and pray, that this sabha

reaches still more lofty heights and keeps its flag flying up, eternally. In this function prominent among Mangleshwar Singh (General Secretary) Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha Jammu, Jaidev Singh (Finance Secretary, Samba) Karan Singh (Secretary, Samba) Raj Singh (President) Sambhal Biradari, Shivcharan Singh (Chairman) Sambyal Biradari, Capt Waryam Singh, Qabla Singh (VP) Samba, Shivcharan Singh, Shiv Darshan Singh, Darwara Singh (VP) Samba, Gurdev Singh Sub.Ret. Balbir Singh President (Distt Jammu) Rural, Deepak Charak, Sukhdev Singh and Dy.Comm Ret Karan Singh.

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