

Memorial plaques saluting spirit and sacrifice of local bravehearts: Rekha Mahajan

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JAMMU: As the Independence Day draws closer, the celebrations across District Jammu South under the leadership of its President Rekha Mahajan gained momentum with multi-farious festive events being organized across all five Mandals, drops under District Jammu South, under the nationwide public participation program 'Meri Maati Mera Desh'. The celebrations witnessed the installation of statues of martyrs, the creation of Amrit Vatikas, plantation drives, Tiranga Rallies, and tribute-paying events to mark 'Mitti ko Naman, Veeron ka Vandan' here at ward no.55



BJP District Jammu South President Rekha Mahajan paying tributes to martyrs.

Deeli, Kunjwani Jammu. The mega event was held under the leadership of BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan along with BJP Cadres of Jammu South. While addressing the gathering,

Rekha Mahajan said the campaign will include various programs across the country to remember the brave hearts (Veers). Shilaphalakams (memorial plaques) commemorating them will be installed in

every village panchayats of District Jammu South. She highlighted this campaign is the concluding event of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav,' which began on 12 March 2021 and has witnessed widespread public participation (Jan Bhagidari) with over 2 lakh programs organized across India. Rekha educates that PM Narendra Modi recently announced this campaign during his Mann Ki Baat broadcast. She stated the historical campaign aims to honor the brave freedom fighters and Bravehearts who sacrificed their lives for the country. Rekha Mahajan exhorted that the campaign will feature

programs like the establishment of Shilaphalakams dedicated to freedom fighters and security forces, as well as initiatives like Panch Pran Pledge, Vasudha Vandan, Veeron ka Vandan which venerates the gallant sacrifices of our Bravehearts. Shilaphalakam or Memorial plaques saluting the spirit of sacrifice of local bravehearts from the village, panchayat, block, town, city, municipality, etc. are to be erected across urban and rural areas. She also said it will have the Prime Minister's message with the names of those who have laid down their lives for the nation belonging to that region.

Reva Raina installed as New President of IWC Samparak Jammu



New President Reva Raina along with IWC members.

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JAMMU: IWC Samparak Jammu held installation ceremony of Reva Raina as President for 2023-24. Dr. Nirmal Raina installed Reva Raina as President in a simple but

impressive ceremony held at Hotel Asia on Sunday. ISO Soneya, Kanchan Kesar Treasurer, Secretary Anila Mengi, Ravinder Kaur V. President, Seema Editor and other prominent members of club were

also participated. Speaking on the occasion Reva Laid emphasis on working for downtrodden and poor of the state and called for concerted efforts by all the members of the club.

Pawan leads Tricolor Rally at Udhampur



Tiranga Yatra being taken out at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: Pawan Gupta led an impressive Tricolor rally in celebration of India's 75th Independence Day. Guided by Pawan Gupta's leadership, the city reverberated with spirited chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" while the Tricolor waved proudly. Udhampur transformed into a vibrant panorama of patriotism, festooned with the essence of "Vande Mataram" and "Bharat Mata

Ki Jai." The procession, accompanied by patriotic melodies, created a captivating atmosphere akin to a festive celebration. The event served as a platform to convey gratitude to all Armed Forces and civilians for their contributions in shaping a progressive India and fostering national pride.

Under a canopy of fluttering flags and the resounding anthem "Bharat Mata Ki Jai," the city radiated patri-

otism. Pawan Kumar Gupta commended the youthful vigour displayed during the event, recognizing the dedication of conscientious citizens, District President Arun Gupta, Municipal Chairman Dr. Yogeshwar, Vice Chairman Surinder Khalsa, esteemed councillors, VC President Balwan Singh BDC, Councillor Purn Chand, Mandal President Shashi, Krishna Dutt, and the entire community for propelling the success of the Tricolor rally. The rally not only achieved its objectives but also kindled the dormant spirit of patriotism and national devotion among attendees.

The event concluded with announcement of flag hoisting ceremony to be held at Lal Chowk on August 15th at 8:30 AM and Gupta extending a warm invitation to all to participate in this symbolic and unifying celebration.

DIPR Reasi organises mega culture event

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REASI: Department of Information and Public Relation Reasi organized cultural events under the theme "Meri Maati, Mera Desh - Mitti Ko Naman Veeron Ka Vandan" in auditorium of Mini Secretariat Reasi, aimed to paying homage to the unwavering dedication and sacrifices made by our brave warriors.

Cultural programme was organized by Department of Information and Public Relation Reasi in collaboration with District Administration, to remember and pay rich tribute to the martyrs who have laid down their lives for the security and integrity of the country. District Development Commissioner Babila Rakwal was the chief guest and SSP Amit Gupta was the guest of honor on the occasion. A colourful programme was



DDC Babila Rakwal, SSP Amit Gupta along with DIPR officials and others during the event.

presented by students of various institutions. The aim of organizing this event was to inculcate the spirit of patriotism, nationalism and oneness among the young generation besides remembering the bravery and sacrifices of martyrs.

Outstanding culture programme was appreciated by DDC with special reference to spell bound performance by Pintu and Party from Charai, which enthralled the audience.

Deputy Commissioner interacted with the families of the fallen Martyrs. DDC expressed her gratitude for their contribution towards the overall security and development of the district and emphasized the importance of unity and cooperation among all stakeholders for maintaining peace and harmony in the district.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Reasi called upon the youth to take inspi-

ration from the supreme sacrifice made by our great heroes to safeguard the unity and integrity of the country. SSP recalled our great Martyrs who made supreme sacrifice for the betterment of our motherland.

Emotional and patriotic fervour gripped the audience at auditorium, where the family members of Martyrs hailing from different parts of Reasi district were facilitated by DDC and SSP

Reasi. Meanwhile Tiranga rally were held form General Zorawar Singh Sports Stadium and culminated at Bhim Ghar Fort by different educational institutions under the supervision of CEO Sunita Bali. ADC Abdul Star, ACP, ACR, ASP, DPO, DIO Rajinder Digra, Tehsildar Reasi Suresh Singh and other officers were present in the event.

Lecturers' Forum holds monthly meet, praises Principal Secretary

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JAMMU: All J&K +2 Lecturers' Forum held Monthly meeting on virtual mode in which both Provincial units of the forum i.e Jammu Province unit and Kashmir Province Unit participated. Besides, all 20 District units of Lecturers' forum of Jammu & Kashmir UT participated in the meet. The meet was chaired by Chairman of the Forum, RS Salathia who expressed satisfaction over the way the forum is working for the overall upliftment of the standard of education in the school Education Department under the able and charismatic leadership of Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, School Education Department, J&K.

The meet was moderated by Ghar Singh Saini, General Secretary Jammu Province.

The meeting unanimously resolved to implement the New Education Policy in an effective manner so that the dream of providing job-oriented, skill-oriented, research-oriented education enriched with fostering moral values among our youths comes true.

Both the Provincial Presidents viz Pardeep Singh Rakwal and Shakeel Ahmed Butt while speaking at the meet, focused on regularisation of I/C lecturers in one go in all disciplines including those who acquired

their PG degrees through distance mode in Science stream to put a full stop to the issue once for all in the interest of justice. The two Presidents expressed full confidence in the leadership of Principal Secretary SED, Alok Kumar and said that the department is on the path of continuous progress and is all set to compete at all levels.

All districts Presidents were unanimous on the issue of regularisation of I/C lecturers in one go.

Pardeep Koul, President, All J&K +2 Lecturers' Forum Kishtwar, in his address congratulated all the participants in anticipation on the occasion of 76th Anniversary of our Independence Day which is being celebrated as Amrit Mahotsav. He urged all to celebrate the day with great pomp and show highlighting Supreme sacrifices of our freedom fighters and the defence forces and apprise the youths of the history of freedom to inculcate the feeling of patriotism and the importance of freedom among them. Sensing urgency of the matter, Koul expressed the hope that regularisation would see the light of the day shortly with Principal Secretary SED, Alok Kumar at the helm of affairs.

The issue of ACP also came under discussion and the forum expressed happiness over the way, Alok

Kumar is personally taking keen interest in addressing the long pending issue.

Preeti Madam, an I/C Lecturer from Jammu presented a woeful and emotional tale of incharge lecturers who she said perform all legitimate duties of a lecturer but when it comes to their interest, they are unnecessarily harassed for no fault on their part. She further said that while it is very much clear in their promotion orders that they would be regularised within 6 months but they are not given their due share which is sheer injustice with the cadre.

Top office bearers of All JK +2 Lecturers Forum from Jammu and Kashmir viz. RS Salathia, Pardeep Singh Rakwal, Shakeel Ahmed Butt, Pardeep Koul, Jyoti Prakash, Fida Gulzar, Attar Fayaz, Gh Nabi Malik etc thanked Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary SED for agreeing in principle to remove the Lookafter tag of Principals and providing them Charge Allowance till they get regularised. They also thanked him for himself pursuing the ACP file at the appropriate Forum to meet the long pending demand of the +2 cadre.

The matter of non-issuance of regularisation orders in favour of 13 I/C Lecturers in Botany who pursued their PG degrees through distance mode and whose names have

already cleared by DPC also came under discussion. The issue was raised by Ravinder ji, RK Uppal, RK Padroo, MS Parihar, Jagjeet Singh and others. It was informed that they were not issued regularisation orders on the pretext of Non submission of vigilance clearance. It was unanimously demanded that regularisation orders in favour of these 13 incharge lecturers be issued at the earliest as their vigilance clearance has been provided and their fortune is hanging in balance for no fault of theirs. It was also demanded to issue the regularisation orders of left out incharge lecturers in Physics of 2019.

It was unanimously demanded to give non-vacational status to Principals. Fida Gulzar, Dr Ashok Kumar, Renu Langae, Khateeb Ahmed, Surinder Madhyal, Jagjeet Singh, Ashok Kumar, Sohan Singh, Parveen Akhtar, Subash Kumar, Yasir umar, Ashok Kattal, Preeti Kanwal, Ramesh Geelani, Yunus Malik, MS Parihar, Paramjeet Singh, Mohd Rashid, Ravinder Singh, Dev Dutta, Abdul Majid, Deepak Kapoor, Mohd Ismail Mir, Surjeet Singh, Jagjeet Singh, Mohd Ashraf and others were also present.

The meeting while giving the message of unity ended with a vote of thanks by the Provincial Presidents.

Directorate of Economics & Statistics conducts activities under Meri Mati, Mera Desh campaign



Dr. Raghav Langer, Secy PD&MD and others during the event.

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JAMMU: Directorate of Economics & Statistics, J&K celebrated the achievements of the nation and brave hearts under the nationwide campaign "Meri Mati, Mera Desh" to mark the finale of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav programme. Dr. Raghav Langer, Secretary to Government, Planning Development & Monitoring Department presided over the function and lead the officers and staff of the Directorate in planting saplings of exotic and medicinal plants in "Amrit Vatika" a dedicated park in the premises of the Directorate.

To celebrate the bravery

and courage, talented specially abled children from Blind School, Roopnagar, Jammu were invited in Directorate of Economics & Statistics where they were felicitated for their determination despite all odds in achieving their goals in the fields of education and performing arts.

Specially abled children on the occasion sang Desh Bhakti songs and made environment wholesome. The Secretary impressed upon the civil society to come forward to recognize the hidden talent of these students which may otherwise remain unrecognized.

Later, Secretary interacted

with specially abled children and appreciated their stories of grit and determination and lauded their efforts in achieving their desired goals thereby contributing towards the building of a strong nation.

The event was attended by the Director General, Economics & Statistics Satvir Kour Sudan, Special Secretary, Kishore Singh Chib, officers of PDMD, DES, Regional Director, Jammu and other administrative departments. On the occasion, an oath of Panch Pran was also administered by the officers for dedicating their commitment for nation building.

Kisan Rally on Nasha Mukht Bharat taken out



Director Agriculture Jammu K K Sharma flagging off rally.

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JAMMU: A mega Kisan Rally for awareness regarding Nasha Mukht Bharat was flagged off by Director Agriculture Jammu K K Sharma in the presence of SDM Ramnagar Shishir Gupta, SDPO Ramnagar and CAO Udhampur Sanjay Anand. They gave the Panch Pran Pledge wherein all those present resolved to make India a developed nation by 2047, eliminate the mentality of slavery, take pride of India's rich heritage, uphold unity and solidarity, fulfill duties as citizens, and respect those

who protect the nation.

The mega Rally was organised at Ramnagar by Sub Division Agriculture Office Ramnagar Distt Udhampur. More than 600 Farmers and ladies from Women Self help group operating in Ramnagar in collaboration with Sub Divisional Agriculture Office Ramnagar participated in the rally which commenced from DAK Bungalow Ramnagar and culminated at Sub Divisional Agriculture Office Ramnagar. The program was organised under the Azadi ka Amrit

Mahotsav with theme Meri Maati Mera Desh. Earlier DAJ K K Sharma dedicated the newly constructed seed store costing Rs 35 lakhs to farming community for safe storage and sale of general seeds and reviewed the functioning of Agriculture Sub Division Ramnagar in various ongoing CSS and HADP programmes.

Prominent who were present were Kuldeep Singh, Surinder Gupta, Jyoti Parkash, Rakesh Sharma Sub Division Ramnagar officers along with all the AEOs, JAEOS and AERs.

Jugal, Rana lead Tiranga Rally; say India poised to become Vishwaguru

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DANSAL: Dansal Block in the Nagrota Assembly Constituency on Sunday reverberated with Bharat Mata Ki Jai amid enthusiastic Tiranga Yatra, filled with patriotic fervour, as part of the Amrit Mahotsav ahead of Independence Day. Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member Parliament and Devender Singh Rana, Sr BJP Leader led the enthusiastic rallyists carrying Tricolor raised patriotic slogans and greeted the compatriots on the national festival.

Speaking on the occasion, Member Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma said that the BJP's nationalistic character and inclusive ethos, guided by the Prime Minister's cherished Mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Paryas is key to taking the nation to the glory it deserves globally.

Sharma said that Indian politics has entered into a new era of bonding with social barriers crashing and 'nation first' philosophy



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, BJP senior leader Devender Singh Rana and others carrying Tricolor during the rally.

becoming the way of life and guiding force to ensure progression of all, irrespective of religion, region or caste. In this journey of New India, every segment of the society is working towards strengthening the hands of Mr Narendra Modi to carry forward his mission of nation building.

Sharma said the agenda of inclusiveness has instilled a sense of confidence and hope among the people, who have been craving for marching ahead as proud Indians to

become part of the country's growth story.

He also referred to the great initiatives taken by the BJP over the years and implementation of various schemes and welfare programmes with missionary zeal, saying these have resulted in the growth of every section of the society.

Interacting with people at the culmination of the rally, Devender Rana said this Independence Day has a special significance as the nation is at the threshold of becoming

a world leader under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"The world has already started looking towards India with a hope of being instrumental in resolving complex issues like conflict, challenges on the fronts of terrorism and climate, fighting poverty, disease, illiteracy, hunger and poverty besides strengthening democratic values", Rana said, adding that Indian contribution in combating global pandemic in the wake of Covid

19 has been acknowledged and appreciated across the continents.

He said the confidence of the comity of nations in India emanates from the strong belief of Modi in great ethos of 'Vasudeva Kutumbakam'. This spirit is getting buffeted by the strides achieved by the country in coming to the help of needy in conflict zones and the situations arising due to natural calamities, he added.

Devender Rana referred to the Indian Presidency of G20 and successful working group conclaves in different parts of the country, especially in Srinagar, saying the finale will witness the Prime Minister emerging as one of the towering leaders and statesmen of the world. Modi's global image is already at its zenith, he added.

"Happening all this in 75th year of independence is a good omen for India becoming Vishwaguru and figuring as third global economy during the third successive term of the BJP under Prime Minister Modi in office", he added.