

# Div Com, ADGP visit Rajouri, Poonch, hold Civil Society Peace Committee meetings

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI/POONCH: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and Additional Director General of Police Jammu zone Mukesh Singh on Friday conducted an extensive tour of Rajouri and Poonch districts and reviewed arrangements for Independence Day and Shri Buddha Amarnath Ji Yatra and held civil society peace committee meetings in twin districts.

At Rajouri, the meeting was organized in Dak Bungalow Rajouri which was attended by Civil, Police officers and several eminent personalities, including the DIG Rajouri Poonch range, Dr. Haseeb Mughal, District Development Council Chairman Naseem Liyaqit, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal, Senior Superintendent of Police Amritpal Singh, civil society members, political leaders, and social activists.

The meeting was aimed at discussing various issues concerning the district, including the maintenance of peace and security, arrangements for the upcoming Independence Day celebrations and the Baba Shri Budha Amarnath Yatra. The civil society members put forth various suggestions and concerns, and the officers who chaired the meeting appreciated the constructive approach of the civil society members towards maintaining peace and harmony in the district.

The discussion revolved around the need for effective coordination between the administration and civil society to ensure the smooth conduct of important events.

The officers called for the coopera-



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and ADGP Jammu zone Mukesh Singh chairing a meeting.

tion of civil society members to ensure the successful conduct of both Independence Day and the Baba Shri Budha Amarnath Yatra. They emphasized that such events are essential for maintaining the cultural and social fabric of the region and should be celebrated with enthusiasm and harmony.

Div Com and ADGP reviewed the arrangements for Independence Day and the Baba Shri Budha Amarnath Yatra. They stressed the need for effective coordination between the administration and civil society to ensure the successful conduct of these events.

The officers appreciated the inputs and suggestions provided by the civil society members. ADC Rajouri, Rajeev Kumar Khajuria; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria were also present during the meeting.

At Poonch, Div Com and ADGP chaired a meeting with representatives of Civil Society, PRI's, religious organizations, political parties, and other stakeholders.

The DIG Rajouri /Poonch, Dr. Haseeb Mughal, Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M.Choudhary, Senior

Superintendent of Police, Vinay Kumar; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa Malik and all district officers were present in the meeting.

The meeting aimed to address various core issues concerning the district, including maintaining law and order, eradicating the drug menace, improving infrastructure, and other developmental concerns.

During the meeting, the members of the Civil Society expressed their deep satisfaction with the existing sense of brotherhood and harmony within the district. They reiterated their unwavering faith in the Indian Constitution and its principles, underscoring the significance of maintaining communal harmony as a cornerstone of a prosperous district.

The Divisional Commissioner called upon the residents to uphold brotherhood, peace, and communal amity in the district, urging them to disregard rumors circulated by miscreants. He assured the attendees that concerted efforts would be made to address the concerns raised by the people. The Divisional Commissioner also lauded the local residents for their commendable efforts in maintaining com-

munal harmony, highlighting that peace is a fundamental prerequisite for the development and prosperity of any region.

The ADGP Jammu Zone echoed the sentiment, appealing to the representatives of the civil society to continue their efforts in promoting peace and harmony within the district.

Meanwhile, the Div Com and ADGP conducted a comprehensive review of the arrangements for the upcoming annual Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The meeting focused on various crucial aspects, including security measures, transportation of pilgrims, provisions for langers (community kitchens), medical facilities, sanitation, water and power supply, traffic management, and lodging and boarding facilities for the pilgrims.

Recognizing the paramount importance of security during the pilgrimage, the ADGP issued directives to the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) to implement comprehensive security measures.

The ADGP emphasized the significance of deploying an adequate number of police personnel along the designated route, reinforcing security checkpoints, and maintaining strict vigilance at all times.

During the review, the Divisional Commissioner emphasized the need for seamless transportation facilities, provision of langers to cater to the pilgrims' needs, adequate medical facilities, and proper sanitation arrangements.

The administration, in close collaboration with the police department, is working diligently to ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place.

# IIM Jammu meets local entrepreneur Sanchaita

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The IIM Jammu Foundation for Entrepreneurship Innovation & Skill Development under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu hosted the serial event INSPIRE: Meet Your Local Entrepreneurs on Friday at the Canal Road Campus.

The event featured Sanchaita Khajuria, a women entrepreneur who shared her story of success, determination, and passion without fear.

The show was managed entirely by the student body of IIM Jammu viz. Entrepreneurship Development Cell where the students had the unique opportunity to hear firsthand the inspiring story of the entrepreneur.

She shared her entrepreneurial journey from wild-life tourism at Delhi to the handicrafts of Jammu through the turmoil of COVID.

Being from Orissa and married into a Dogra family she built her business three



Women entrepreneur, Sanchaita Khajuria with students and faculty.

years ago on the art forms of the small town of Basohli in the Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir.

She eloquently recounted her challenges, triumphs, and the pivotal role of courage in shaping her journey to explore and preserve the culture and heritage of J&K.

She shared how she worked at small organizations before embarking on her current entrepreneurial journey as the founder of Shilpkari Bazaar, a startup that focuses on manufacturing and repositioning local arts and crafts of India for the next generation. Through candid conversa-

tions, she emphasized that persistence is the driving force that enables individuals to pursue their dreams, even in the face of fear and uncertainty.

She urged students to instill qualities such as risk-taking and perseverance in their paths to success.

The fireside session was conducted by Dr Niti Shekar, faculty, IIM Jammu and the event witnessed the presence of Dr Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer, IIM Jammu.

This was the first of the series of interactions planned by the IIM Jammu student body EDC, under the aegis of IIM-J-FEISD.

## Congress celebrates SC's verdict staying conviction of Rahul Gandhi

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Congress on Friday celebrated the verdict of Supreme Court staying the conviction of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

As the news report on the stay on conviction was heard a large number of Congress leaders and workers rushed to the party HQ Shaheed Chowk Jammu where sweets were distributed amidst beating of drums.

JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani said that truth has prevailed in the matter. Rahul Gandhi will continue raising the voice of the poor and the downtrodden like before and nobody will be able to stop him.

He said that Congress always believed in the democracy and the Constitution and the judiciary.

Vikar Rasool said that Congress under the leadership of Shri Rahul Gandhi will defeat the BJP Govt and there shall be change in the 2024 election. He was flanked by Working President Raman Bhalla, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Ex-MP T.S. Bajwa, Ex-MLC Ved Mahajan, Vinod Sharma and others. Speaking on the occasion Raman Bhalla said that Supreme Court today took a wise decision by staying the conviction of Rahul Gandhi.

## Safeguarding Intellectual property is crucial for every business success : Sahai



PHDCCI chairman Rahul Sahai and others dignitaries at a meeting.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in collaboration with the Ministry of MSME organized the First Steering Committee Meeting in Jammu to discuss the calendar of events to be organized for promotion of Intellectual Property Rights in J&K and also to educate MSMEs about the importance and benefits of IP.

Speaking on the occasion, G Velladurai, Joint Director, HoO, MSME-DFO, Jammu requested all members present to play an active role in dissemination of information about IPFC Jammu among Industry associations in their respective regions and get their IP registered through IPFC Jammu.

In his welcome remarks,

PHDCCI chairman Rahul Sahai apprised about the importance of IP for MSMEs and Start-ups to be ahead in the competition. He also highlighted how IPRs help MSMEs to sustain themselves in business and compete with big players. Further, he mentioned that the J&K region has a lot of potential for Geographical Indications like R S Pura Basmati Rice, Basohli & Kashmir Pashmina Shawls, Basohli paintings, Hand-Knotted Carpets, Saffron etc. Some have been given GI but many more are yet to be identified for GI certification in the region and PHDCCI IPFC Centre will certainly play an important role in this regard. PHDCCI J & K IPFC will work with all stakeholders concerned in this area as well as State Govt.

## IWC Jammu Kesaria organises Satsang at Old Age Home Amphalla



IWC Jammu Kesaria members during visit to Old Age Home Amphalla.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Inner Wheel Club (IWC) Jammu Kesaria organised a Satsang and spent time with the inmates of the Old Age Home Amphalla. The Satsang was performed by the Bawe Wali Mata Mandali and everyone got carried away with the emotional Bhajans. After the Satsang Prasad was offered in the temple situated in the Old Age Home complex. The members of the club distributed Prasad packets, Lassi, juice, biscuits, Kheer, Gulguley, Puredey. The club members also donated various ration items. The members of the club who were present were President Mona Dubey, Secretary Neeru Rakwal, Editor Mona Puri. Others present were Geeta Mehra, Rekha Verma, Yogita, Sarika, Pooja Sharma.

## PGCIL signs MoU with DC Kargil for providing a Truck Mounted Water Tanker for GDC Kargil under CSR



Vinod P. Baxla, GM (HR) on behalf of PGCIL and Shrikant Balasaheb Suse, DC Kargil after signing MoU.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KARGIL: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) signed an MoU on Friday with District

Jammu's Garden Estate to host "Fantasy Lifestyle Exhibition" on Aug 5, 6

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu's Garden Estate is all set to become the epicenter of style, creativity, and innovation as it gears up to host the highly anticipated "Fantasy Lifestyle Exhibition" on August 5 and 6. Malika Bajaj, the event organizer, said "We are thrilled to bring this grand event to Jammu's Garden Estate. The Fantasy Lifestyle Exhibition goes beyond being just a display of luxury and style; it serves as a captivating platform to showcase the remarkable creativity and innovative ideas that thrive in the heart of Jammu".

She added, "Both days (5th and 6th August), the event will feature live demonstrations, interactive workshops, and engaging panel discussions, providing valuable insights into the latest trends and innovations in various industries".

Development Commissioner, Kargil for providing a Truck Mounted Water Tanker with 9 KL capacity for Govt. Degree College (GDC), Kargil under CSR.

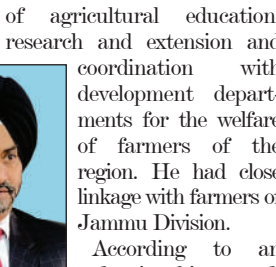
MoU was signed by Vinod P. Baxla, General Manager (HR) on behalf of PGCIL and Shrikant Balasaheb Suse, Deputy Commissioner (Kargil) in the presence of Feroz Ahmed Khan, Chief Executive

## Dr Risam nominated as ICAR member

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Former Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu, Dr Kernel Singh Risam has been nominated as a member of the prestigious Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

He is first citizen of J&K to be nominated as member of this prestigious committee of ICAR the premier body governing agricultural research and education in the country.

Dr Risam in his tenure as Vice chancellor and in the capacity of Director Extension of SKUAST Jammu has contributed a lot for development



of agricultural education, research and extension and coordination with development departments for the welfare of farmers of the region. He had close linkage with farmers of Jammu Division.

According to an order in this regard, nomination of Dr Risam along with two others, as member of the ICAR Society has been made under 'Commerce & Industry category' for a period of three years.

The nomination of Dr Risam been made by the Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, who is President of the ICAR Society.

Councilor, LAHDC, Kargil and Rajesh Kumar, Executive Di-rector PGCIL, NRTS-II.

Senior officers from PGCIL including Anil Sharma, CGM (Projects), K V Sampath Kumar, Sr. GM(Finance), Shafat Ahmad Wani, Sr. GM(Ladakh & Kashmir) and officials of Kargil District administration were also present during the signing ceremony.

The project shall be an initiative of PGCIL in District Kargil, towards promoting education. The cost of this project is estimated at Rs 27.20 lakh to be completed within the current financial year.

POWERGRID has been continuously extending support for development of various infra-structure activities in the UT of Ladakh through its CSR initiatives.

## Modi govt did justice with all sections in J&K: Raina

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir held an organizational meeting at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu to discuss the forthcoming party programmes and work strategy in Jammu & Kashmir.

Ravinder Raina, President J&K BJP, Ashish Sood, Seh-Prabhari J&K BJP and Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org.) chiefly addressed the meeting. Former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, former Minister Sat Sharma, General Secretaries Sunil Sharma, Adv. Vibodh Gupta and Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal also addressed the meeting.

Raina asked all the senior party leaders to hold wide-spread public outreach programmes. He asked all the party leaders to extensively

## Rajouri District AKAM 2023 Judo Championship concludes

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: Rajouri District Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 2023 Judo Championship organized by Rajouri District Judo Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council, concluded at Rajouri Stadium, here on Friday.

Around 100 boys and girls in Junior Weight Category participated in the championship. Yasmeen Kouser, President Rajouri District Judo Association/MD Yasmeen Sports Academy Rajouri was the Chief Guest who distributed medals and certificates among winners. Bashir Ahmed Incharge Manager Rajouri Stadium was the Guest of Honour and Shabir Incharge Sports Stadium Rajouri was the special guest. Bouts were officiated by Manish Chatwal.

GOLD: Rudrakash Chandan, Anna Rashid, Vishakha Heer, Vrishika Kohli, Mohd Shaid, Ayuk Sharma, Arun Sharma, Ghulam Naksh, Avikshit Gupta, Aisha Firdous, Akрати, Arzoo Maqsood, Vansh Vaid, Iza Maqsood, Annwesh, Noshin.

SILVER: Anvi Gupta, Tahine Koser, Tushar Sharma, Arzoo Maqsood, Alma, Bilawal, Rajni, Sonia, Diya and Ajit.

BRONZE: Barvi Rajput, Taiba Kouser, Shazia, Sakeena, Iqbal, Anuradha, Rajesh and Kamal.



Ravinder Raina, President J&K BJP addressing party workers meeting.

work in general masses prompting them to be acquainted with their needs, hence, effectively addressing their genuine issues and rights, which were neglected by previous governments.

Ashish Sood said that BJP is the only truly democratic party in the country which years to serve the needy population of the nation without any prejudice. He maintained that the firm and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

holds promise for the people to live with honour and dignity and no one in Jammu & Kashmir will have any complaint in future for being dis-

criminated against.

Ashok Koul said that the party follows the work culture of full-time devotion with absolute sincerity and

## Congress takes out protest march

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Congress on Friday took out a protest rally in Jammu against the Union territory administration and the BJP-led central government, and its workers tried to march to the Raj Bhawan but were stopped by police.

A large number of Congress workers, led by the party's Jammu and Kashmir unit president Waqar Rasool Wani and working president Raman Bhalla, assembled at the party office at Shaheed Chowk and began a march towards the Raj Bhawan. A large contingent of state police deployed on Residency Road stopped the protesters from marching to the Raj Bhawan. The protesters raised slogans against the BJP and the lieutenant governor of Jammu and Kashmir and demanded rollback of several decisions such as installation of smart electricity meters, withdrawal



Congress leaders and workers raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

old age pension and imposition of property tax. "The protest rally is being organized on many issues which expose the harsh realities of life in Jammu and Kashmir. The LG administration should do away with harsh measures that are hurting the poor," Bhalla told reporters here.

"Without any elected government, the people of J-K easily fall prey to the malicious tactics of BJP. People are being exploited as taxes in the form of power tariffs, toll

taxes, property tax, etc. and prices (of essential commodities) soar through the roof," he said. The party also demanded early conduct of assembly elections and restoration of statehood of Jammu and Kashmir. The Congress has launched a month-long protest campaign across Jammu and Kashmir to raise issues of price rise, installation of smart meters, imposition of property tax, withdrawal of widow and old age pensions, and restoration of statehood.