

# Paharis, Gujjar-Bakerwals delivered justice by Modi govt: Raina

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**SURANKOTE:** Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP addressed a party workers' Sammelan at Surankote. Eminent Political Personality from Surankote Hamed Manhas also joined the BJP in presence of BJP President Ravinder Raina. Rajinder Gupta, District President Rajesh Raina, District General Secretary Adv Sohaib Malik (DDC), Azhar Manhas, Kesar, Mehtab Bukhari, Mirza, Dutta, Sheikh Hasina, Salma Sheikh and others accompanied the party president on the occasion. While addressing the party workers, Ravinder Raina said that the people and the

activists of Surankote are filled with a great enthusiasm and activism he said that he on the behalf of party is indebted to the warm and affectionate support shown to the party by the people. He said that the people have understood that the previous governments have done injustice with the people of this belt for the 70 years. They have been delivered justice by the Modi government in the last 10 years under the Modi government. The Modi government has served justice to all the communities irrespective of the region or the religion. He said that the previous governments of NC, Congress and PDP brought

black laws against the Gujjar-Bakerwals and other communities, and done lots of injustice with them. Now the Modi government gave them the rights and finished the injustice with them. Modi government has worked on the principle of "Sab ka Sath, Sabka Vikas". Paharis struggled for 70 years, when they called for their rights, they were delivered injustice by the NC, Congress, and PDP. The families of the innocent people suffered so badly that they had to fled from their homes. NC, PDP, Congress never cared for the Paharis, and the Modi government gave rights to Paharis in 4 October 2022,

while keeping the quota of Gujjar-Bakerwals intact. Today, all the communities are getting their rights. While delivering justice to all the communities, he said that BJP has never played the politics of religion and served the people of Jammu & Kashmir with a pure heart. He said that the people of Rajouri have loved the BJP by heart and are ready to vote for the BJP in the upcoming Assembly elections. He said that the BJP has bridged the gap between the people of Rajouri and Poonch and now the focus of politics should be on the development. He mentioned that

today, the train has almost reached up to the valley and soon the BJP will ensure to bring it here in Poonch as well. He also said that the world class roads and tunnels are being built from Jammu to Poonch that will decrease the time of travel. He said that the focus of politics should be on how to initiate the Medical Colleges here, for the Tribal University etc. He said that the people of Rajouri, and Poonch should unitedly progress on the politics of development not on the divisive lines. He ensured that the Modi government has already given liberal funding for the development of the region.

# Councilor Sahil Gupta honoured for his good works

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**BISHNAH:** Bharatiya Janata Party Leader and Municipal Committee Bishnah Councilor Sahil Gupta was honored today by the people of ward number 6 for his good works. This honor was given to him by the people of ward number 6. The people of the ward told that the work of the grills on their drains was pending for a long time, which was completed by Sahil Gupta and the drain Culvert in the main street. was in a bad condition, seeing which the people of the ward approached Sahil Gupta. Seeing the situation, Sahil Gupta Constructed the Culvert with his own money without any government help so that people do not face any problem in crossing. Social activist of ward 6 Master Shiv Dayal and Vicky



Kumar told that the main pulley of the lane was broken for a long time and people were facing a lot of problems in commuting but no one was coming forward to get this pulley repaired, he gave application. many times in the office of Municipal Committee Bishnah for getting the pulley work done but no one listened to him, seeing which they approached Sahil Gupta and within 2 days the work of lane and pulley was

completed. Master Shiv Dayal and Vicky Kumar honored Sahil Gupta by giving Mata ki Chunari and Shawl and inspired him to work for the needy people in the same way. Master Shiv Dayal, Vicky Kumar, Ishan Anand, Rahul Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Bunty Kumar, Captain, Rishu and other friends were present in the felicitation program.

# GDC Khour organises painting competition



Faculty members and students during the event.

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**KHOUR:** As part of series of activities to commemorate 77th National Independence Day under the banner of 'Swachhita Pakhwada', Govt. Degree College Khour organized Painting competition depicting important events of freedom struggle. Around 15 students from NSS & NCC units of the College participated in the competition. The programme started at 11 am with a brief overview about the theme and guidelines to the participating students by Prof. Himanshu Khajuria, NSS PO & Prof. Shivani Sharma, ANO NCC. The students were allotted one hour time to try their hand and portray their ideas. Dr. Chetan Sharma, HoD Physics, Prof. Khalid Sajad Bohra, HoD History & Dr. Deepthi Gupta, HoD Sociology were appointed as members of Jury and evaluated the creative art works of the participants skillfully. The

painting of Aman Kumar (B.A Sem 3rd) was adjudged the best followed by paintings of Diljit Singh (B.A Sem 5th) & Manish Manhas (B.A Sem 3rd). The first three position holders were awarded appreciation certificates. In his brief address, Principal Prof. (Dr.) TK Sharma expressed his delight for participation of students in this activity related to Swachhita Pakhwada and encouraged them to ignite the sense of Nationalism in themselves from the stories of freedom struggle and contribution given by National heroes in attaining Independence. The event concluded on a high note, with participants expressing their gratitude for the opportunity to showcase their skills. Dr. Seema Sudan, HoD Hindi, Prof. Sunil Kumar, HoD Urdu, Dr. Sapna Narania, HoD Dogri, Prof. Pooja Kumari, HoD English & Ms. Samita Sharma also graced the occasion with their presence.

# Civil society castigates faulty location of GMC Rajouri, urges government to explore space for campus around District Hospital

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**RAJOURI:** The Medical College Rajouri is catering the needs of twin border Districts of Poonch and Rajouri. The Medical College Rajouri is also falling in actual line of control, where thousand of army jawan and paramilitary forces also depends on this Medical institution. A virtual meeting was held under the chairmanship of Choudhary Rashid Azam Inqlabi Vice President of IGM, in which the members of civil society of Rajouri and Poonch participated and put their views how to strength the Rajouri medical, so that in future people of the area can get best medical facilities at doorstep without facing much difficulties. All members were of the view that for a successful of any Medical institutions the following para meters shall be neces-



sary or some of the best practices for medical institutions or hospitals which include Patient Identification and Matching; Implement a patient identification system to prevent errors; Medication Management: Use barcode scanning, automated dispensing systems, and pharmacist review to minimize medication errors; Promote hand hygiene practices among staff to reduce hospi-

tal-acquired infections; Implement a surgical site verification process to prevent wrong-site surgeries; Follow evidence-based guidelines to prevent central line-associated bloodstream infections; Implement fall prevention strategies, such as bedside rails, non-slip socks, and frequent patient rounding; pressure Ulcer Prevention: Use pressure-redistributing mattresses, turn patients regularly, and assess skin integrity; Develop and regularly drill emergency response plans for natural disasters, power outages, and other crises; Provide ongoing training and competency assessments for staff to ensure they possess necessary skills; encourage patient participation in care decisions through education, shared decision-making, and clear communication, and many more. The Rajouri Medical College at

present established in District Hospital Rajouri and catering the needs of people of twins districts efficiently, but the building of medical college is going to be constructed about more than 7 to 8 kilometers away from the District Hospital, having only single road connectivity, Having no facilities of lodging or boarding for Doctors, patients, attendant or for medical students for which we have to think for long term policy. For which administration has to give re-look for earlier plan which is finalized in haste, The Medical College Rajouri is functioning from kehora Rajouri and the members of civil society is of the view that adjoining land for construction of Rajouri mini secreteate and land of sport stadium be transferred to Medical college Rajouri immediately, which

cater the needs of Medical College Rajouri. The maternity and Children care units of medical college be shifted to the old Rajouri Hospital complex near Gurjar mandi, further the forest complex adjoining to old Hospital be also transferred to maternity and Child care unit on priority basis. The people of twins districts feel a sigh of relief in the long run. The members of civil societies who participated in the meetings include Sian Abdul Rashid DDC member, Dr. Mohd younis, prof Mohd Rashid ex-eegistrar of baba Gulambadsha university, DDC member Abdul Ghani poonch, ex. DDC member khaliq fardose, Advocate Riaz Ahmed and youth National Conference leader Mohd Tariq, sardar Mohinder singh and Bakshi Ganish renowned social activist.

# DDC Poonch inaugurates new branch of JK Bank at Kamsar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**POONCH:** As part of its Infrastructure upgrade, J&K Bank today threw open the spacious and adequately equipped new premises of its Branch Poonch City and Cluster Office Poonch for public at Kamsar Opposite Chief Education Office (CEO) Office Poonch District Development Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary snapped the ceremonial ribbon along with Zonal Head Rajouri, Satish Kumar in presence of Cluster Head Poonch, Aijaz Ahmed, Chief Horticulture Officer Poonch, Sanjeev Kumar, dis-



DDC Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary inaugurating branch.

trict officers, Ex-Municipality Chairman, Bank Officials amid a gathering of senior citizens and

local businessmen. The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the bank for establishing state of the art premises in district Poonch. He hoped the bank would lay emphasis on the government sponsored schemes to provide employment opportunities to the rural youth beside extending digital products and services so that people at large can avail maximum benefit from its services, he added. He expressed hope that this branch will further improve the financial growth and socio economic well being of the area.

Speaking on the occasion, J&K Bank Zonal Head, Satish Kumar said, that as customer convenience remains the top priority of the Bank's leadership, today we dedicate this new premises of the state of the art branch to the people of Poonch. He apprised the gathering about various schemes of the bank and urged the people to avail the benefits of Bank's products, services that have been tailored to meet their financial and banking requirements. Cluster Head, Poonch Aijaz Ahmed presented vote of thanks.

# Bimla Luthra highlights women's crucial role in upcoming Assembly Polls



NC State Vice President Bimla Luthra being honoured during the programme.

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**UDHAMPUR:** A crucial meeting of the Women Wing of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) District Udhampur Urban under the Chairperson of Sunita Mehra was held in Udhampur. Bimla Luthra, State Vice President of JKNC and former MLA, was the Chief Guest. The meeting attended by a large number of women party workers and leaders, focused on the significant role women are expected to play in the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Sunita Mehra, District President Udhampur of JKNC Women Wing, commenced the meeting by highlighting the difficulties faced by women under the current government, emphasizing the dire lack of healthcare facilities in rural and remote areas, particularly the non-availability of women doctors. She expressed concerns over the absence of basic amenities and the lack of opportunities for women entrepreneurs. She pointed out that regions such as Dudu, Basantgarh, Pancheri, and other remote areas of Udhampur district are severely deprived of development. Addressing the party workers, Bimla Luthra expressed deep anguish over the government's neglect of these far-flung areas on the development front. She criticized the current administration for failing to address these

critical issues and for its overall neglect of the developmental needs of the region. She noted the persistent shortage of ration and the poor condition of roads, especially the crucial stretch from Ram Nagar to Dudu Basantgarh. Reflecting on the National Conference's past governance, the senior NC leader highlighted the key initiatives and significant progress made during their regime in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. She recalled the equitable development policies and the numerous welfare schemes that had been implemented to uplift the socio-economic status of the people, particularly women. The former MLA urged the women of Jammu and Kashmir to actively participate in the upcoming Assembly elections, stressing their vital role in shaping the future of the region. She asserted that only the National Conference has the vision and capability to provide equitable development across Jammu and Kashmir. "Women have always been the backbone of our society, and their active involvement in the electoral process is crucial for bringing about the much-needed change. The National Conference is committed to ensuring that women's voices are heard and their issues addressed," she stated. Sunil Verma District President Udhampur

Urban called upon the party workers to come forward and strengthen the hands of Party President Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah. Emphasizing unity and collective effort, He encouraged the workers to rally behind the party's leadership to ensure a robust and prosperous future for Jammu and Kashmir. Pinky Khalsa District President Jammu Urban women wing and Joginder Kour District Vice President Jammu Urban women wing said that the National Conference has committed to uplift the marginalized sections of society. They emphasized the party's dedication to ensuring inclusive development and social justice for all. "JKNC has always been at the forefront of advocating for the rights of the underprivileged and marginalized communities. Our policies and programs are designed to address the disparities and bring about equitable growth," they stated. The meeting concluded with a renewed resolve among the women participants to work tirelessly towards the success of the National Conference in the upcoming elections. Among those who were present include: Akash verma District President Udhampur Urban YNC, Radha Rani, Samtri Devi, Capt Rattan Singh, Capt Nand Lal, Ch. Abdul Rashid and others.

# Thakur Community of Sernu Panchayat Sitti demands Pahari ST Status for Bani



Community member staging protest at Bani.

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**BANI:** The demand for Pahadi Scheduled Tribe (ST) status for the Bani region is intensifying, with voices rising from every panchayat within the area. The Thakur community of Sernu Panchayat Sitti has taken a strong stance, advocating for the inclusion of the entire Bani region under the Pahadi ST category. "We identify as Pahadi peo-

ple, with our distinct Pahadi culture and language. Despite this, we continue to be overlooked by the government," stated Bindraban, Ex-Sarpanch of Panchayat Sitti. "Rajouri and Poonch have been granted Pahadi ST status based on their

geographical and cultural characteristics, and Bani shares these same attributes. It is unjust that we are being ignored." The community has issued an ultimatum to the BJP government and its representatives, demanding that

their plea for Pahadi ST status be addressed before the upcoming elections. Failure to meet this demand will result in the community taking decisive steps against the BJP government in the forthcoming polls. The protest saw the participation of several prominent local leaders, including Sushil Kumar, Ex-Sarpanch of Panchayat Gatti; Sushil Kumar, Ex-Sarpanch of Panchayat Chandal; and Jaswant Singh, Ex-Naib Sarpanch of Panchayat Bani. Their collective presence underscored the unity and determination of the Thakur community in their pursuit of recognition and justice.

# DC Reasi reviews progress of Sampoonata Abhiyan under Aspirational Block Programme

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**REASI:** Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, chaired a meeting today to review the progress of the Sampoonata Abhiyan under the Aspirational Block Programme (NITI Ayog) in Thakrakote. During the meeting, the DC emphasized the importance of thorough health assessments and instructed concerned officers to cross-check the lists of ANC, Diabetes and hypertension patients who have undergone necessary tests. He set a deadline of August 10th for the completion of blood pressure, diabetes and hypertension testing. The DC highlighted the need to focus on the remaining indicators that are currently below 50% achievement. He urged all concerned departments to work diligently to meet the targets for these indicators. ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samyal, Joint Director CPO Narinder Kumar, PO ICDS Mohd. Anwar Bandey, CAO Harbans Singh, I/C PMO Ashok Kumar, BMO Pouni and Other Concerned Officers attended the meeting.

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# DLSA, MC Ramban hold Jashn-e-Safai Utsav under Swachhata Pakhwada-2024

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**RAMBAN:** In a remarkable display of community engagement and commitment to cleanliness and sustainability, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ramban under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority organized a cleanliness drive in collaboration with Housing & Urban Development Department & Municipal Committee, Ramban under Swachhata Pakhwada - 2024 'Jashn-e-Safai Utsav'. Under the leadership of Chairman, DLSA (Principal District & Sessions Judge), Ramban, Ranbir Singh Jasrotia, the "Swachhata Pakhwada" witnessed enthusiastic participation of Judicial Officers from District Court Complex, Ramban, dedicated staff members of District

Judiciary Ramban, members of Legal Aid Defense Counsel (LADC), Penal Lawyers, devoted Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) and diligent officials from the Municipal Committee, Ramban. During this campaign, the Chairman DLSA delivered an inspiring address on the importance of sustainability and the adoption of eco-friendly alternatives. His words resonated with the audience, reminding everyone of the need for sustainable practices to preserve our environment for future generations. The event commenced with a cleanliness drive within the District Court Complex. Participants in a collective effort to clean and beautify their surroundings took up brooms to sweep away the debris of neglect, breathing new life into the surroundings.