

Dansal residents deprived of basic amenities: Balbir



President Sarpanch Association Dansal Balbir Singh starting road work.

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NAGROTA: President Sarpanch Association Dansal Balbir Singh on Sunday started road work from Main Road to Jitpur SC Molalla, Panchayat Kathar Upper in Block Dansal, Nagrota Constituency.

Addressing the gathering, senior Congress leader Balbir Singh said that a long pending demand of residents of the area has been met as the same was pending since long. He said that the development works in Dansal were on grand-halt and the lanes & drains and roads are in dilapi-

dated condition, causing great inconvenience to the inhabitants. He held severely BJP responsible for the problems of general public as the party has been miserably failed to develop this area during its regime in the erstwhile state.

Singh asked the executing agency (PWD) to expedite the work and complete the same work on a fast track basis so that the people may not face any inconvenience. He also laid stress upon the officials to maintain quality of work in the area.

Balbir Singh said that the Congress Party is fully com-

Samba Social Club organises blood donation camp



A volunteer donating blood during the camp.

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SAMBA: Samba Social Club in Collaboration with Samba Police and Distriet Hospital Samba organised a blood donation camp at Martyr 2nd Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal' Memorial Park in Samba in which SHO Samba Inspector Sudhir Sadhotra was the Chief Guest.

During the camp, 15 donors including police personnel donated blood. Dr. Shweta Bhagat Pathologist of District Hospital Samba

was also present along with Raghunandan Khajuria Incharge Blood Bank Samba.

President Samba Social Club Sunil Gupta thanked District Hospital Samba and Samba Police for this valuable effort to organise blood donation camp. Social club member Ajay Singh, Ranju Gupta, Sahil Sethi, Faqir Chand, Satish Kumar, Tilak Raj, Raj Mehra, Rajan Gupta, Kamal Kumar were also present during the camp.

New era of development began in J&K: Col Mahan



DDC Chairman, Col Mahan Singh inaugurating road construction work.

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BASOHLI: District Development Council (DDC) Kathua Chairman, Col Mahan Singh started work on construction of 1 Km long road in Ward No: 6 in Plakh Panchayat on Sunday.

The traditional ritual was conducted by the DDC Chairman in presence of Sarpanch Pritam Singh, Capt Harnam Singh, Hoshiar Singh, Panchayat members and villagers of the area. The ancillary works kick started earth work, drainage and construction of retaining walls along this 1 Km stretch road in Mohalla Mann Badyal.

It is pertinent to mention here that this road project has been sanctioned under the Capex budget worth Rs. 15.82 lakh and will benefit more than 100 families living in this area and its outskirts.

While addressing the gathering, Col Mahan Singh, who himself hails from Plakh Panchayat of Basohli, said that the completion of this road

project will definitely lead to transformation of the area as the road connectivity is the sin qua non for the progress and prosperity of any area and its people. He said that overall development is the priority of the Union Govt especially the remote and far flung areas. He specially thanked the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for empowering people of Jammu & Kashmir by implementing 73rd amendment of Constitution and constituting 3 tier PRI system in the U.T. that has resulted in pacing up the developmental activities and

people's empowerment.

Col Mahan Singh said that a new era of development has begun in the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and the people are now witnessing exceptional developmental activities in village Panchayats and Mohallas in every nook and corner of the country and this will continue in the coming time. He said while the developmental activities are going on non-stop at the same time now there is a need to emphasize on quality work besides timely completion of the projects by the concerned agencies.

Peace can only be found in inner world of soul: Swami Vyasanand

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RS PURA: Swami Vyasanand Maharaj on Sunday mesmerizes devotees with religious sermons at Guru Ashram Badyal Brahman in RS Pura constituency. Swami being prolific writer and speaker captured the hearts of listeners and inspired them to dedicate themselves to the inward path of God realization. Delivering religious sermons, Swami said that in this mortal world which is no more than a fake fantasy that can end any second, people are busy accumulating enough of the world's currency by hook or by crook. It is rightly said, that only the Real Saint can make us recollect the prime motive of getting a human life, which is to follow the true method of worship and landing back on the immortal abode, where there is no



Swami Vyasanand Maharaj delivering religious sermons.

sorrow, no old age and most importantly, no death.

Swami said that whenever there is an increase in unrighteousness and distortion in the path of devotion; at that time, the Almighty God himself descends on earth to establish righteousness by imparting true spiritual knowledge based on Holy Scriptures. Swami Ji further said that no one

except God himself, can make us realize the prime motive of getting a human life and nobody can unveil the mystery about creation of the entire nature! Thus, , who is our Actual Parent, can save souls who are stuck in the vicious trap of life and death made by Kaal-Brahm. Swami said that people wander ceaselessly through life, always seeking to acquire

material resources, thinking they will thus achieve their goal of happiness.

However, as the saints tell us, even if we acquire all these physical possessions -- status, fame, or wealth -- we are still unable to attain true peace, joy and happiness. The peace we seek is not found in the outer material world but only in the inner world of the soul. The outer

manifest world is merely sensory. It is transitory and ever fleeting. But within us lives the Supreme Being whose true form is peace and bliss. The Divine is unmanifest without physical form, eternal, and beyond the senses. Only by turning inward and ceasing the outward wandering, will we be able to attain lasting joy and eternal peace.

Swami followers are spread out throughout India. He travels extensively and is taking the message of Santmat to all corners of India - Kanyakumari to Kashmir, Mumbai to Bengal. He emphasizes the importance of steadfastness in moral conduct and the practice of meditation for the inward journey of the soul. He connects Santmat to the wisdom found in the Vedas, other religious texts, and teachings of Sants.

AIBCU condemns BJP Govt for not implementing Apex Court's judgment on Mandal Report

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AKHNOOR: AIBCU held a programme at village Sohla of Tehsil Akhnoor under the chairmanship of Sardar Lakhbir Singh on Sunday. In the meeting the matters of OBCs reservation and caste based census were discussed. All the speakers and the participants condemned the attitude of BJP Govt which inspite of

the Abrogation of Art 370 and 35-A, has not implemented the apex court's judgment of 1992 on mandal report.

Besides, keeping the NEET and Bill recently passed in the just concluded parliament session in August empowering states for preparing their own OBC lists, away from JK-UT clearly indicates that

art 370 is still in Vogue and the claim of Gupkar Group and Gapkar Group for the abrogation of art 370 is totally a bogus. There is no change in life style of the majority people of the UT except the Sign Board.

All speakers and participants appealed the OBCs to shun all treacherous political parties and think for a third front ousting the present regime in particular which is selling every govt institution and forcing the people to receive education as per their directions.

Meanwhile Sardar Lakhbir Singh was appointed as state secretary with spokesperson powers, Tehsil Akhnoor body with Rashpal Verma as president was also formed. Capt Amarik

Singh as general Secretary, Sardar Kalair Singh as vice-president president, Jugal Kishor as secretary, Ranjit Singh as joint secretary and sarpanch Nek Ram as spokesperson.

Abdul Majid Malik state president was the chief guest which was also attended by Lecture Lal Chand, M R Bangotra, prof Kali Dass and many others who emphasised for awarding the OBCs that no political party favours OBCs and so called OBC leaders working in different political parties are the worst type of traitors of the OBCs. Programme was organised by SD Malhotra.

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R S PURA: Under the banner of All J& K Kissan Congress, an anti-government protest was organised at Dablarh Chowk R. S. Pura under the leadership of Kisan Congress State Chairman and Former Minister Choudhary Garu Ram. The protesters were accusing the government that during the tenure of the BJP government, not only the farmers of the country and the state but also the common people are suffering.

Congress leader and former minister Chaudhary Garu Ram, Youth Congress District President Jammu



Protesters raising slogans at R S Pura.

Rural Neeraj Choudhary, former MP Tarlok Singh Bajwa, Dwarka Choudhary Chif-Whip JMC, Vice President Jammu and Kashmir Jung Bahadur Manhas and others were included in the protesters. Expressing concern, he said

that just as three bills passed by the farmers' government are not being withdrawn, the prices of petrol diesel are not being stopped.

While removing the problem of unemployment, work is not being done in the

public interest, due to which the citizens of the country are angry with the present B-JP government and the government should run policies in the public interest.

Other prominent who were present includes Jung Bahadur (Jangu) Vice-chairman J&K, Mohan Lal Kundal District President, Shashi Sharma President Taxi Union , Harbans Singh, Capt. Darshan Kumar, Capt. Narinder Singh, Thoru Ram Panch, Sher Singh, Dr. Manohar Lal, Joginder Singh, Darshan Lal Kundal Panch, Sheela Devi, Satya Devi, Harnaik Singh, Rannik Singh, Raja and Kala Singh.

Kissan Congress protests against inflation, unemployment & farmers bill

Awareness on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme imparted

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POONCH: Army organised a lecture on "Beti Bachhao Beti Padhao" campaign at Jarran Wali Gali in District Poonch (J&K). The aim of the campaign to generate awareness and improving the efficiency of initiative efforts meant for women. The event was organised to bring awareness amongst the members of society to include youth and school children, about importance of girl child and their education. The speaker highlighted the inequality, lack of opportunity and ill treatment of women in various parts of the country.

The speaker also brought out the need to save the girl child as imbalance in the male to female ratio is causing problems in the society which need to be addressed on priority. The awareness drive was well absorbed by the audience and they acknowledged that the girls also need to be provided equal education and growth opportunities as given to boys. Indian Army is committed to spread awareness drive in the remote regions by conducting lectures, workshops and seminars on important social issues.

DIC Poonch celebrates Vanijya Saptah Utsav

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POONCH: A week long Vanijya Saptah Utsav was celebrated under the aegis of District Industries centre Poonch and under the overall guidance of Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet.

The programme was aimed at promoting small scale industry as well as showcasing Agricultural, Horticultural, Handicrafts, Handloom and Tourism potential of the district. It also focused on raising awareness regarding products particularly produced in the district and their scope of economic exploitation. The participating departments, including District Industries centre Poonch, Handicraft, Agriculture, Horticulture, Tourism department, Police Welfare Centre Poonch exhibited their products as well as beneficiary oriented schemes during the week long programme.

One District One Product was the main highlight of the programme which aimed at showcasing the economic potential of the local products.

GDC Basohli celebrates World Environmental Health Day

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BASOHLI: GDC Basohli organised an online 'Poster Making Competition' on the occasion of World Environmental Health Day under the aegis of "Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav" and the auspices of IQAC. The event was addressed by the Principal, Dr. Nidhi Kotwal.

She deliberated on the Environmental health, and various means by which one can contribute towards making his/her home, surroundings, colony, city, and

the nation clean and healthy.

She asked for small contributions from every individual so that our environment becomes healthy, as a healthy environment will lead to healthier communities with good immunity, helping the nation to fight against pandemics like COVID-19. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, Convener of the event, also addressed the participants and requested them to shun the love for plastic products.

Dr. R.K. Manhas,

Organizing Secretary of the Poster Making Competition briefed the students about the rules and regulations of the event. A total of thirteen students participated in the event.

The event was adjudicated by Prof. Pawan Kumar, Dr. Kehar Singh, and Prof. Suresh Barwal. Muskan Modeel of B.Sc. Sem VI won the first position, Tannu Rani of B.Sc. Sem IV stood second, and Arun Verma of B.Sc. Sem II bagged third position.

Nowshera Forest Division train SHGs to make handicraft items of Chir pine needles

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SUNDERBANI: Range of Nowshera Forest Division conducted a training programme for making the handicraft items using Chir pine needles at Brevi. A village forest committee of Brevi has been selected for the pilot project of Chir pine needle handicraft. Two Self

Help Groups comprising of 10 women each has been constituted for the pilot project. The women's of SHG have prepared about 30 different items which were presented to Neelima Shah, Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera.

Rakesh Verma Range officer Sunder bani said that these SHGs are trained by our master trainer who just

have completed training in making of handicraft items from Chir Pine needles at Rajouri.

The project is to be run under the direct supervision of Vivek Verma Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri. Neelima Shah Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera and Rakesh Verma Range officer Sunderbani.

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