

Pipping ceremony held at Police Academy Udhampur



SP Pawan Kumar after being decorated with ranks by Garib Dass, ADGP, Director SKPA Udhampur and others.

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UDHAMPUR: A piping ceremony was held at SKPA Udhampur on Monday in which Garib Dass, ADGP, Director SKPA Udhampur decorated with ranks to the newly promoted Superintendent of Police

Pawan Kumar of SKPA Udhampur who has been recently promoted to the present rank by Home Department, Civil Secretariat J&K. Garib Dass congratulated the newly promoted officer and advised him to work with enthusiasm and

highest degree of dedication. He emphasized that the promotion not only upgrades the working status in the Police department, but also adds more responsibilities and challenges in his new working assignments.

Mohan Lal, SSP, Dy. Director (Indoor/ Training/ Outdoor), Vinay Kumar, SSP, Dy. Director (Administration), Suraj Singh, Dy.SP, AD(Trg./ R&D), Mohinder Singh Jasrotia, Dy.SP(S), Pvt. Seey, Sunmati Gupta, Dy.SP, AD(Q) and Sukhvir Singh, Dy.SP, AD(Admn.) SKPA Udhampur were also present on the occasion.

Sunderbani's boy Arihant secures seat at RIMC Dehradun

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NOWSHERA: Boy from Sunderbani brought laurel to the J&K UT by securing a Seat in the Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), Dehradun. Arihant Sharma, son of Prof. Priyadarshni Sharma and Harbans Sharma (JKAS) resident of village Tala Tanda, Sunderbani, Rajouri is only candidate who qualified prestigious examination this year and selected in state-wise merit list and secured 16th rank in the All India merit list of entrance examination for admission to RIMC Dehradun. Arihant is the only cadet who got selected from Jammu and Kashmir who secured a seat amid tough competition in the entrance



exam. Arihant's achievement would serve as a source of motivation for young aspiring boys of the UT and inspire young minds to avail such a premier education facility and to join the Armed Forces. The RIMC Dehradun is a premier public school of India established in 1922 for a limited number of select children to ultimately join the Armed forces. RIMC is a category 'A' Inter Service Training Establishment under the control of General Staff Branch, Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (ARMY), New Delhi and has its characteristic of being a cradle of excellence for leadership, being the only one of its kind in the Country.

KVK Reasi organises training programme on SHGs & women empowerment

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) organized training programme on "Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Women Empowerment" here today at Akhali village of Katra block in Reasi district K which was attended by the number of women farmers of the area. The programme was organised under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.JP Sharma and able guidance of Director Extension Prof.SK Gupta of SKUAST-J. Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK,

Reasi elaborated the concept of Self Help Group (SHG) and discussed on various income generation activities among the rural women. He spoke in detail on the different roles of SHGs and their impact in empowering the rural women, boosting employment opportunities and income generation. He discussed on regular saving, record keeping, regular meetings, regular interloaning, linkage with banks, repayment practices etc. He said that the SHGs can transform the rural areas by raising the socio-economic conditions of the rural women.

Jyoti Devi, an awardee woman farmer of the area was also present, who shared her experience with other participants. During the programme quarries regarding the value addition in agriculture were raised by the group's members which were answered by the officials in a satisfactory way. The participants thanked KVK, Reasi scientists for organizing such a useful programme. Manohar Lal of KVK, Reasi assisted in arranging logistics and mobilising the trainees for the programme.

Udhampur resident protest over water crisis



Residents staging protest at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: Residents of Udhampur led by noted social worker and Vetran sportsman Raj Guru held massive protest against the Jal Shakti Department for providing regular and potable drinking water supply in Udhampur. Later protestors submitted a memorandum to Deputy Commissioner Udhampur to appraised her about the water crises problem being faced the local people for last few months. Residents including women folks held massive protest outside premises of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur and raised slogans against the department. They later submitted a memorandum to Deputy Commissioner Udhampur and appraised officer that local people are reeling under immense water crises for last few months. He said despite their repeated requests Jal Shakti department is not paying any heeds towards their miseries which led them to came on road.

GLDM Degree College Hiranagar organizes Kavi Goshthi

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HIRANAGAR: Kavi Goshthi was organised by the Department of Hindi, GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar to celebrate 'Hindi Divas' which is observed on September 14 every year. The Kavi Goshthi was organized under the aegis of Principal, Dr. Pragya Khana.

The chief guest on the occasion was Dr. Ashok Kumar, Retd. Professor, Department of Hindi, University of Jammu. Poets from eclectic backgrounds participated in the Kavi Goshthi and mesmerised audience with their beautiful and profound poetic creations. The poets who recited their poems included: Dr. Ashok Kumar; Dr. Rachna Raj, Associate Professor, GDC Kathua; Dr. Parshotam Kumar; Assistant



Faculty and students during the event.

Professor University of Jammu; Prof Parveen Pathak, Assistant Professor; GLDM Degree College Hiranagar; Sheikh Muhammad Kalyan, Secretatry, Yuva Hindi Lekhak Sangh; Dr. Mukesh Kumar; Assistant Professor; GLDM Degree College Hiranagar; Naresh Kumar Khajuria, Lecturer, GDC

Billawar, and three students of the college named Pooja Sharma, Vivek Sharma and Mansi Sharma. Dr. Jyoti Rani, Assistant Professor; GLDM Degree College Hiranagar conducted all the proceedings of the event with great enthusiasm. Prof Rakesh Sharma, HOD Hindi introduced the poets, welcomed them and shared his

views on the journey of Hindi as a national language which was followed by lighting of the traditional lamp and Saraswati Vandana.

After that, the poetry recitation began and the students of the college eulogized Hindi as a language in their poems and questioned the hesitation of people while speaking Hindi. Naresh Kumar, alumni of the college recited poems based on the theme of love and experiences of life. Prof Parveen Pathak also shared his views on the occasion in poetic form. Dr. Rachna Raj recited poems in Urdu language carrying profound thoughts on life and complexities of human nature. Dr. Parshotam recited poems and his verses reflected his concern towards environment. Sheikh Mohammad Kalyan in his poems shared

his thoughts on the prompt willingness of contemporary woman to challenge the society. Dr. Mukesh sang a 'Gazal', his own composition and charmed the audience with his voice. Next, Principal, Dr. Pragya Khanna shared her views on the vastness of languages and said that each language has plenty to offer in the field of creativity. After that, Dr. Ashok praised and encouraged the student participants as well as the guest poets. In addition, he expressed his thoughts on the significance of literature and recited his poems mainly on the theme of spirituality. Afterwards Dr. Arun Kumar presented a formal vote of thanks. The facilitation of the poets by the Principal, Dr. Pragya Khanna, the chief guest Dr. Ashok, Prof Shujat

Khan, Prof Gurdial marked the end of the occasion. The Programme was attended by staff members and students of the college. Other staff members who also witnessed the occasion were: Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Prof Arun Kumar; Dr. Anju Rani, Dr. Sukhdeep Singh, Prof Manjot Singh, Prof Kamlesh Bala, Prof Neha Bhagat, Prof Kiran Thapa, Prof Chinki Sangral, Prof Ritika, Dr. Anil Kumar Dogra, Prof Nidhi Jangral, Prof Arvind Kumar; Dr. Neru Anand, Dr. Usha Rani, Dr. Preeti Verma, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Dr. Mukesh Kumar; Dr. Meenakshi Thakur; Dr. Aditi Sharma, Dr. Neha Sharma, Dr. Ravinder Singh, Dr. Bhupinder Singh. Dr. Arun Bose and Prof Shamsher Singh.

DC Kishtwar discusses formulation of GPDP 2023-24

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar Dr Devanish Yadav, on Monday chaired the meeting of line departments to discuss the formulation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) 2023-24. The meeting was attended by ACD, Atul Dutt Sharma; DPO, Sunil Bhutyal; DSWO, Zubair Ahmed, BDOs, DYSSO, CMO, XEn REW, besides concerned officers of line departments. At the outset, the ACD and DPO gave an insight about the guidelines to be adopted in the formulation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan. Besides, various issues and bottlenecks faced during the process were also discussed thoroughly in the meeting. It was informed that the Gram Sabhas for the formulation of GPDP will start from October 2, 2022 and schedules for the same shall be issued to all the line departments, separately. The Deputy Commissioner directed the HODs of all line departments to submit the list of Gram Panchayat functionaries of their departments to the respective BDOs so that the gram sabhas are conducted in a hassle free manner and an encumbrance free GPDP-Plan is formulated as per the formats pertaining to their respective sectors. Further, all the concerned departments were instructed to chalk out the plans in convergence mode and reflect only feasible works in the plan, besides take PRIs on board in the exercise of plan formulation. The DC exhorted the HODs to incorporate the local need based works in the plan besides ensure judicious utilization of funds. Meanwhile, DC Kishtwar also directed the departments to chalk out awareness activities to be conducted under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan in each Panchayat during gram sabhas.

BJP Sr Citizen Cell J&K celebrates Modi's birthday

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KATRA: In a bid to celebrate the Sewa-Saptah commencing from Sept 17 to Oct 2, 2022, JD Singh Convenor Sr Citizen cell J&K accompanied by Varinder Kr Badyal State Co-Convenor & Shiv Kumar Sharma State Executive Member organized a Sewa event at Disha Chhatrawas (Ashram) Katra. The proceedings were initiated by Gopal Sharma Disstt Co-Convenor Reasi.

The objective of the event was to enlighten the students regarding the Life-history of PM Modi & for the purpose a tele-film depicting life event's of Modi ji was displayed on the occasion followed by a lunch to the poor students living in Chhatrawas (Ashram) Katra (Ashram).

Among other's the prominent were Ex MLA Ajay Nanda, Baldev Raj Sharma



A BJP leader speaking during the programme.

and Saraf Singh Nag DDC chairman Reasi.

On the outset, the programme was concluded by JD Singh briefing various steps taken by Modi ji for India's Aatmnirbharta, Sanskriti, culture, foreign policy & certain steps towards last man of society & also announced the new team in Katra Vaishno devi assembly segment. JD Singh also advised the new team to listen Mann ki Baat & other

programmes in their respective areas.

On the onset Shiv Kumar Sharma state executive member welcomed the guest, Sr Citizens & students residing in Chhatrawas (Ashram) Katra & thanks for their devotion and enthusiasm for celebration of Modi ji's 72 birthday.

Varinder Kr Badyal State Co -Convenor highlighted the various centrally sponsored schemes launched by Modi

led BJP Govt & their impact upon the poor and down trodden people's of the society for their upliftment thereof.

Ex-MLAs Ajay Nanda and Baldev Raj Sharma apprised regarding implementation of various centrally projects and work done in their respective area's & promised to fulfill the dream's of people under the dynamic leadership of PM Modi.

Sushil Magotra Distt President Reasi spoke on detail of 15 days fagwara and assured the house for their proper completion in a time bound manner & thanked the BJP Sr Citizen cell for organizing 2 programmes in Reasi distt.

Vote of thanks was presented by Sukhdev Singh Convenor Sr Citizen Cell BJP Katra with a Cup of tea.

BDC starts construction of passenger shed in Odh village

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SAMBA: Block Development Council (BDC) Chairman Vijay Tagotra along with Sarpanch Jasbir Singh and BDO Ghagwal Sheetal started construction work of passenger shed in remote village Odh of Panchayat Surara of Kandi area of sub-division Ghagwal on Monday. The same will cost 1.5 lakh rupees and it is kept from BDC's capex fund. Tagotra said that Odh village is such a place from where hundreds of people, school students wait to take passenger vehicles every day. People have to face a lot of problems in summer and winter. The construction of a modern passen-



BDC Chairman Vijay Tagotra starting construction work.

ger shed will bring great relief to the people. Sarpanch Jasbir Singh thanked BDC Chairman Vijay Tagotra and said that such modern passenger sheds should be built in every area. On this occasion,

Sarpanch Jasbir Singh, Panch Darshana Devi, Panch Balvinder Singh, Social worker Darshan Sharma, Pandit Bishambar Sharma, Sonu Sharma, Kewal Krishna etc. were present.

NHM Employees hail Ayushi Sudan's posting as MD NHM

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DODA: The National Health Mission (NHM) Employees including Doctors, Paramedics and District Programme Management

Unit (DPMU) and Block Programme Management Units (BPMU) of District Doda accorded welcome and hailed govt decision for posting of Ayushi Sudan (IAS) as new Mission Director NHM J&K. In a press statement issued to media, the Sr NHM Leader & Former District President of the Association Faizan A Tramboos on behalf of NHM Employees of the District and J&K as well extended warm welcome and extends heartiest congratulations to Ms Ayushi Sudan for assuming the charge of MD NHM J&K and hailed the State Govt decision for assigning her with this new task and

assured that the NHM Employees of the state will work with more and more dedication and sincerity under her able guidance as they were doing it in the past. Tramboos described Ayushi Sudan as an honest, competent and good performing officer and expressed hope that her posting as MD NHM will prove beneficial for the NHM Employees of Jammu and Kashmir, adding that MD NHM would play his role not only in streamlining the health department but would also advocate for the resolution of NHM Employees demands for which they are struggling since decades.

CS calls for public cooperation in Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta met delegations at the Convention Centre here on Monday.

A delegation led by DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan consisting of several DDC members submitted a memorandum to the Chief Secretary and projected their issues. Prominent issues discussed in the meeting included those pertaining to roads and power supply. The Chief Secretary gave a patient hearing to the delegation and assured that power related issues would be mitigated in a few months due to a number of transformational measures being taken by the administration. He assured that regular supply of tap water would be ensured under the Jal Jeevan Mission



CS Dr Arun Kumar Mehta meeting delegations.

from this year. Similarly, round the clock supply of electricity would be ensured in a few months, he added. Dr Mehta advised the delegation to conduct social audit of primary schools in their respective panchayats. Other members of the delegation raised issues pertaining to dwellers of border areas, mining, education and health services etc. He assured the delegation about resolution of all issues under norms in a timely manner. In a meeting

with a delegation of BDC members, the Chief Secretary took stock of developmental works in panchayats and discussed whole range of issues. The Chief Secretary called upon them to cooperate and help eliminate the menace of drugs by actively participating in Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan. A delegation of Sarpanchs also called upon Dr Mehta. The delegation raised issues related to shortage of staff in their local

Special screening of movies on Swachhta, Water Conservation held

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KATHUA: District Administration Kathua organized special screening of movies "Toilet-Ek Prem Katha" & "Jal Sanrakshan" at different Panchayats to generate awareness on cleanliness and sanitation, besides encouraging the people to shun the practice of open defecation in Rural areas along with promotion of water conservation under its ongoing 'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign.

While throwing light on the initiative, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Danish Rasool Mir said the aim

of screening theme based movies was to aware the masses about the issues revolving around the problem of open defecation in Rural areas and to promote Prime Minister Narendra Modi's cleanliness initiative - Swachh Bharat Abhiyan under the ongoing 'Swachhta Hi Seva Campaign'. It was a motivational movie for all those who are associated with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, he added. A short movie 'Jal Sanrakshan' was also screened to inform the participants about Water conservation and to make efforts to safe-

guard the water environment while maintaining a balance between current and future human water demands, the ACP informed. The screening of movies evoked overwhelming response from the people who were excited to watch the movie, which conveys an effective message for cleanliness and water conservation. Pertinently, Kathua Administration has devised a calendar of events under Swachhta Hi Seva campaign to organise activities which will be held in all the 19 Blocks of District Kathua covering Panchayat Ghars, Block

Headquarters, Panchayat Secretariats with focus on maximum participation of School Children, Panchs (village representatives), Panchayat Secretaries, Panchayat Accounts Assistants, Sarpanchs (village heads) and Block Development Officers and locals. Meanwhile, Rallies, Swachhta Pledge, Shram Daan activities, painting and slogan writing competitions were also held in educational institutions of all levels, while Swachhta drive was conducted in government offices under the ongoing 'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign.

GDC Batote organises collage making competition on 'Truth & non-violence'

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BATOTE: In run-up to the Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations, GDC Batote on Monday organised a Collage Making Competition on the theme "Truth and Non-Violence" in which 20 students participated with great fervor. Jyoti Sharma, Mehvish Arif and Rupalai Kohli bagged 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions respectively by exhibiting their creative skills. The event was presided over by the Principal of the college, Dr. Arti Pandoh Gupta. She encouraged the student community to adhere to the Gandhian principle of "Truth and Non-Violence" wholeheartedly. The programme was coordinated by the Debates and Seminar Committee of the college.

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