

# Vice Chairperson DDC Udhampur holds Janta Darbar

## Vows Quality, time bound completion of projects

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Vice Chairperson DDC Udhampur, Juhi Manhas Pathania, on Sunday called for time bound and qualitative completion of public projects. She was addressing a largely attended Janta Darbar at newly constructed Community Hall in Dhema, Bilaspur of Block Khoon.

She also inaugurated a newly constructed Community Hall at Dhema Bilaspur. The Asset has been constructed under DDC Capex at the cost of Rs 22 lakh.

She announced funds for further transformation of the Panchayat Dehma, setting up of a CSC over there and a conference room too. During the inauguration, the Vice Chairperson emphasized the importance of community spaces in promoting social cohesion and community development.

The Community Hall will be a valuable asset and residents of the area can organ-



Vice Chairperson DDC Udhampur, Juhi Manhas addressing people after inaugurating newly Community Hall.

ize social gatherings, festivals and meetings over there. She was optimistic that the Hall will be used for various activities that will help to bring the community together and foster a sense of unity.

While addressing people at public darbar, she had a detailed overview of public grievances of the people of the areas.

The Darbar witnessed an overwhelming response wherein a large number of people apprised the Vice Chairperson with their grievances, demands and issues of public importance. Detailed discussions were

held on various issues like AWAS+ survey, blacktopping and maintenance of roads removal of encroachment, augmentation of Water Supply, tube well/bore well for irrigation facility, PM-KISAN installments related problems faced by people, and other public importance issues were discussed in brief. While interacting with the general public, the Vice Chairperson said that UT dispensation is over anxious regarding public outreach programmes. She added that the Sarkar is committed towards good governance and easy and ready access to public serv-

ices. She underlined the role of Panches/Sarpanches in ensuring a proactive and participative administration, and sought their cooperation in dealing with vital issues of public importance. She assured them all administrative support to ensure implementation of developmental projects in their respective wards besides all the development issues raised during the meeting would be addressed at the earliest.

While addressing the meeting, urged PRIs to come up with suggestions to improve the development scenario in their respective wards to maintain a good rapport between the administration and the public and urged them to work with dedication to improve the living standards of the people living in rural areas. She called the Department of Rural Development to ensure that all the deserving beneficiaries including those who are landless should be

included in the survey for benefits under the AWAS plus scheme.

She took up the issue of non-starting of most of the works under Capex Budget 2023-24 by the contractors even after the lapse of more than one month of allotments, with the Executive Engineer REW and called for prompt action into the matter. She emphasised on the time bound completion of various ongoing and sanction projects in the area.

Along with the officials of various departments, the prominent amongst those who were present included Manoj Verma Sarpanch Bilaspur, Mohan Lal Sharma Sarpanch S.K.Bair, Ramesh Chander Gupta Sarpanch Khoon, Smt. Nimrata Bali Naib Sarpanch Khoon, Tirth Ram Naib Sarpanch Babey, Sham Lal, Renu Sharma, Kuldeep Singh, Ved Sharma, Surinder Mankotia, Shiv Ram and other PRIs of Block Khoon.

# YRS organises community meet for upcoming MHS Birth Anniversary holiday



YRS members and others at a meeting.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BILLAWAR: As the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, The last Dogra ruler was held in month of September and in view of this Yuva Rajput Sabha(YRS) organised community meet here on Sunday.

The holiday was declared on Maharaja Hari Singh birth anniversary last year and according to YRS this is a tribute to Maharaja and a moment of proud for Dogra Community.

In view of this a meetings of YRS appealed the people from different locality to come and celebrate this grand function as a symbol of pride of

Dogras.

On Sunday meeting was organized by people of Sunisar, Mansar, Battal and Billawar in which hundreds of people came to attend the meeting.

At Billawar the program was organized in the presence of Hundreds of local youth leaders, Sarpanch and social workers at Adarsh Palace Billawar and the youth of Billawar also organized a rally to welcome Team YRS.

Vice president YRS Vikramjeet raise the voice to save the heritage of J&K, While addressing the media YRS Spokesperson Vishal Singh appeals the people of

Jammu to make unity and they gave support to Team YRS for the upcoming demands for the rights and betterment of Dogra Community.

The members of YRS in which Komal Singh, Prem Singh, Ajay Singh, Udayveer Singh, Nitin Singh, Avtar Singh, Sanjeev Singh, Aryaveer Singh and many others gave the invitation to everyone to come on 23rd September in Maha rally of YRS and also celebrate the function of Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji in their locality and paid tribute to The greatest last Maharaja of J&K.

# New MBBS Doda GMC batch visits SDH Bhaderwah as a part of foundational course



New batch of undergraduate MBBS students of GMC Doda posing for the photograph at SDH Bhaderwah.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: The new batch of undergraduate MBBS students (2023-24) of Doda Government medical College on Sunday visited Sub District Hospital (SDH) Bhaderwah as a part of their foundational course under the Department of Community Medicine GMC Doda.

The visit was conducted under the guidance of the Medical College principal

(Dr.) Puja Vimesh and under overall supervision of HOD Community Medicines, Dr. Suresh K Kotwal.

During the visit the students went round all sections of SDH Bhaderwah and were imparted orientation regarding the functioning of Community Health Centre by the staff.

Earlier, Academic Registrar, Dr. Walied K Balwan and junior Resident

Dr Nayyar Sajjad sensitised the students regarding the purpose of the visit. He gave them initial orientation regarding the visit.

The other staff of community medicines department whose active involvement made this event possible were Shahid Saleem (MSW), Shazad manhas (MSW), Shokit Ali (MSW), Scharish Naseem (MSW), Charanjit Singh (HE), and Gohar Nazir (RC).

# Bhrashtachar Mukht Week campaign ends in Kathua on spirited note

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: The week long Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K campaign ended on Sunday here on a spirited note with all stakeholders vowing to eliminate corruption and promote transparent governance in Jammu and Kashmir UT.

Kathua Administration, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas, proactively organised 2024 activities from 4th to 10th of September with the active participation of PRIs to spread the message of observing zero tolerance against Corruption besides acquainting them about available legal framework and remedies to get rid of corrupt practices.

The week-long campaign featured a series of awareness events across the dis-



DC Kathua, Rakesh Minhas flagging off students rally.

trict with a focus on the promotion of transparent and accountable governance. Special Gram Sabhas, MC meetings and meetings with key stakeholders, including Self-Help Groups (SHGs), MGNREGA workers, farmers, students and citizens, were held to spread mass awareness about the significance

role in establishing a transparent system of governance as complete description of constituent level planning and expenditure is readily available on the portal. The Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K campaign along with "Digital Literacy Week" were celebrated which has also portrayed how digital initiatives in government processes hold great significance in lowering down corrupt practices.

The campaign was given widespread publicity through print, electronic, and social media. Workshops and sensitization programs were conducted at the district level, Sub Divisional level, and Tehsil level to educate participants about anti-corruption policies and procedures. To get a proper record of grievances and

complaints, Feedback Forms were filled by the IT Department during the week-long campaign, a total of 645 such grievances and complaints were resolved on priority.

During the campaign, the educational institutions remained centre stage in bringing awareness on the menace of Corruption wherein activities like quizzes, debates, plays quiz, cartoon making, slogans, paintings, rangoli, and cultural events were held to engage the community in the fight against corruption. The week-long campaign which had witnessed participation of over 1.30 lac people in Kathua ended on a promising note which will definitely pave the way for more transparent and corruption-free governance in Kathua district.

# Bicycle Rally conducted to honour 1965 Indo Pak War Heroes

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SAMBA: A Bicycle Rally was conducted from Jammu to Samba by National Corruption Control & Human Welfare Organization (NCCHWO).

The Jammu Hills Sports Club has imparted training to 28 Cyclists for the event. The Rally aims to exhibit solidarity with the brave soldiers of the Indian Army for their courage and Services.

To recognize Women Empowerment and to encourage youth, the honor to flag off the Rally from Balidan Stambh was given to a young National Level Gymnast, Simran Kaur, who was also selected for World School Games, France, May 2022. She qualified for the NDA 151 Course written examination as well. The Rally consisting of Men/Women Cyclists, carried The Tricolour with pride. After Rally reached Samba, a ceremonial Wreath Laying Parade was conducted by the Army at the War Memorial, erected by 3 Madras Regiment, to pay



Participating cyclists posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Samba.

respect to soldiers who laid down their lives in 1965 Indo Pak War. It was followed by offering of Floral Tributes by all present to those, Who Gave Their Today for Our Tomorrow. The gathering was given a glimpse of the 1965 War, with details of operations conducted in the Samba Sector. In a simple and impressive function, conducted by the Army, Brig Harcharan Singh emphasized that Freedom is not free, It costs soldiers. The nation will remain the

land of the Free, only as long as it is the home of the Braves. The stories of War recalled during such events, motivates our youth.

Commander Samba Garrison, the Chief Guest for the occasion, appreciated the efforts made by the Bicycle Riders, who have expressed their gratitude towards soldiers in a unique manner.

All bicycle Riders were felicitated with Mementos/Certificates by the Chief Guest. The

mementos were specifically designed by 3 Madras Regiment, which participated in the 1965 War in Samba Sector.

Vote of Thanks was delivered by Parveen Raina, who thanked the Army for the support. The event was supported by NGOs like IWC Jammu Tawi, War Wounded Foundation, SS Jain Sabha Talab Tillo/ Trikuta Nagar and Jain Mahila Mandal, Talab Tillo. The event culminated with a recital of the National Anthem.

# District level Toycathon 2023 Competition organised by DIET Doda in hybrid model

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: The District Institute of Education & Training (DIET) Doda hosted a highly anticipated District level Toycathon (DLC) competition in hybrid mode (online and offline mode) respectively after achieving the target of 3681 registration of students across the district under the banner of Toycathon 2023. The event was held under the esteemed leadership of Director SCERT (Prof) Dr. P. S. Manhas, Team Toycathon SCERT Jammu, Irvinder Kaur, Vivek Jandial, Monika Sharma, Yogesh Kumar and Supervision and able guidance of Principal DIET Doda Sandhra Malhotra and DNO, Toycathon Mussarat Jahan Mintoo, witnessed an overwhelming participation of ZNOs, HOIs, teachers, and students from across district Doda.

The event witnessed an



Students displaying models during a contest at Doda.

enthusiastic response from Educational Institutions across the district in all three categories.

Students from different schools put forth their innovative ideas through toys/game designs. The event commenced with an opening ceremony by DNO, DIET Doda Mussarat Jahan, followed by jury members Virender, HOD, DIET Doda, Dr. Abida Sr. Lect, Dimple Devi, Zakia Khanum (DIET Faculty members). Principal DIET Doda,

Sandhra Malhotra, expressed immense pleasure on successful completion of the grand event and appreciated the efforts of DNO, ZNOs and expressed gratitude to all Respected HOIs (Govt/Pvt) HSS, HS, MS across the District Doda to achieve the desired target.

The DIET Faculty members highlighted the significance of promoting indigenous toys manufacturing and the role it plays in nurturing the creativity among children.

The success of DLC Category 1 (6th -8th), Category 2 (9th-10th), Category 3 (11th-12th) bears testimony to the hard work put in by DIET Faculty Raj Mohd, Sr. Lect, Zahid Ahmed, Kismat Singh, Basit Masood, the management Team Ajaz Ahmed, Irshad Ahmed, Sohail Wani, Farooq Ahmed, Chander Prakash, Tanveer and ZNOs, HOIs, teachers participants. Winners from all the three categories will now participate in Divisional level Competition at SCERT, Jammu on 18th September 2023.

DNO, Toycathon, while concluding the event thanked all the stakeholders for their persistent efforts in making the entire chain of events from School Level Event (SLC) to District Level Competition (DLC) a grand success in the District.

# People residing in remote areas neglected under present dispensation: Rattan Lal

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Jammu, while urging the party cadre especially the workers and activists to gear up for the upcoming polls, asserted that victory of the National Conference is the only solution of all the problems of the people.

He said that people are fed up with the BJP's anti people governance as they are struggling amid miseries thrust upon them by the saffron party's proxy administration in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

Addressing a day long convention of National Conference workers conducted under the chairmanship of District President of National Conference Tanveer Ahmed Kichloo at Kishtwar, the Chief Guest Rattan Lal Gupta said that the Govt is making tall claims about its so called achievements especially that of equitable development, but the situation on ground speaks contrary.

He said that remote areas of district Kishtwar have been completely ignored by the incumbent

dispensation, not to talk of its remote areas where the conditions are worst with suffering people having none to listen to their woes. The performance of the UT Administration can be well gauged from the fact that even Kishtwar town stands neglected with no visible improvement on ground.

The senior National Conference leader said that BJP is well aware of the misgovernance of its governance and its leaders at fear worst defeat in the Assembly elections. He claimed it to be the main reason for delaying Assembly elections in the Union Territory thus depriving the people of the right to enjoy the fruits of democracy. He accused the BJP of blatant murder of democratic principles especially in J&K.

Earlier while delivering

the welcome address by Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo, Zonal President Chenab Valley and former Minister castigated the Govt for having left the people of this region to the mercy of God amid a volley of miseries. He highlighted the problems being faced by the people residing in Paddar, Daechan, Marwah, Chatroo, Bunjwah, etc. He said that these areas being the NC strongholds stand deliberately ignored by the Administration on the development front. He said that the development works started by the NC government were brought to a halt and no further development has taken place in these areas since then. Sheikh Ahmed Bashir, Provincial Secretary JKNC, Pardeep Bali, Dr Chaman Lal and Pooja Thakur in their address on the occasion

asked the people to remain vigilant against the divisive forces and maintain communal harmony and brotherhood at all costs.

Later, dozens of functionaries from BJP and Congress who joined the National Conference on the occasion were formally welcomed into the party fold by the NC leaders led by Rattan Lal Gupta.

Rattan Lal asked the newly joined members to work for strengthening the hands of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah for the betterment of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Among those who were present include Mushtaq Ahmed Haq, Farooq Ahmed, Istiaq Ahmed Malik, Imtiaz Zargar, Shahid Karipak, Sajjad Ahmed, Zaqr Hussain, Raja Thakur and S.A Bhat.

# DIET Kishtwar conducts three-Day Workshop for Librarians, Junior Librarians



Librarians, Junior Librarians and Library Assistants at a workshop.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Kishtwar conducted a three-day workshop for librarians, Junior Librarians and Library Assistants here on its campus. As many as 42 officials were actively engaged in the workshop to promote reading, thinking and community discussions and guarantee free library access to all students and teacher community.

The three day workshop was inaugurated by Sr. Lecturer DIET Kishtwar Riaz Ahmed

Butt also the wing Head "Planning and Management" in presence of senior Lecturers R.A. Giri, F.A. Giri, Humaira Ayub and the other resource persons of DIET Kishtwar.

The main objective of imparting training to librarians/ junior librarians was to make them aware that its workforce needs to be skilled, competent and confident because they are subject to continual change, especially in today's digital information operate mean that we need to be flexible, agile and continual-

ly evolving. The trainees were sensitized to embrace change, and its workforce was motivated to work hard and develop its professional and technical skills so that modern day requirements may be met accordingly.

The workshop ended with high hopes as the trainees were fully satisfied with the sessions based on modern day need and requirement. The sole motive of the said training programme was to equip them with the essential skills which they need to perform and fulfill their roles.

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