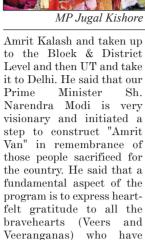
Jugal leads Amrit Kalash Yatra in SMVD Constituency

KATRA: Jugal Kishore Sharma. Member Parliament Jammu along with DDC Chairman Saraf Singh Nag, District President BJP Rohit Rohit Dubey & others toured village Kotli Manyotri, Sirla Bhagha, Sujangdhar Bhomag and adjoining areas of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Assembly constituency and led Amrit Kalash Yatra under Meri Maati Mera Desh a Nationwide programme.He also paid tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed for the Nation.

Member of Parliament while addressing the gathering present at the occasion said that Bharatiya Janata Party under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has started a Nationwide Amrit Kalash Yatra under "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign. He said that under this programme Maati from every household from urban and

rural area is collected in



made supreme sacrifice.He

said that a Shilanhalakam

also installed having names of the bravehearts. Freedom fighters, defense personnel, personnel of Central Armed Police Forces and State Police who laid down their lives in the line of duty are remembered by every heart

of the Nation. He said that a initiative of planting 75 plants/trees near Amrit Sarovars or Prime Location of villages also included in this programme. He said that at the memorial site people will be take a solemn pledge covering the Panch Pran of

Prime Minister.

Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament also attended "Shri Nag Devta Mela" a grand cultural fair at village Sujangdhar Bhomag.

DDC Nirmala Devi, BDC Ashok Thakur, Tehsildar Mehak Mahajan, Mandal Ramesh, President Kaya Sarpanch Shabman Rekha Devi, Bano, Senior BJP Leaders Adv. Pawan Singh, Balwant Singh, Kulwant Singh, Tej Singh and others were also present at the occasion

Army conducts grievance redressal meet

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DODA: To interact with the Ex-servicemen, Indian Army Widows and Veer Naris residing in Bhagwah, Doda and to resolve their pension anomalies and grievances, Indian Army organised a Grievance Redressal Meet at Bhagwah,

More than 08 Ex-serviceman attended the meet. During the meet, they shared their grievances which were noted down for redressal subsequently. During the interaction with Ex-servicemen, Indian Army Widows and Veer Naris, they were educated/apprised about various welfare and financial schemes launched by Indian Armed Forces / Central Government Government in recent times.

In addition, they were also educated about functioning of ESM Help Line, ECHS and Pensioner benefits including to the post retirement schemes. This kind of meets stand as a testimonial to the veterans and Indian Army Widows that the organization cares for them and always stands by them.

District Samba intensifies efforts to

GDC Neeli Nallah organises awareness programme on "ill effects of drug Abuse"



Students along with faculty during the programme.

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UDHAMPUR: NSS Unit, Government Degree College Neeli Nallah, Udhampur organized poster making and Slogan writing competition on "Ill effects of Drug Abuse" under Nasha Mukth Bharat Campaign. The whole event was conducted under the able guidance of worthy Principal of the College, Prof. Hans Raj. Around a dozen of students participated in the competition who presented their posters depicting different

serious ill effects of drug abuse. Speaking on the occasion Principal of the college emphasized that the habit of drug abuse not only greatly affects the body and mind, but also finishes the bright future of a person. Sometime students make use of drugs to stimulate their performance in sports and studies because of peer pressure of scoring good rank. He also stressed upon the students to adopt sports and yoga activities as a part of their daily life in order to enhance

their performance in sports and sharpening of brain instead of indulging in drug addiction. Ms. Rupali Rajput of Sem 5th, Neharika Sharma of Sem 5th, Aman Sharma of Sem 3rd secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

The program was organized by Dr. Radha Rani, NSS PO and Dr. Swati Dutt. Others present were Neha Devi, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Pradeep Kumar, Kumari Mahima Bhagat, Akhter Hussain Rather

GDC Gool organises quiz competition on relevance of digital services



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GOOL: As part of the celebra-

tion of Digital Week Govt. Degree College Gool organised an intra- college Quiz Competition on the topic "Relevance of Digital Services". The event was presided over by Esteemed Principal of the College Maj. Dr. Karan Singh. The objective of the programme was to spread awareness among the students regarding various digital services being provided by various Departments of Jammu & Kashmir.15-students took part in the event. The participants were divided into 3 teams [Team A, B&C].Each team having of 5 members. The programme was based on 3 rounds in which each team faced 9 ques-

Sultan, Shafiya Mehbooba Shabnum, Mehvish Gutt. Bisma Ashraf Wani with 55 marks bagged first position. Team-B comprising Samreen Rabia Kousar. Shagufta Afreen and Asiya Nissar with 45 marks stood at 2nd place while Team A Comprising Shahajahan Ahmed, Avaise Ahmed, Shariq Gutt and Mohsin Rasool with 40 marks bagged 3rd position. The event was attended by all faculty members and students. Prof. Mohd Younus Saleeem (AP English) acted as Quiz master. Whereas Prof Gopal Singh (HOD Dogri) Prof. Jatinder Lal (HOD)Education) and Javed Mohammed Librarian was scorers. Dr. Zafar Hayat (HOD Arabic)

Combat Drug Abuse & Narcotic Trade

SAMBA: Samba Abhishek Sharma, along with SSP, Benam Tosh chaired a pivotal meeting of the district-level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) committee. The meeting, held at the DC Office complex's Conference hall, aimed to address the pressing issue of drug abuse and the illicit drug trade within the district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner issued a series of directives to key district officials, including SDMs, ACD, and tehsildars. These directives included the identification of drug movement hotspots and instances of drug trade. The DC also reviewed the status of a prevalence survey and instructed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to identify informers who can assist in dismantling the drug supply

The review of the status of Drug De-addiction center to be constructed in Gurha Salathia also was held.Deputy Commissioner instructed the Executive



DC Samba Abhishek Sharma along with SSP, Benam Tosh chairing NCORD committee meet.

Department (PWD) to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

To combat drug abuse at its roots, the DC emphasized the importance of awareness programs and information, education, and communication (IEC) campaigns. These campaigns are to be conducted in all colleges and schools across the district, with a special focus on higher and school-level educational institutions. Furthermore, the Commissioner reviewed the status of the 'Nasha Mukt Panchayat Abhiyan," an initiative aimed at creating drug-free villages at the grassroots level. The Social Welfare District

Officer informed the commit-

tee that formats for declaring

been shared with Panchayats, and the DC directed that all Panchayats of Samba should be declared Nasha Mukt on a priority basis. Recognizing the importance

of border security, Deputy Commissioner Sharma urged police, ARTO, and BSF officers to maintain strict vigilance on vehicular movement along border areas to prevent narcotics smuggling. SSP Benam Tosh also

stressed the significance of early detection and information sharing about drug transport. He recommended organizing seminars on the Narcotic Drugs Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in colleges and sharing case studies of local drug peddlers to create deter-

In his closing remarks, the Deputy Commissioner reiter-

tively implementing these directions to curb drug abuse decisively. He affirmed the District Administration's unwavering commitment to creating a drug-free environment and vowed to take all necessary steps to achieve this goal. Additionally, he highlighted the stringent legal actions taken against individuals involved in drug peddling and the support provided to victims of drug abuse through control and rehabili-

tation efforts. The meeting witnessed the presence of key officials and stakeholders, including ADC Samba, SDMs, ACD, CEO, CMO, DSWO, Tehsildars, Principals of colleges, ETO, Assistant Drug Controller, and Inspectors from the drug control department, reflecting the collective commitment to combat drug abuse in

DC Udhampur inspects progress on Chenani Sudhmahadev NH-244 road, Yoga Centre in Mantalai

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Saloni Rai conducted an extensive tour of Mantalai, where she inspected the ongoing work on the Sudhmahadev NH-244 road and the International Yoga Centre. During the visit, the

gious road project and adhere to the specified timeline for completion.

Additionally, she emphasized the importance of daily monitoring and fortnightly review to ensure smooth and timely completion of work. The DC added that roads and bridges are



tour of Mantalai on Saturday.

Deputy Commissioner examined the progress of the 16-kilometer Chenani-Sudhmahadev NH-244 Road, being constructed by NHIDCL. She directed the executing

District Development Council reviews

the backbone of an area as good roads automatically boost the local economy.

reviewed the status of the International Yoga Centre. an important development in

In Mantalai, the DC also

DC Kishtwar finalises arrangements for Shri Krishan Janamashtami celebration

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav chaired a meeting here in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex Kishtwar to finalise the arrangements for Shri Krishan Janamashtami and Shoba Yatra.

The meeting was attended by SSP Kishtwar Khalil Ahmed Poswal; ADDC Sham Lal; ADC, Inderjeet Singh Parihar; ASP, Rajinder Singh; ACR, Varunjeet Singh Charak; PO ICDS, Dr Rishi Kumar Sharma; ACD, Manoj Kumar besides other district officers of Line Departments and representatives of Sanatan Dharma

The DC directed the concerned departments to make adequate arrangements regarding the security, sanitation, medical facilities, drinking water and other basic amenities for the smooth and successful culmina-

tion of the festival. The SSP Kishtwar apprised the

meeting that elaborate security measures have been put in place during Shoba Yatra, besides deploying additional security personnel en-route.

The Deputy Commissioner also asked to put in place a fool proof Traffic management plan and identify alternate routes for diversion of traffic to provide smooth passage to the Shoba Yatra.

The EO, Municipal Council Ninad Sen was asked to conduct a cleanliness drive and lime lining in and around the Shree Gourishankar ji Mandir Sarkoot, Shree Raghunath ji Mandir Semina and along the route of the procession. The authorities were also asked to repair lights in the streets and at the hot spots in the town to avoid inconvenience to the public during the festival night.

The PHE and PDD authorities were directed to ensure uninterrupted water and electricity supply during the festival, besides to ensure water tanker supply to identified locations.

Tehsildar Kishtwar, SHO Kishtwar and EO, Municipal Council Kishtwar were asked to conduct market checking along with enforcement teams to keep check on overcharging and quality of food stuff. Besides AD FCS & CA was asked to ensure adequate food stock at the depots. The DC further directed the con-

cerned authorities to clear and repair the roads from where the procession would take place.

Fire and Emergency authorities were directed to remain prepared to deal with any event

DC Kishtwar also directed the CMO Kishtwar to deploy an ambulance and medical staff with first aid facility during the processions.

The representatives of religious organizations and trusts also submitted the details of the areas where the services of district administration and police are required and also gave valuable suggestions for the smooth celebration of the festival.

implementation of Development schemes

STATE TIMES NEWS RAJOURI: Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Rajouri, Chowdhary Naseem Liyaqat underscored the importance of close collaboration between Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and government departments to achieve optimal results in the implementation of government schemes and ensure the timely completion of vital developmental projects. He was chairing the District Development Council meeting convened to review the achievements of the departments under different schemes and programs. The meeting conducted in-depth discussion on key issues pertaining to departments such as Jal Shakti, Public Works Department (PWD), Power Development Department (PDD), Rural Development

(RDD), Department Education, Irrigation, and Flood Control among others. Heads of these departments provided comprehensive updates on the notable achievements made in recent times. Concerns were raised regarding the allocation of works in the RDD, with Xen RDD assuring the assembly that the allocation process is proceeding swiftly and will be completed by September 15th.

Issues related to Jal Shakti were echoed by the Chair, and immediate directions were passed by Deputy Commissioner for addressing the same. The meeting also delved into the escalating problem of water scarcity in Block Kalakote. The Deputy Commissioner assured the assembly that redress of the issue was the top priority of the administration, and directives were issued for its prompt redressal. The meeting saw the

Member Darhal, Iqbal Malik; DDC Member Sunderbani, Rajinder Sharma; Member Dhangri Rameshwar Singh; DDC Member Doongi, Khalid Hussain; DDC Member Rajouri, Sai Abdul Rashid: DDC Member Nowshera, Dr. Manohar Singh; DDC Member Thannamandi, Abdul Qayoom Mir; DDC Member Budhal-old, Shazia Kouser; DDC Member Budhal, Nasreen Akhtar; DDC Member Moughla, Naseem Akhtar; BDC Rajouri, Darbar Chowdhary; BDC Siot Bal Krishan; BDC Sunderbani Arun Sharma .BDC Moughla, Surekha Kotewal; BDC Budhal New, Shamim Akhter;BDC Plangarh, Akhter, BDC Parveen Kalakote Bubu khan, BDC

participation of

Representing the administration, the meeting was

Darhal Aslam malik.

attended by DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal; ADDC (CEO, DDC Rajouri), Pawan Kumar; Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Rajouri, Mohd Khursheed; Project Officer Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Shoket Mehmood Malik: Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Rajouri, Vijay Kumar Verma; General Manager District Industries Center (DIC), Ashwini Kumar; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; District Mineral officer Rajouri Naseeb choudary ,DSWO Wakeel bhatt, District Panchayat Officer Rajouri Auqil Nuvaid, CEO Sultana Kousar; SE jalshaki XEN PWD sar-

The District Development Council in Rajouri remains committed to fostering progress, enhancing collaboration, and addressing critical issues to improve the quality of life for its residents.

dar khan and other officers.

DDC member starts new water supply schemes

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AKHNOOR: In order to fulfill the mission of providing tap water to each household, BJP leader and member DDC Suresh Sharma on Saturday inaugurated a new water supply scheme 'Rah Sai Gala' under Jal Jeevan Mission for

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the residents of Panchayat Rah of block Chowki Choura of Chhamb constituency. It was long pending demand of the public and Suresh Sharma fulfills it. The estimated cost of the scheme is 4.46 crore. Under this scheme, a new filtration plant, new pipeline, a water tank of capacity 20,000 gallon etc will be set up.

Addressing the public, Suresh Sharma said that on completion of this scheme, there will be no problem of scarcity of drinking water for the residents of Panchavat Rah. Besides Suresh Sharma also asserted that new water supply schemes will be started soon in block Chowki Choura. All the defunct and old water supply pipes shall be replaced, new water connections shall be provided and new dug wells and fil-



ter plants shall be constructed so that the public may not face any problem related to drinking water. Suresh Sharma viewed that BJP government under leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Moda has started public welfare schemes all over the country and providing clean tap water to each and every household is one of them.

Suresh Sharma also assured

the public that their all demands are under proper consideration for the timely redressal and the work of blacktopping of roads shall be started after rainy season in Panchayat Rah and Saliot. All the villages present in the occasion thanked Suresh Sharma for his sincere efforts to redress their griev-On this occasion, BDC

Chowki choura Rahul dev sharma, XEN PHE Rockey Mahajan, AEE Rakesh Gupta Capt. B. D. Sharma Mandal President, JE Balkrishan, Panch Rattan Verma, Namberdar Sham lal, Panch Sushil sharma, Avinash Sharma, Ex panch Om parkash, Koushal Gupta, Sub. Ranjeet singh and many prominent persons were present.

Govt GLDM Degree College Hiranagar organizes investor awareness program on mutual funds

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HIRANAGAR: Govt. GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar organized an Awareness Program on Mutual Funds, in the Conference hall of the college campus. Dr. Pragya Khanna, Principal of the College presided over the function. The program started with the welcome address by Prof. Rakesh Sharma, HOD Hindi. Vashisht Kumar Branch Manager, SBI Mutual Fund Jammu, was the speaker of the day, who has more than ten years of working experience in the market of mutual funds. This program was curated with the aim to motivate students and staff decoding the importance of mutual funds. He explained the need for investing in capital market. He also made a call to the staff the need for individual investor investing in capital market than depositing in banks. He highlighted the changed scenario in the functioning of the capital market due to the intervention of technology. He broke

the myths of the investment in capital markets and he explained the truths about the capital markets. Mr.Ravi Kumar, mutual fund advisor, in his PowerPoint presentation highlighted the different points on how to lower risk in investments. He emphasized on investments in mutual funds with a very small amount of funds and particularly to keep patience with the investments. He also spoke about systematic investment plan (SIP).

A large number of students participated in the program. Staff members who witnessed the proceedings of the program were Prof.Sujat, Prof.Rajesh Sharma, Prof.Arun Kumar, Prof.Parveen Sharma, Prof.Jyoti Rani, Prof.Neha Bhagat, Prof.Kiran Thappa, Prof Sukhdeep Singh Prof.Manjot Singh, Prof.Chinky Sangral, Prof.Reetika Prof Sukhdeep Singh, Prof Usha Rani. The whole Program was Coordinated by Prof. Gurdyal, HOD Geography and Prof. Rakesh Sharma, HOD Hindi.