

Azad is the only hope for peaceful & prosperous J&K : Taj, Saroori

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SRINAGAR: Asserting that Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) is committed to work tirelessly for the peace and prosperity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the party senior leader and treasurer Taj Mohiuddin said that all doors are shut for those who are corrupt and have no vision for Jammu and Kashmir. "I assure you our party led by Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad is committed for the cause of people. It has only pro people agenda where we can ensure every family of the UT lives in peace and earn with dignity," he told a massive gathering at Sagipora Rafiabad. Vice Chairman G.M Saroori said all the successive regimes have failed to live upto the expectations



DPAP leaders Taj Mohiuddin and G.M Saroori addressing gathering on Wednesday.

of people but it is only DPAP which has become the voice of every street and mohalla in the UT. "We are not in power but when we see injustice is done with our people we don't hesitate to hit the roads peacefully. Our efforts to defend the rights of people is evident from the peaceful street protests when the forcible

land eviction drive was launched and we didn't stop untill government took back the order," he said. He said people are fed up with the political parties who have been befooling them all the times and personally seeking blessings from the BJP to secure political gains and fortunes for themselves and their rela-

tives. "But DPAP is the only party that stands for the cause of people. It's agenda is to strengthen the economy of people and ensure jobs are created for the unemployed youth," he said. He said the disciplinary committee of the party expelled some of the leaders who were indulged in

anti party activities and creating groupism. Shafiq Shabnam said that he is hopeful of seeing beautiful and prosperous Jammu Kashmir once DPAP is elected to power by people. "Our leader has a vision for development he is one of the cleanest politician against whom not a single case of corruption has come to fore in fifty years of career. He is the only hope for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and can take it out of prevailing chaos," he said. Among others who were present in the meeting were Vice President Province Haji Musadiq, Gen Secretary province Shafiq Shabnam, Secretary Tasleema Akthar, Sr DPAP leader Sajjad Ahmed Dar and others.

CS inaugurates e-Daakhil Portal for J&K



CS Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta inaugurating the 'e-Daakhil Portal'.

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SRINAGAR: In a step towards responsive governance, the Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, inaugurated the 'e-Daakhil Portal' for Jammu & Kashmir, here on Wednesday. Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA, Deputy Director General, NIC, New Delhi and President, State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, were also present during the launch, along with other senior officers. The portal provides a platform for the consumers to register their complaints and appeals relating to consumer disputes. The initiative underscores Government's resolve to efficiently and effectively respond to the people's needs and expectations. The 'e-Daakhil Portal' would be an addition to a host of online services which the Government has already brought to the

people at the click of a button. The primary aim of the portal is to provide timely and effective settlement of consumer disputes in Jammu & Kashmir. The Government has already established a State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission and 10 District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commissions in the interest of consumers. This Portal, which is in continuity to the series of e-Governance initiatives taken by the J&K Government, has been developed by the Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, in consultation with NIC. The

'e-Daakhil Portal' would be integrated with the National Portal, helping consumers file and track, complaints and appeals from anywhere, anytime. The Portal shall also allow the consumers to make payment of the requisite fee, if any, online through debit/credit card or net banking. As part of the Government's resolve to provide inclusive governance, the e-Daakhil Portal has also been integrated with Common Service Centres (CSC), which would make this service also available to residents in remote and far flung areas.

Modi Govt committed for development of far-off areas: Col Mahan



DDC Member Dr. Kumari Shaveta inaugurating the construction work.

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LAKHANPUR: Fulfilling the 75-year-long dream of the people of the remote Danna Panchayat in the Keedya Gandyal block, which falls under the Kandi region, Col Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman Kathua, along with DDC Member Dr. Kumari Shaveta, inaugurated the construction work of 3.3-kilometer NABARD road today. The road is being constructed at a cost of Rs 4.64 Crore, connecting the famous Mata Jaishree

Mandir in the region. The project will be executed by the Kathua PWD Division over the next 18 months. In addition to the DDC Chairman and the local DDC Member, SE PWD Kathua-Samba zone Shri Dinesh Nayyar, Gopal Mahajan BJP Distt President, ND Tripathi DDC Member, Ajay Kumar, Capt Krishan Singh, Tribal youth leader Mohd Sharif, Sarpanches, PRI members, media personnel, and local residents were present in large numbers.

The event witnessed an emotional scene as village elders, including Prem Singh, Tez Singh, Amar Singh Kanaria, Hem Raj, and Tilak Raj Sharma, all in their 80s and 90s, saw their continuous struggle for a concrete road come true with the DDC Chairman cutting the ribbon and breaking a traditional coconut amid applause and shouts of slogans like "PM Narendra Modi Zindabad" and "Bharat Mata Ki Jai," among others. Speaking on this momentous occasion, Col Mahan thanked PM Modi, Dr. Jitendra Singh, and Hon'ble LG Manoj Sinha for making funds available for rural connectivity and bringing cheer to the rural folks. He emphasized that the Kathua DDC Council is committed to serving the public and ensuring sustainable development throughout the entire district.

CEO Rajouri hosts historic, inspiring Teachers' Day celebration



CEO Rajouri Sultana Kousar during Teachers' Day celebration.

In his presidential address, the Chief Guest of the occasion, Vikas Kunal District Development Commissioner Rajouri, congratulated the teaching fraternity for their pious role in building the future of our country. He advised the teaching community to continuously update their knowledge and skills and adopt the child-friendly technology-oriented teaching methodology to fully equip the students, to successfully face the challenges of the 21st century.

He also congratulated Chief Education Officer Rajouri Sultana Kausar for her relentless and sincere efforts in raising the educational standard of the district. During the event, the Chief Education Officer expressed profound gratitude to teachers for their unwavering commitment to providing value-oriented quality education. She emphasized the pivotal role, teachers play in nurturing young minds and building a strong foundation for a

prosperous society. Sultana Kousar also thanked Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kunal, for sparing his valuable time and also expressed gratitude for his continuous support and guidance in this noble mission of emancipation and enlightenment of humankind. The highlight of the occasion was the felicitation of outstanding educators who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and creativity in their role as teachers especially in remote areas of the district. Later on, a felicitation ceremony was also organised to honour the well deserved teachers for their exceptional and outstanding services. The celebration also featured inspirational speeches from educators and leaders in the field of education. These speakers shared their insights and experiences, motivating teachers to continue their noble mission of imparting knowledge and wisdom.

This grand event also showcased the talents of students from Govt Girls and Boys HSS Rajouri, through captivating and thought-provoking messages and cultural performances. These heartfelt presentations expressed the students' deep appreciation, love and respect for their mentors. While addressing Chief Education Officer Rajouri, also took the opportunity to announce various initiatives taken by the school education department, aimed at further improving the educational ecosystem of the region. Various academicians and civil society members congratulated the Department of School Education District Rajouri working under the dynamic leadership of Chief Education Officer Rajouri, for organising such a colourful and historic event, recognizing and appreciating the lasting impact of teachers for producing quality human resource.

Police imparts cyber awareness among students

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KISHTWAR: In a proactive move to combat cyber-crime, on the directions of senior Officers SHO PS Dachhan Inspector Zaheer Iqbal under the supervision of SSP Kishtwar Khalil Poswal organized a Cyber Awareness Program at High School Lopara in District Kishtwar. The event aimed to sensitize students about the dangers of cybercrime and provide guidance on safeguarding themselves against such threats. SHO Dachhan Zaheer Iqbal highlighted the current challenges posed by cybercrime and emphasized the importance of following standard operating procedures (SOPs) to protect against these crimes. This initiative reflects the commitment of the Police to ensure the safety and security of the community, especially the youth from modern cyber crimes and its impact, in the digital age.

Army, Pause Tribe organize Jashan-e-Chenab at Bhaderwah



Artists performing during a programme.

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BHADERWAH: With an to boost tourism prospects through showcasing local culture and traditions and to provide a platform to local artists where they can showcase their talent, Indian Army in collaboration with PAUSE tribe and K Rajindra Foundation organised Mushaira cum Musical event 'Jashan-e-Chenab' at Bhaderwah last evening. On the occasion ADC Bhaderwah Dilmir Chowdhary was the Chief Guest, who inaugurated the event. DDC Chairman Doda Dhananther Singh, DDC Councilor Thakur Yudhvir, BDC Chairman Omi Chand

and others were also present on the occasion. The event in which artists from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab participated was aimed to boost tourism in the area and to divert the energy of youths towards healthy environment by involving them in literary and cultural activities, so that they can not fall prey to increasing Drug abuse. Educationist and poet Sajid Sarmadi and Reemuka conducted the proceedings of the event. Locals appreciated the organisers for a wonderful evening and hoped that such events will be organized in future as well.

Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K Week: DC Rajouri flags off Mobile Van to intensify campaign



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kunal flagging off a promotional Van of the District Information Centre.

departments such as Revenue, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (RDD), Public Works Department (PWD), and Power Development Department (PDD). The campaign prioritizes addressing grievances related to the Revenue Department, including land records, mutations, and demarcations, ensuring swift and effective resolution at the appropriate levels. The mobile van will traverse different locations, emphasizing that these essential services are now just at a click away through portals like e-Unnat, which offers more than 1000 services to the public. Furthermore, the mobile van will raise awareness among the general public about achieving full household tap connections, resolving electric-

ty-related issues, and facilitating the resolution of land revenue matters. All complaints received during this week will receive overriding priority and prompt resolution. To facilitate the reporting and resolution of corruption-related grievances, special counters have been set up at the tehsil, block, and district levels. The "Bhrashtachar Mukht J and K Week" is more than just a campaign; it signifies a collective commitment to building a corruption-free and accountable society. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kunal and the entire administration of District Rajouri are steadfast in their resolve to empower the people and uphold the principles of transparency and accountability.

Army organises seminar on mental well being & prevention of substance abuse

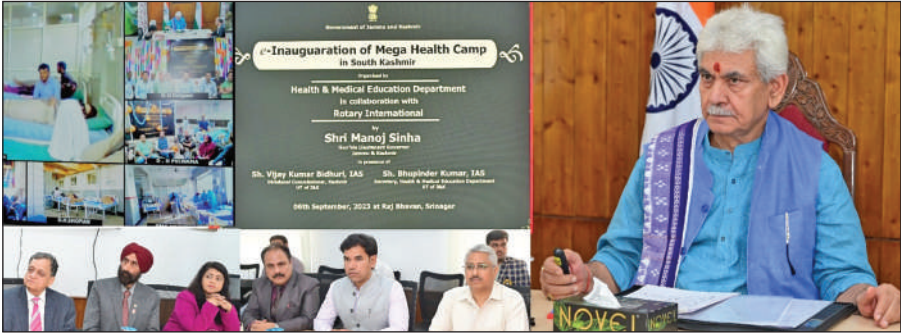
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KISHTWAR: In its effort to reach out to the masses and spread awareness regarding prevention of substance abuse, Army, Dul alongwith team of Addiction Treatment Facility, District Kishtwar and Red Ribbon club of Government Degree College Kishtwar, organised a seminar on Mental well being and Prevention of substance abuse at Government Degree College, Kishtwar. The event was organised in a systematic way to drive home the point that youths involved in drug menace end up ruining their career and life. The event spread the awareness through innovative means such as skit on 'Nasha Mukht Kishtwar', Poster making competition and informative lecture by senior most Military Doctor of Batote based Military Hospital. Victims of drug abuse under rehabilitation also shared their experiences. The event witnessed an overwhelming response from youths and students of Government Degree College Kishtwar. Participants of Skit and Poster making competitions were felicitated with prizes. The efforts of Indian Army drew positive response from the populace & saw enthusiastic participation by the youths and students. The inhabitants have appreciated the efforts of Indian Army in sensitising the youth on Drug menace and its ill effects.



Army official addressing a seminar at Kishtwar.

LG e-inaugurates Rotary Club of India's Medical Camp

Rotary Club is a symbol of selflessness, contributing to overall well-being of common man: Sinha



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha virtually inaugurating the Medical Camp.

tribute in overall well-being of common man," the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor shared the efforts of the J&K Administration to bridge the health gap of the citizens of the UT. "It is our solemn commitment to completely transform the delivery of healthcare services in the UT and strengthen the healthcare system," the Lt Governor said.

In the last three years, tremendous work has been done to remove the imbalance in healthcare infrastructure and facilities to make healthcare accessible to all, he said. We have strengthened the Primary and Community Health Centres in far-flung areas besides building new public health infrastructure. We have also ensured public health standards to provide

quality health services to the citizens, the Lt Governor added. He said with the substantial improvement in Health infrastructure and high per capita health allocation, Jammu and Kashmir has emerged as one of the top-performing states/UTs of the country on key health parameters. The Lt Governor asked the members of Rotary Club India

and J&K Health Department to organize a similar Medical Camp in Rajouri, Poonch and Kishtwar districts in the month of February next year. Dr Rajiv Pradhan, Organizer of the Medical camp briefed on the key initiatives of the Rotary Club of India in the health sector. He expressed gratitude to the UT administration for the support and assistance in their efforts to organize the medical camp and serve the people in Jammu Kashmir. Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary Health and Medical Education, members of Rotary Club, senior officers, Doctors, Paramedical Staff attended the inaugural ceremony, in person and through virtual mode.

Shobha Yatra taken out on Janamashtmi eve

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UDHAMPUR: Festival of Shree Krishna Janamashtmi was celebrated at different places in Udhampur with great gaiety. On this occasion number of social groups including Sanatan Dharam Sabha (SDS), ISKCON and local people participated in Shobha Yatra. Shoba Yatra was taken out from Chbutra Bazaar



Devotees taking out Shobha Yatra at Udhampur.

while another from ISKCON temple which passes through main bazaar, Gole market, Mukherjee Bazaar, Slatia Chowk, Ramnagar chowk, Hospital road, Sallain Talab Chowk culminated at Chabutra Chowk and back to ISKCON temple. In order to celebrate of Shree Krishna Janamashtmi all temples of the entire city were fully decorated. People has setup a stall of

sweet and cold drinks at various Chowk in Udhampur. Volunteers distributed cold drinks and sweets to passenger traveling in different vehicles and passerby and local people. Late evening traditional Puja was performed at various temples till mid night. At some places Krishan Raas Leela was organized which enthralled the devotees much.

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