

# District Doda observes Sewa Parv with health, environment & awareness initiatives

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DODA: In line with the spirit of SEWA PARV 2025, a series of impactful health, nutrition, environment, and awareness initiatives were carried out across District Doda today under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh.

The Ayush Department Doda, under the supervision of District Ayush Officer Dr. Ajay Tikoo and guidance of Director Ayush J&K Dr. Suresh Sharma, organized a series of programs across 24 Ayush institutions. These included Poshan Mah camps promoting nutrition awareness, women's health medical camps focusing on preventive care, cleanliness drives under the Swachh Bharat Mission, diet awareness programs encouraging healthy lifestyles, Ayush medical camps highlighting traditional healthcare practices,



Officials during the drive at Doda.

school health programs for students and plantation drives to foster environmental protection. Adding to the momentum, a Plantation Drive was organized at Moothi, Ward No. 01 (Rural), under the guidance of DFO Batote and supervision of the Range Officer Marmat. With the involvement of PRI representatives, government employees, and local residents, 5

tree saplings were planted and 15 distributed among the locals, promoting the message of sustainability and community-driven environmental care. Similarly, a Cleanliness Drive was conducted at Lake View Resort, Gatha in celebration of World Tourism Day.

The Directorate of Tourism Jammu, in collaboration with Bhaderwah Development Authority (BDA) and Hoteliers & Tour and Travel Association led the initiative. Chief Executive Officer BDA Joginder Singh Jasrotia emphasized the need for preserving Bhaderwah's natural beauty and promoting responsible tourism.

Local hoteliers, tour operators, officials and volunteers actively participated in

spreading the message of Clean Bhaderwah, Green Bhaderwah and Responsible Tourism.

Further, the Divisional Office J&K Pollution Control Committee Doda organised an E-Waste Awareness Drive for scrap dealers across the district.

The scrap dealers were educated on the importance of proper segregation and environmentally sound management of e-waste in compliance with the E-Waste Management Rules 2022.

The initiative also highlighted the hazards of unscientific e-waste disposal and stressed the need for adopting eco-friendly practices, recycling and collaboration with authorized recyclers.

Through these district-wide activities, Doda reaffirmed its commitment towards healthcare, cleanliness, sustainability and environmental conservation.

## BJP Minority Morcha tunes in to PM's 'Mann Ki Baat'



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
VIJAYPUR: BJP Minority Morcha Jammu & Kashmir, today tuned in to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly countrywide telecast/broadcast address 'Mann Ki Baat' at Booth No. 94 in Kholpur village of Vijaypur constituency. The programme was held under the guidance of UT President Ranjodh Singh Nalwa and coordinated on the ground by the party's State team, including Adv. Jasmeet Kour Pandey, Bhopinder Singh, Joginder

Singh Raju and others. Addressing the gathering, Adv. Jasmeet Kour Pandey underlined that Mann Ki Baat has emerged as a bridge between the Government and the people, creating space for grassroots-level participation. "It is a unique discourse that inspires citizens to step forward, remain engaged with national priorities, and take pride in collective progress," she said. The event drew an enthusiastic response as over 100

locals from Kholpur village gathered to listen in. Many participants noted that the programme not only keeps them well-informed but also gives them a sense of direct connection with the Prime Minister's vision. The programme was organised by Tarsem Singh, who ensured its smooth conduct. Party cadres vowed to carry forward the Prime Minister's message to the remotest corners and work towards effective implementation of welfare schemes among the people.

## Civil Society Akhnoor distributes relief material to flood-affected families



Relief material being distributed among affected families.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AKHNOOR: To support families affected by the recent floods, Civil Society Akhnoor conducted a major relief drive today. Under this initiative, essential food supplies were distributed to a total of 100 families, providing them with much-needed support during this difficult time. The relief distribution was carried out in collabora-

tion with R.J. Foundation across the areas of Gharhkal, Indri Pattan (Jourian), and Baroota Mandi (Akhnoor). Prominent office bearers of Civil Society Akhnoor including Working President D.N. Abrol, Vice President Narendra Langer, General Secretary Retaish Gupta, Convener Anshul Gupta, Finance Secretary Pawan Kumar Bharti, and the

Founder Kunwar Shakti Singh were present on the occasion. The relief effort was led by Firoz Kumar and Sumit Kumar on behalf of R.J. Foundation. Local representatives also played a key role in the successful distribution. Sarpanch Kashmir Singh (Gharhkal), Rocky Gupta, and Baba Bharti (Indri Pattan) made significant contributions by helping gather and organize the affected families at their respective locations. Civil Society Akhnoor emphasized that during natural disasters, all sections of society must come together with a spirit of humanity and solidarity to support those in need. The organization also expressed its commitment to continue such social and humanitarian efforts in the future.

## Modi's Mann Ki Baat journey of winning hearts by connecting with people: Jasrotia

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Former Minister and MLA Jasrotia Rajiv Jasrotia organized a special listening event of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' program at his residence today. The 126th episode of the popular radio show was attended by prominent party leaders and local dignitaries. Prominent attendees included State General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria, District President Updesh Andotra, District Vice President Vidya Sagar, Vice President Anil Singh, and several Mandal Pradhans, Sarpanchs and Panchs were present on the occasion. The event provided a platform for discussion on key issues highlighted in the 'Mann Ki Baat' program, including self-reliant India, local products, and cultural heritage. The event show-



MLA Jasrotia Rajiv Jasrotia along with others listening to PM's Mann Ki Baat.

cased the party's commitment to engaging with the community and promoting national development. Speaking on the occasion, Jasrotia said the 'Mann Ki Baat' program is an excellent initiative by PM Modi to connect with the nation and discuss pressing issues. The program has been widely acclaimed for its impact and reach, with millions of listeners tuning in across the coun-

try. Started in October 2014, the programme was conceived as a medium to build a direct connection between the PM and citizens. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' programme and said that right from its first episode, it continues to touch the lives of millions of citizens. PM Modi has established himself as an iconic leader in terms of his

ability to connect with the masses, said Jasrotia. Jasrotia claimed that 'Mann Ki Baat' has reinforced this in a unique way - it didn't just build an intimate connection between the PM and Indians but also reinforced ideals enshrined in the Constitution. At its core, the programme attempts to orient the mindset of citizens on issues of national importance. Endeavouring

to mould the conscience of citizens, MKB has a strong social, cultural, and psychological aspect to it, added Jasrotia. You have to understand that PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat has an enormous impact not because the medium is 10 years old, somewhere there is an emotional connect between PM Modi and the people of India, said Jasrotia. Apart from this, the Prime Minister included all the topics of climate change, agriculture, art, culture, and health in Mann Ki Baat and presented something new to the society every time in his Mann Ki Baat program so that the society could get information about that subject. The aim is to unite the country in one thread and develop by taking everyone along, remarked Jasrotia.

## Pawan Khajuria continue to provide relief in flood-hit Udhampur

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: In the wake of the devastating floods caused by relentless heavy rains across the Udhampur district, senior leader Pawan Khajuria has taken swift and compassionate action, personally leading on-ground relief efforts to support affected families.

From the very onset of the tragedy, Khajuria, accompanied by his dedicated team, has been tirelessly visiting flood-affected panchayats across the district. With many families left homeless and agricultural lands severely damaged, the team has been distributing essential relief material - including dry ration kits, medicines,



and blankets - to meet the immediate needs of those suffering. Pawan Khajuria said that as winter is approaching, the need for warm clothing and shelter becomes urgent, while overseeing the distribu-

tion of relief supplies. "We are working day and night to ensure that no family is left behind in this hour of need", Pawan said. His commitment has been unwavering. Besides distributing much needed

commodities, he has been personally involved in assessing the ground realities to tailor relief measures accordingly. His efforts have been widely appreciated by locals, who are grappling with the aftermath of one of the worst floods. Pawan Khajuria emphasized that a collaborative

approach is essential to bring back normal life. Pawan said that he and his team members are not just offering short-term aid but the goal is to support families until they are able to rebuild their lives," he said. He further assured that the relief campaign will not cease until the government and district administration put in place concrete and long-term rehabilitation measures for the affected population. This ongoing initiative is not just about delivering aid but a symbol of solidarity and resilience. With Khajuria at the forefront, the relief operations continue to bring hope and support to those most in need, proving that in times of crisis, true leadership rises to meet the moment.

## National integration tour for children of Kathua district flagged off

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Indian Army's Gurj Division flagged off a National Integration Tour for 25 Children hailing from remote villages of Kathua District, Jammu and Kashmir. Organised under Operation Sadbhavana, the children will visit various iconic landmarks in Chandigarh and Shimla. The tour aims to create awareness amongst the youth from this remote region and promote national integration, education and development in the region.



Army officer interacting with touring students.

The children will visit iconic landmarks like the Raj Bhawan, War Memorial, Rock Garden, Sukhna Lake, Chadwick

Falls, Himalayan Bird park, thereby gaining valuable insights into the country's progress and history. This initiative is part of the Indian Army's efforts to foster national pride and

responsibility among the youth. The Sadbhavana tour has received an overwhelming response from the local community, with the children eagerly looking forward to this enriching experience.

## Prosthetic aid distribution camps organised under RVY Scheme



Officials along with beneficiaries.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: As part of the ongoing Seva Parv 2025 celebrations, the Department of

Social Welfare, Rajouri organized Prosthetic Aid and Appliances Distribution Camps under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) scheme at Darhal 373 No of beneficiaries covers and Nowshera 28 No of beneficiaries covers. These camps aimed to extend support to senior citizens and persons with disabilities by providing essential aids and appliances to enhance their mobility, independence, and quality of life. The event at Darhal and Nowshera witnessed the gracious presence of MLA Thannamandi-Darhal, Muzaffer Khan and DDC Mohd Iqbal Malik Darhal,

Add. Development Commissioner Nowshera Pritam Lal Thapa and Tehsildar Nowshera Ram Paul who praised the Social Welfare Department for its proactive efforts in implementing welfare initiatives at the grassroots level. He appreciated the department's commitment to ensuring that the benefits of government schemes reach the most deserving beneficiaries. At Nowshera, Vinod kumar Social Activities District Rajouri expressed heartfelt gratitude towards the department for their sustained support and dedicated service to the elderly and specially-abled beneficiaries, acknowledging the positive impact of such camps on community well-being. A large number of beneficiaries participated in both locations, receiving aids such as walking sticks, hearing aids, wheelchairs, and other prosthetic appliances. These initiatives reflect the government's continuous commitment to inclusive development and to ensuring dignity and independence for all.

## Reasi Administration continues activities under Sewa Parv on 12th Day

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: A series of activities under the ongoing Sewa Parv were carried out in District Reasi on the 12th day of the celebrations, under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik. The Municipal Council (MC) Reasi organized a cleanliness and plantation drive near Kambal Danga, with active participation from a local women-led Self Help Group, reaffirming community involvement in the campaign. The Rural Development Department (RDD) initiated a special drive against single-use plastic, while also spreading awareness among the public regarding dung management and vermi-composting practices to promote sustainable living. Meanwhile, at the Bus Stand Market, a dedicated PM-SVANidhi aware-

ness drive was held to educate street vendors about government benefits. Awareness was also spread about Angikaar under PMAY 2.0 and door-to-door waste segregation. Adding a creative touch, an awareness session was conducted with "Karate Kids" at Zanana Park, where students were sensitized about the importance of keeping their surroundings clean and plastic-free. In addition, several other departments actively contributed to the Sewa Parv by organizing awareness and community-centric activities in their respective domains, making the day's observance vibrant and impactful. The district administration reaffirmed its commitment to continue such activities, ensuring that the spirit of Sewa Parv reaches every corner of Reasi.



DC Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma during visit to Army Ground Sagra.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today visited the Army Ground Sagra to inspect the preparations for the upcoming Tribal Mela scheduled to be held on October 2, 2025. The mela aims to showcase tribal culture, local traditions and government initiatives aimed at tribal welfare and development. During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner chaired a comprehensive review meeting attended by SDM Mendhar, Inran Kataria, PO ICDS, Khalid Hussain Wafa, Army

Officers, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Tehsildar, BDO, Executive Engineers and other concerned district and sectoral officers. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of smooth conduct and inter-departmental cooperation for the success of the event. The stakeholder departments were asked to set up departmental stalls to create awareness among the public about various government schemes and their benefits. The functionaries were instructed to include cultural programmes and traditional activities in the mela to

reflect the rich tribal heritage of the region. Later, the DC also visited the Apple Nursery, where he instructed the Chief Horticulture Officer to promote local apple other Horticulture products in the market. He underlined the need to educate farmers about market linkages so they can increase their income and improve their livelihoods. The upcoming Tribal Mela is expected to serve as a vibrant platform for cultural exchange, public awareness and economic upliftment of tribal communities in the region.

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