

Bharat Bhushan kick starts work on Rs 4.63 crore water supply schemes

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Jammu has asserted that every household in Jammu will get tapped water under Central Government's flagship programme Jal Jeevan Mission.

He said that this scheme envisioned to by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's under which every household in the region rather across the nation will have the provision of tapped water before December 2022.

He expressed this while addressing people after inaugurating the works on two water supply schemes here, today.

The DDC Chairman informed that the two water supply schemes include WSS Dhoomi and WSS Gurha Pattan which are aimed at providing tap water to every house hold in these two areas including their peripheries. The two projects under the scheme include construction of two over-head tanks, one at Dhoomi and the second at Gurha Pattan which will be completed with an estimated cost of Rs. 4.63 crore. The scheme comprised of overall laying of new distribution pipes and stand by machinery will also be taken up so that there will be no scarcity of water under the Central Government's prestigious Jal

Pathak visits Badhori Panchayat, assesses development scenario

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SAMBA, Oct 31: Director General, Jammu and Kashmir Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (IMPARD), Bipul Pathak, today visited Badhori panchayat, Bari Brahmana as part of ongoing ambitious 'Back to Village' phase IV programme.

Pathak elaborately explained about the Government schemes and programmes tailored for socio-economic empowerment of people of the UT with emphasis on rural parts. He asked the people to optimally utilize the e-services being extended by different departments to make their lives better. He also had detailed discussion with the locals and PRI members on several important issues concerning development of their respective areas.

On the first day of his visit to Badhori, Bipul Pathak interacted with locals, Sarpanch, panchs DDC members and BDC members and had a detailed review regarding implementation status of various schemes at grassroot level.

He laid emphasis on ensuring 100% saturation of government schemes with special focus on self employment, Swaccha Bharat Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat Golden Card Registration, digital services etcetera.



Secretary Mining during visit to Smailpur Panchayat.

Amit mentors Smailpur Panchayat towards quality working during B2V4 visit

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SAMBA, Oct 31: Secretary, Mining Department, Amit Sharma, conducted an extensive two day tour of Smailpur Panchayat, Bari Brahmana under ongoing 'Back to Village' phase IV programme across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

During the visit, Amit Sharma held multiple meetings in the Panchayat Ghar with the officers and officials of all the line departments besides locals and PRI members.

He shared the broader vision of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, and Chief Secretary, Dr Arun K Mehta towards steering the UT towards a transformed world of growth and development.

Secretary was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Anuradha Gupta, ACD, Sidharath Dhiman, DPO, Joginder Jasrotia, BDO Bari Brahmana, Suraj Singh besides BDC Chairperson Bari Brahmana, Rajni Devi and DDC member, Suraiya Begum, during the visit and series of core committee meetings held at Panchayat Bhawan.

Secretary, while addressing the meetings, emphasized upon all to create massive awareness in the society regarding the ill effects of drug addiction thus becoming whistle blowers towards eradicating this social evil. He asked the participants to make proper use of more than 200 online services being extended by different departments. He exhorted upon all stakeholders to work collectively towards shaping Smailpur as one of the model panchayats of Samba district.

He also created awareness towards drinking clean and safe water and arranged a live demonstration by PHE department in this regard. He mentioned that Youth Club, Mahila Club, Senior Citizens Club and Pani Samities should meet on a regular basis as mandated for achieving the set targets.

Amit Sharma also inaugurated a major road work leading to Matador Stand of the village.

Later, Secretary toured Amrit Sarovar which is a natural pond located adjacent to a famous local deity temple.

During the two day event in Smailpur Panchayat, Secretary visited various Government institutions including schools, healthcare centres, anganwadi centres, sports stadium and development work sites.

He also met and interacted with the young players of the Panchayat during a sports event organized in collaboration with the police department in the Panchayat.



DG IMPARD Bipul Pathak during visit to Badhori Panchayat in Bari Brahmana.

Pathak had exhaustive interaction with the locals and representatives of PRIs regarding the issues concerning development and welfare of their respective areas.

DDC member, Suriya Begum, Block Development Council Chairman, Bari Brahmana, Rajni Devi, Sarpanch Shehnaz Akhter besides other senior officers were also present on the occasion.

DG IMPARD, while interact-

ACS Home visits Surinsar; reviews development works

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JAMMU, Oct 31: Additional Chief Commissioner (ACS), Home, R K Goyal, today visited Surinsar in block Nagrota and listened to the grievances and demands of people besides assessing development scenario in the area under fourth phase of the ambitious 'Back to Village' program.

ACS had an exclusive interaction with the PRI members and locals regarding the status of various Government schemes being implemented in their respective areas. He also took stock of the

Pani Samities including online services of revenue department and other beneficiary schemes.

He distributed baby kits, chess boards, carom boards, wheelchairs and loan sanction letters among the beneficiaries under various schemes.

Later, Goyal also inspected works done under previous 'Back to Village' program besides reviewing other development works being executed in the area.

ACS inaugurated newly constructed additional accommodation hall at Panchayat rest home, Surinsar besides laying foundation stone for lane and drain projects



ACS Home inaugurating a development work.

issues and concerns.

The participants apprised the ACS regarding their grievances like irregular power and water supply, better link roads, development of tourist spots around Surinsar lake, grid station and connected matters.

ACS sought feedback from locals on Ayushman Bharat Cards, Soil Health Cards, E-Sharam cards, Himayat training, UDID cards,



VC of JU releasing a book.

VC releases book titled 'Corporate Governance: Legal Framework and Policies'

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Ritika in her address gave a brief of the book and its qualitative content and how they affect a common man. The book outlines and explores contemporary legal frameworks and policies related to Corporate Governance in India with special focus on J&K. The book is an excellent compilation of writings from the experts of the field dealing with practical issues and implications of various topics related to the corporate governance.

The book is based on extensive research on this topic and is edited by Ritika, Suparan and Sachin Sharma (Co-authors) who are currently the PHD Scholars of PG Department of Law, University of Jammu.

Foreword of the book is given by Former Chief Justice of J&K Justice Gita Mittal as she states that the book deals with many contemporary issues and topic hence it postulates good academic outcome. This would be a delightful read and useful in academic pursuits of students as well as practitioners in field.

It is published by Satyam Law International Publishing House and is readily available on all the major online stores like Amazon and Flipkart and will gradually be available in all the libraries and major book stores.

DSW, Dean, Faculty of Law, Dr Raj Kumar, Dr Bindu Sangra were amongst the prominent people presented on the occasion.



Dignitaries and participants of five days course posing for group photograph.

Five days course on 'Management of Tactical Operations' commences

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR Oct 31: Five days course on "Management of Tactical Operations" commenced at SK Police Academy here in which 18 officers of J&K Police are participating.

In his inaugural address, Mohan Lal, SSP, Deputy Director (Indoor/Trng) welcomed the participants on behalf of Director Academy.

"Our country is facing menace of insurgency and terrorism for quite a long time detrimental for peace and stability", he said, adding that we are surrounded by hostile atmosphere at the behest of our neighbours.

Sensing prime responsibility of maintaining peace and order as first responders we have to uphold law and provide a secure environment, he said and informed the audience that the course is blend of theory, practical and technological innovations necessary to upskill young officers on the anti-militancy front and also to avoid collateral damage.

He further said that the capacity building of civil servants at various fronts is the future road map undertaken by this Academy. He said that the programme is endeavouring and unremitting efforts of DGP J&K and Director SK Police Academy who are closely monitoring the outcomes.

Given the agenda, he was optimistic that at the end of the course, we will be reaping good dividends.

The session was also attended by Kameshwar Puri, SP, guest faculty, Pawan Kumar Sharma, SP, Suraj Singh AD, Trg/R&D, Sukhvir Singh AD (Admn), Chander Mohan, Inspector.

The course is being coordinated by Vishal Manhas, DySP AD (Outdoor) and Nasser Mehmood Naik, Inspector, member faculty.



Members of AIBCU staging protest in Jammu on Monday.

AIBCU stages protest, seeks Mandal report implementation

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JAMMU, Oct 31: All India Backward Classes Union (AIBCU) today held a protest at Press Club Jammu against the Justice Sharma Commission report in which fifteen more groups/ castes have been added into the OSC list of JK- UT.

The Backward Classes body opposes the inclusion of these 15 castes/ groups in the list and termed it as violation of the Constitution as reservation is for castes only. They said many included castes and others.

Speakers condemned the Commission report and demanded its review. It was informed the Govt through media to implement the Mandal report in total which has already identified castes but on the name of art 370 it was not implemented in J&K.

It was also appealed to the so called OBC leaders of Morchas/Cells from their respective political parties as the political parties are against the OBCs and their (OBC leaders) work is going against the OBCs.

All speakers appealed to come on one platform for united struggle and to defeat nefarious designs of the political parties in general and BJP in particular.

Prominent persons who joined protest and addressed gathering included Prof GL Thapa, Mohinder Bhagat, Shashi Verma, Vijay Verma, Mukhtiar Kalra, Kasturi Lal Basotra, Kewal Krishna Fotra, Balkar Singh, Rattan Lal Bazigar, Tara Chand Bazigar, Ch Jamal Din, Ch Fazal Hussain, Ch Alif Din, Manzoor, Hussain and others.

Youth Festival Sangam-22 commences

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BHADERWAH, Oct 31: Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu in collaboration with the Indian Army based at Bhaderwah is organizing five days Youth Festival "Sangam 2022", which commenced at Bhaderwah Campus this morning.

The Sangam 2022, with the tagline 'Communal Harmony—National Integration' was inaugurated by Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, Corps Commander, 16 Corps in presence of Rector Bhaderwah Campus Prof. Rahul Gupta, Maj Gen Ajay Kumar, GOC, CIF (D) CO RR, ADC Bhaderwah Dil Mir Choudhary, SDPO Mir Fafoor, Convener Sangam Dr Jatinder Manhas, teaching facility, non-teaching of Bhaderwah Campus besides a large number of civil and Military personnel, dignitaries of the Civil Administration, Police Department, CRPF, prominent citizens of Bhaderwah, Principals and Teachers of Colleges and Schools were also present on occasion.

The event will witness the participation of more than 1200 students and teachers from 34 Colleges including Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu.

Students showcased their skills in dancing and singing on the day of opening ceremony of the event.

"The cultural programme presented by the students depicted mutual harmony and brotherhood which is an integral part of the culture of the Chenab region," Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, Corps Commander, 16 Corps said adding that the people of this region especially the



Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, Corps Commander, 16 Corps inaugurating Youth Festival Sangam-22.

youth should rise above the communal politics and secure a bright future for themselves and for this region.

Rector Bhaderwah Campus Prof Rahul Gupta presented the welcome address.

A total of forty different competitions will be conducted during the five days of Youth Festival. Several educational and motivational lectures will be also delivered by various dignitaries including Rector, Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu.

Bakaya reviews progress of block, booth level Committees

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Apni Party State general secretary, Vijay Bakaya has today convened a meeting of district presidents and Wing Coordinators at Party office Gandhi Nagar to discuss progress made in making Block and Booth Level Committees in the districts and completion of Wing Committees.

During the meeting, he was informed that work was being done on fast track basis and membership drive had also been accelerated.

Bakaya explained to the participants that for the growth of the Apni Party, it was imperative that it should have a Cadre at the grass root level.

He hoped that the work of formation of committees would be completed soon and the number of members would also increase at a fast pace.

Bakaya complimented provincial president, Jammu, Manit Singh for having drawn



Dr Bhawna Sharma, New Chairperson of IEI, Sachin Tickoo Secretary and others posing for photograph after AGM at Jammu on Monday.

55th AGM of IEI held Dr Bhawna takes over as new Chairperson, Sachin as Secretary

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JAMMU, Oct 31: The 55th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre was held at Institutional Complex, Sector 3, Channi Himmat, here today.

It was presided over by Dr. Sanjay Khar, Chairman of Jammu Local Centre. A large number of corporate members from all disciplines of engineering attended the AGM.

CP Sharma, Secretary, while welcoming the members, presented the annual report for the year 2021-2022 and highlighted the activities of the Jammu Local Centre.

Prof (Dr) Bhawna Sharma took over as the new Chairperson and Sachin Tickoo as new Secretary for the session 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. The results of elections to the Committee of Jammu Local Centre for the Sessions 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 were announced by BB Gupta, Convener BOS and Past Chairman of IEI, Jammu Local Centre.

The committee for the session 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 comprised of Prof (Dr) Bhawna Sharma, Chairperson, Sachin Tickoo, Secretary, Dr Sanjay Khar, Past Chairman, CP Sharma, Past Honorary Secretary, Jatinder Kr Sharma, PK Nanda, Rabinder Shekher, Sudhir Sethi, Anil Verma,

LPGEF demands DA installment, Med allowance hike

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: All J&K Low Paid Govt Employees Federation (LPGEF) has demanded release of DA installment due from July this year and hike in the Medical Allowance of the Government employees and the pensioners.

In a meeting of the members of Federation held here today under the chairmanship of Jagdish Raj Sharma, its president, the members strongly criticised the UT Administration for not releasing the pending 4% DA installment of the employees and pensioners due from 1st July 2022. They pointed out that Central Government has already released DA but the UT Administration in J&K UT has yet to provide to its employees and pensioners.

Federation president also demanded revision of minimum daily wage @ Rs 600 and release of pending wages of the daily rated employees of various departments. They also sought hike of the honorarium of Lamberdars, Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, NYC, NYK and others. LPGEF chief also demanded implementation of old pension scheme in J&K UT like Punjab.

Truck loaded with fodder gutted

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KISHTWAR, Oct 31: A truck loaded with fodder was gutted in fire at Batwara link road in Chatroo here.

As per police sources, fire broke out in a truck loaded with fodder at Batwara link road in Chatroo. The truck was being driven by Mohd Qasim, son of Gulam Qadir of Batwara, who had a narrow escape.

On getting information, police team rushed to the spot and informed the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

Fire fighters along with tenders rushed to the spot and doused the flames.

No injury or casualty has been reported in the incident, while the exact loss could not be ascertained yet.

Chatroo Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

Dogra Samaj Trust Delhi organizes cultural evening

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Dogra Samaj Trust Delhi organized a cultural gala at IGNCA auditorium, New Delhi.

The evening started with welcoming the special guests Dr. Karan Singh Patron-in-Chief, Dogra Samaj Trust Delhi, Poonam Jamwal Patron of Dogra Samaj Trust Delhi and Dr TD Dogra.

Sandhya Gupta Chairperson Women Club Meri Pehchan invited the trustees of the trust, Jitender Singh Jamwal, renowned singer and music composer and Mahesh Sharma on stage followed by a PPT by Mahesh Sharma on Dogra history, art and culture.

The performances started with Dogri folk songs, Bhakh and Geetudi by Subhash Brahmanu and group from Ram Nagar, J&K followed by world famous Dogri play 'Bawa Jitto' written by legendary Padma Shree Ramnath Shastri. This play was presented by Palthary Nehru Youth Club from Udhampur, J&K and was directed by Sudesh Sultanpuri.

Next performance started with a Dogri dance 'Chuda Kun Kadeya' by Manju Wazir and group followed by a dance performed on a song sung by legendry late Pt Manmohan Pahari and performed by his daughter Renu Pahari Bassi. Next came the daughter in law of Jammu, Kanika Ghosh Singh with her group and gave a scintillating performance on a song 'Ghiri Ghata Ghanghor' sung by Jitender Singh Jamwal. Kashika Bassi a young dancer paid tribute to legendry Late Mangeskar and Padma Sachdev by performing on their song 'Bhala sapaiya dogreya'.



Dignitaries and artists posing for group photograph.