



DC Ramban chairing a meeting.

**Decks being cleared for execution of Multistory Bus Stand project at Ramban**

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**RAMBAN, Nov 9:** Deputy Commissioner, Musarat Islam today toured Ramban town and inspected the preliminary work for the construction of Multistory Bus-stand. He discussed modalities for temporary shifting of the existing Bus stand to a suitable location to pave the way for construction of the Multistory Bus Stand Project estimated to cost Rs. 23 crore.

Among others who attended the meeting included President MC, Ramban, Sunita Sumbria, Councillors, ACR, Giasul-Haq, CEO MC, Ramban, Surdarshan Kumar, Dy. SP Traffic, Parul Gupta, ARTO, Saminder Singh, Shopkeepers, Vendors and members of transport union and others concerned.

After a threadbare discussion, the DC directed CEO MC, Dy. SP Traffic, ARTO and other stakeholders to relocate vendors to suitable places, besides

**DC Kishtwar finalises Local Area Development Plan under Kiru HEP**

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**KISHTWAR, Nov 9:** Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav visited Hydroelectric Power Project Kiru, Nagseni and chaired a meeting with the local PRIs, project authorities and Officers of line Departments to discuss and finalise the Local Area Development Plan under Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan of Kiru Hydroelectric Project. Chairman, BDC Nagseni, Mohammad Ashraf Choudhary, DDC member Nagseni Faisal



DC Kishtwar chairing a meeting.

Ahmed, CEO Kishtwar Development Authority, Inderjeet Singh Parihar, HOP Kiru HEP, Rajinder Prasad, ACD, Atul Dutt Sharma, Tehsilidar Nagseni, Majid Jehangir, DYSSO, Kharati Lal Sharma, CAO, Amjed Hussain Malik; BDO Nagseni Anil Singh, besides the representatives of PWD, RDD, Revenues, PHE attended the meeting.

The meeting was apprised about the component wise funds available under the RR plan for the up-gradation of Educational facilities and Skill Development, infrastructure development and public utilities besides Social welfare schemes for the project affected families (PAFs) of Kiru HEP.

The meeting discussed Panchayat wise requirements and approved to incorporate the same under the Local Area Development Plan as per the suggestions and recommendation of PRI and locals. The concerned departments were directed to formulate DPRs for the projects for their early execution. Meanwhile, the PRI highlighted different demands seeking up-gradation of the infrastructure in schools, health and other public facilities.

The major demands highlighted by PRIs included the electrification of left out habitations of Chicha Nagseni and adjoining areas of Sazzar Paddar, construction of Panchayat

Hall at Piyas, completion of PMGSY Roads undertaken in phase IV and NHPC Bridge, renovation and commissioning of Irrigation Canal at Chicha and Galhar, renovation of Panchayat Ghar at Galhar, repair of Inspection-Hat at Galhar, fencing and additional Classrooms at GHS Galhar and GMS Chingnana, expediting the repair work of GPS Bunyal and GHSS Ohli, sanction of new Panchayat Ghar at Piyas, up-gradation of building at PHC Kiru, construction of Boundary wall of GHS Patherneki, Tehsil Complex office at Nagseni etc.

Deputy Commissioner, after a patient hearing, assured them that their genuine demands will be fulfilled in a time bound manner.

On the issue of construction of Tehsil complex for Nagseni, the DC directed the concerned Tehsilदार to identify the land and prepare DPR. Besides, a number of directions were also passed to concerned departments for redressing the grievances and issues raised by local PRIs in the meeting.

**Natrang presents two shows of Bawa Jitto in Jhiri Mela**

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**JAMMU, Nov, 9:** The most celebrated globally acclaimed Dogri play 'Bawa Jitto' mesmerised thousands of the audiences consecutively for the second consecutive day here at the main stage of Jhiri Mela-2022.

A presentation of Natrang Jammu was written by Late Prof. Ram Nath Shastri a renowned scholar and is innovatively devised, designed and creatively directed by Padamshree Balwant Thakur. This mind-blowing presentation of Natrang magically transported along the thousands of the devotees and the pilgrims to a six hundred year old saga of supreme sacrifice of a farmer who gave his life in fight of justice and exploitation by the

**Chairperson DDC Udhampur kick starts work of Water Supply Scheme**

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**UDHAMPUR, Nov 9:** District Development Council Chairperson Udhampur, Lal Chand, today kick-started the work of WSS Kalta in village Moungarli Panchayat Kambal Danga in presence of Chairperson Block Development Council Udhampur Balwan Singh, Superintendent Engineer (Hydraulic), R.K Mahajan, Executive Engineer, Sarpanch Panchayat Halqa Kambal Danga Shashi Paul, PRI Members, other Officers of Jal Shakti Department and locals of the area.

The WSS Kalta project will be executed at a cost of Rs. 814 Lacs. The said project is a Lift Water Supply Scheme and will cover every household of the area.

Once completed, every household in the vicinity will get clean tap water and the problem of the dearth of potable water will be overcome in the Panchayat.

Chairperson District Development Council

Udhampur congratulated the PRI Members and public of the area. He appreciated the efforts of PRI Members in the developmental activities being carried out in the Panchayats.

He acknowledged the Jal Shakti Department officers' efforts and urged them to see to it that all approved projects were started and finished as per the schedule to make it easier to provide tap water to every home and habitation.

Speaking on the occasion, Block the pace of development in Block Udhampur would continue the same pace.

Meanwhile, on the sideline of the tour, the Chairperson District Development Council Udhampur also listened to the public grievances of Panchayat Kambal Danga and assured them their timely redressal of the same.

Among others, Chairperson Block Development Council Udhampur Balwan Singh, Sarpanch Panchayat Halqa Kambal Danga, Shashi Paul, Panches of the area, officers and officials of Jal Shakti department were also present.



Dy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria flagging off Sadhbhavana Yatra at Jammu on Wednesday.

**Dy Mayor flags off Sadhbhavana Yatra**

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**JAMMU, Nov 9:** A Sadhbhavana and symbolic Yatra which was organized from Kashmir on November 8 starting from Srinagar was flagged off by Baldev Singh Billawaria, Deputy Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) from here, today.

Passing through Punjab, Haryana, H.P and ultimately culminated at Delhi Chandni Chowk on November 11. A place where Guru Sahib attained martyrdom on November 11 in 1675.

The narrow and fanatic outlook of Aurangzeb started the persecution of Kashmiri Pandits, with the objective of securing their conversion to Islam. Saddened by the plight of the Pandits, Guru Tegh Bahadur became pensive and he made up his mind to fight against the atrocities of the Mughal King.

Guru Tegh Bahadur's martyrdom has become a symbol of religious unity, tolerance and the message against fanaticism and he sacrificed his life for the dignity of Indian ethics. The tremendous sacrifice of Guru Ji and his disciples did not go in vain. It became a volcano and stirred the people who were in slumber.

"We humbly and earnestly request the Indian Government to issue instruction to observe two minutes silence on November 11 at 11 am all over India by all to remember the great sacrifice as no amount of praise would suffice for this great work and by doing this a great service will be rendered to one and all as we can never redeem the debt we owe to Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji," a handout issued by Global Guru Nanak Mission here today said.

The Yatra was organised by Global Guru Nanak Mission under the chairmanship of Dr. Jaswant Singh, Co-chairman Surjeet Singh and Co Sanyojak Sandeep Tyagi, Jagjit Singh, Avtar Singh and other members.

**Chuni Lal Sharma's 'Su-Vichar Sangrah' hits stalls**

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**JAMMU, Nov 9:** Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti Jammu, an organization working for promotion of Hindi in the region released Chuni Lal Sharma's collection of Hindi essays entitled 'Su-Vichar Sangrah' at K.L Saigal Hall, Writers' Club, here, today.

Eminent Hindi, Dogri and Urdu writer, Padmasree Dr. Jitender Udhampuri was the chief guest on the occasion and the function was presided over by Prof. Lalit Magotra, president Dogri Sanstha Jammu whereas Dr. Arvind Singh 'Aam' Additional Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages was



Dignitaries releasing Chuni Lal Sharma's book at Jammu on Wednesday.

ing work and recalled his long association with him in Radio Jammu. Prof. Lalit Magotra and Dr. Arvind Singh 'Aam' also talked at length about literary works of the writer and his encouragement to litterateurs in literary programmes broadcast from AIR Jammu.

Dr. Chanchal Bhasin presented detailed paper on the book wherein the writer has compiled his write ups with backdrop of moral values that form the base of life in real terms. On this occasion the writer Chuni Lal Sharma recalled his long association with Akashwani Jammu where he produced numerous programmes aimed at highlighting the regional language Dogri and cultural heritage. He said that he wished to compile his essays written on different subjects with focus on values and with the blessings of Almighty this book 'Su-Vichar Sangrah' has come into shape.

The programme was conducted by Madhvi Sharma, senior announcer, Akashwani Jammu and was attended by galaxy of personalities from literature, art field, Akashwani Jammu, literature lovers and family members of writer.



DAP leader Dr Manohar Lal with new entrants during meeting in Billawar.

**Azad only CM face trusted & tested by JK people: Manohar**

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**BILLAWAR, Nov 9:** Former minister and senior DAP leader, Dr Manohar Lal Sharma today said that development and peace in Jammu and Kashmir is the top priority of Democratic Azad Party.

Addressing monthly meeting at village Barota in Billawar today, Dr Manohar expressed concern over unemployment and said there was lack of opportunities for the educated youth labour class. "While the youth of J&K is left with no employment opportunity, there is no work even for the labour class," he said.

Emphasizing that peace and tranquility is essential for development of Jammu and Kashmir, Sharma urged the people to put their maximum efforts in uniting different sections of the society for better future of this region. "Peace is essential for development and we all need to pool our resources to ensure that J&K remains peaceful in all forms," he said.

He said DAP has embarked upon to unite all sections of society, both in Jammu and Kashmir divisions and work in unison for overall progress and prosperity of the people.

Leaders and activists from DAP under the overall guidance of Ghulam Nabi Azad feel privileged to move to the nook and corners of J&K to get the feel of the people so as to raise their genuine issues before the right quarters.

Manohar said Azad is the only Chief Ministerial face who is trusted and tested by the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He urged the cadre to join hands for the propagation of the policies and programmes of Azad among the common and needy persons of the J&K.

He said Azad is the first choice of masses as Chief Minister of J&K as it was during the tenure of Azad as CM and Union Minister that large scale developmental works were initiated here, especially in Jammu division.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Sarpanch Puran Chand, Vipul Sharma, Sarpanch Chanchla Devi, Rattan Tripathi, Ashok Tripathi, Narinder Kumar Ex-Sarpanch, Romesh Verma Ex-Pyt Chairman, Dr Tara Chand, Gurdutt (Retd) Master, Ved Parkash, Jia Lal Bidyal, Krishan Chand, Dyal Singh, Kuldeep Mankotia and others.

**Yaseen seeks HM's intervention to meet aspirations of people**

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**SRINAGAR, Nov 9:** Chairman JK Peoples Democratic Front (JKPDF) and former minister Hakeem Yaseen has sought personal intervention of Home Minister, Amit Shah to ensure implementation of various assurances given to the people of Jammu and Kashmir about their socio-political emancipation adding that the bureaucracy was totally non-serious towards bridging the gaps between people and the Centre.

Yaseen said despite many promises made by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for socio-political transformation of J&K, nothing has fruited and visible on ground. Need of the hour is to fulfil all the promises made to the people here.

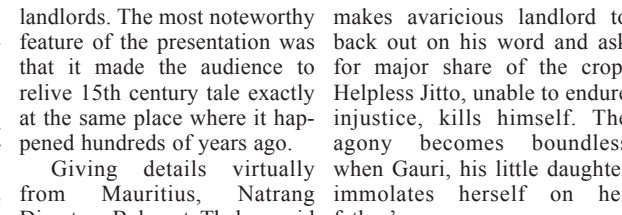
Speaking to PDF workers from Kachwari Khansahib in Budgam today, Hakeem Yaseen urged Home Minister to personally oversee implementation of various promises made to the people of J&K about their socio-political emancipation adding that in absence of a civilian government, bureaucracy seems to be non-serious to meet the aspirations of the people.

He said slogans of PM Modi about removing "Dil Ki Doori and Dilli say Doori" and the promise made by Home Minister about restoration of statehood needs to be given a practical shape without any delay.

PDF Chairman strongly pleaded for holding early assembly elections in J&K. He said there was an urgent need to establish an elected civilian government here so that elected public representatives could take responsibility to redress peoples grievances and meet their aspirations.

"The sooner, statehood is restored and assembly elections held in J&K, the better it would be in the larger interests of the country and people of Jammu and Kashmir," PDF Chairman observed.

He said disadvantageous location, where industries and private sectors were almost non-existent, there was an urgent need to earmark special job package for the youth so that they could be protected from the destruction of drug menace and exploitation by the enemies of peace.



A still from the play 'Bawa Jitto' directed by Balwant Thakur and presented by Natrang at Jhiri Mela-2022.

landlords. The most noteworthy feature of the presentation was that it made the audience to relive 15th century tale exactly at the same place where it happened hundreds of years ago.

Giving details virtually from Mauritius, Natrang Director, Balwant Thakur said that if such events are made a permanent feature, they will not only revive cultural life of the area but will also become the ultimate global cultural destination. Nowhere on this earth one can have the occasion to see something out of the world happening which transports people to a live happening of 15th century.

He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the district administration, particularly the Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Avny Lavasa and Rajeev Khajuria, SDM Marh for supporting Natrang to make all this possible. Natrang has staged over two hundred shows of the play Bawa Jitto all-over India and as of now this play has become the longest living theatre production of the country which has again given a new cultural identity to this region.

The story of Bawa Jitto portrays the age-old saga of exploitation of landless farmers by landlords. Due to the constant and persistent pressures of relatives, with a piece of land as bone of contention, Bawa Jitto, a hard working, farm less farmer is forced to leave his native village. Accompanied by his nine-year-old daughter, he took shelter in the house of a friend in Shamachak, a nearby village.

The efforts of his friend Rullo result in a land grant from landlord in Shamachak and one fourth of the produce is fixed as land revenue. The hard work put in by him, the sweat and toil of Jitto turns a barren land into prolific treasure. This makes avaricious landlord to back out on his word and ask for major share of the crop. Helpless Jitto, unable to endure injustice, kills himself. The agony becomes boundless when Gauri, his little daughter immolates herself on her father's pyre.

The most outstanding feature of the play was the performance by versatile actors on stage. The role of Bawa Jitto was played by Neeraj Kant who kept everyone spellbound through his electrifying performance. Meenakshi Bhagat as Jojan, Suresh Kumar as Mehta Beer Singh, Vijay Bhatt as Sarpanch & Ghaghi and Subash Jammal as Malli left the lasting impact on the audiences through their highly professional performances.

They were supported by senior actors like, Mahikshit Singh as Iso and Mohd Yaseen as Rullo with full perfection. Another noteworthy performance was by young Prial Gupta as Bua Gauri who received the praise of all. Others who gave vibrant performances included Sachin Saini, Aadesh Dhar, Rishav Sharma, Vishal Sharma, Kanapreet Kaur, Aarti Devi, Sushant Singh Charak, Parth Magotra, Mohammad Umar, Priya Mehra, Shreya Raza, Rupali, Vansh, Kushal Bhat and Sanket Bhagat.

**22 kg poppy straw seized, smuggler arrested**

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**UDHAMPUR, Nov 9:** Continuing its war against the menace of drugs, Udhampur Police today recovered 22 kg of contraband poppy straw from a vehicle at Jakhani naka on the NHW Udhampur.

Police team from Police Station Udhampur at motor vehicle checking point in Jakhani Chowk, recovered 22 kg of poppy straw packed in three plastic bags, this poppy straw was kept in a Swift Dzire, bearing registration number JK14E-1786, which was intercepted by a Police team. Driver of the car, identified as Reaz Ahmed, son of Mohd Shafi of Rathian, Udhampur was arrested on the spot while the recovered poppy straw was seized.

In this regard, a case FIR number 467/2022, under section 8/15, NDPS Act has been registered in PS Udhampur and further investigation is underway.

The Police naka party was headed by SHO Udhampur, Insp Raghubir Singh under the supervision of Addl SP Udhampur Anwaar Ul Haq and DySP Hqrs Udhampur Sahil Mahajan.

**Suspected infant kidnapper booked under PSA**

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**KISHTWAR, Nov 9:** A woman suspected to be involved in the kidnapping of an infant was detained after being slapped with the Public Safety Act (PSA) by Kishtwar Police today.

"The accused namely Shabnum Begum, the wife of slain terrorist Zahoof Din, presently resident of Kripak Mohalla (Kishtwar) was arrested for her alleged involvement in the kidnapping of a six-month-old baby namely Afnan Ahmed son of Afreen Ahmed, resident of Chirla (at present link road Kishtwar), from the District Hospital in

Kishtwar on September 27," police sources said.

Sources said the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Kishtwar rejected her bail plea amid the prosecution's contention that the case was of public interest. They said, later, the accused woman was granted bail by the Sessions Court.

Police sources said that normal law would not deter her from such acts in the future and, keeping in view the circumstances, Kishtwar Police obtained a warrant from the

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Kishtwar on September 27," police sources said.



Anila Singh Chohan

**Anila selected for Subhadra Chauhan Award**

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**JAMMU, Nov 9:** Adding another feather in her cap, Anila Singh Charak has been selected for the Subhadra Chauhan Award from Guftu Patrika Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.

The award is to be given to her for her exemplary achievements in the field of literature. Earlier, she has received 'Mahadevi Verma Samman' from Nepal and 'Hari Shanker Parsai Samman' from Bhutan and many more prestigious awards at national and international level.

Anila Singh Charak served as Principal in Atomic Energy Education Centre (Department of Atomic Energy Commission Mumbai, Bhabha Research Centre.

**JKTPO facilitates participation of agri based product sellers in CII Agro Tech India**

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**CHANDIGARH, Nov 9:** Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) organized the participation of 30 strong contingent of Agri and Agri based products sellers from Jammu & Kashmir in the CII Agro Tech India 2022, the premier Agri & Food Technology Fair of India.

It worked as an ideal interactive platform between the Farm Producers and the Agro Industry, creating linkages for value creation and value addition.

The event was inaugurated in the presence of Jagdeep Dhankar, Vice President of India. It saw participation of hundreds of exhibitors from across the world, with display of state-of-the-art equipment & Technology, innovation and best practices, providing a deeper insight into Indian Agri industries and shaping the way of its growth.

The event has provided an excellent platform to the budding and established entrepreneurs of J&K in terms of improved product visibility, high on spot sale, opportunity for synergetic collaborations, market and competitor knowledge, insights into best practices of business and use of technology in business development.



Members of BNKU and unemployed youth staging protest at Barnoti, Kathua.

**Labour unions stage sit-in protest**

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**KATHUA, Nov 9:** The skilled and unskilled laborers today sat on protest dharna under the banner of Bhawan Nirman Kamgar Union (BNKU), CITU and other labour unions at Barnoti near the office of Super Highway.

After passing of deadline given by labour union to enroll the local youth in construction of Super Highway, a number of skilled and unskilled but unemployed workers staged protest dharna. They were raising slogans in favor of their demands.

A union leader Isher Dass Khajuria widely condemned the attitude of LG Government for ignoring the local unemployed youth and giving employment to outsiders.

**ABRSM constitutes body for Khour zone**

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**JAMMU, Nov 9:** Jammu & Kashmir Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (JK ABRSM) today constituted Zonal body for Khour zone.

The body was constituted during a programme organized at Khour by Ved Parkash Sharma (zonal president Chowki Choura/prabhari of all zones of Sub District Akhnor). Scores of teachers from across the Zone participated in the programme.

Devinder Khajuria was elected as president of Khour zone body while Joginder Paul and Tarseem Lal were elected as vice presidents, Surinder Singh as advisor, Amit Sharma as secretary, Pardeep Singh as coordinator, Pardeep Sharma as joint secretary and Abhishek Manhas as zonal media prabhari.

Meanwhile, Pawan Sharma (State seh-media prabhari) said that JK ABRSM is going to constitute units in all zones of Jammu district in coming days.