

## DC Rajouri holds public outreach camp, resolves issues

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RAJOURI, July 19: To redress the public grievances at their doorsteps, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today presided over a public outreach camp in the Khabbar panchayat of block Mougla.

During the event, PRIs and locals projected a wide range of demands seeking macadamization of roads, up-gradation and adequate staff in Government

Addressing the locals, the Deputy Commissioner said that the District Administration is working at its best potential to ensure that all the basic amenities are provided to the public at their doorsteps and dedicated efforts are being made in this regard.

The Deputy Commissioner assured the public that all of their grievances have been documented and that all genuine concerns would be addressed in a phased



DC Rajouri during public outreach camp on Wednesday.

institutions, augmentation of water, augmentation of health infrastructure etc.

Specific issues raised during the program were upgrading of power transformers, Kabbar road blacktopping, renovation of Devak-Kabbar road, posting of doctor at PHC Taryath, provision of civic amenities in Teryath, construction of Harichumma road, requirement of bridge in Sonchal, requirement of 3-4 teachers in GHS Sarooti, revision of BPL list in Panchayat Khabbar, and adjoining area, posting of veterinary staff in Taryath and adjoining area etc.

The officers of different departments also made the public aware about the Government schemes and programs being implemented in the district and motivated them to avail the benefits of the same.

manner through the intervention of the concerned departments. He directed the BMO to rotate doctors on shift basis from Kalakote.

The DC passed on the spot directions to the concerned departments to redress the issues highlighted by the public on priority and in a time-bound manner. Many issues were resolved on the spot with the intervention of concerned departments.

Among the others, the meeting was attended by DFO Nowshera; ADC Kalakote, Krishnan Lal; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; EXEN Jal Shakti Nowshera, Vipin Kumar; EXEN PWD Nowshera, EXEN REW, Zahir Khan; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; AD Fisheries, Munesh Sharma; BDO Mougla and other concerned officers were present during the event.



Waqf Chairperson, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi laying foundation stone for utility complex at Charar-e-Sharief.

## Andrabi lays foundation stone for utility complex at Charar

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SRINAGAR, July 19: Minister of State and Chairperson J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi laid foundation stone for utility complex and the new main gate at the shrine campus of Hazrat Nooruddin Noorani (RA) at Charar-e-Sharief during her visit today.

She also issued instructions to the Engineering Wing of the Waqf Board to ensure the completion of the works before the Annual Urs Sharief at the shrine. She paid obeisance at the Ziyarat and prayed for the peace and prosperity of all.

Dr Andrabi took stock of the facilities in the shrine and also assessed the management system in place there. She was accompanied by the magistrate of the Board and other officials too. The Waqf Chairperson met several public delegations and the groups of devotees visiting the shrine.

Later, in her address at a brief function, Dr Andrabi said that Waqf Board has taken up a mega shrines development pro-

gramme for the first time on its own despite the limited resources available. "We are committed to develop our shrines by undertaking renovation and construction works as per the demand at all major shrines in the first phase and during the past few months we have started work or completed work on many projects throughout J&K", Darakhshan said.

She said that the transformation of the Waqf Management has re-established the importance of our spiritual places which had suffered a lot due to anti-spiritual campaigns which flourished during decades of violence in J&K. 'Sufi tradition of Kashmir is a beacon of light which represents our great spiritual past. This tradition is the way of inclusiveness, compassion and peace. It is our collective responsibility to restore our positive traditions now in these hard earned peace times', said Dr Andrabi.

Imam of the Shrine also addressed the gathering. He thanked Dr Andrabi for her reformative steps in the shrine management.

## Sham Lal attends medical camp at HexaMed Diagnostics & Specialty Clinic

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JAMMU, July 19: The HexaMed Diagnostics and Specialty Clinic, in collaboration with Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sanathan Trust, conducted a health medical camp to provide quality and affordable healthcare facilities to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The event was attended by former Health Minister Sham Lal Sharma as the Chief Guest, Shakti Pathak, DIG Jammu Samba and Kathua Range, as the Special Guest, and other notable guests.

The camp offered various types of checkup facilities free-of-cost to approximately 120

of Nigam Gupta, trustee of Mahant Rohit Shastri Trust, in the healthcare sector. He highlighted the potential for private investors, both domestic and international, to invest in Jammu and Kashmir due to the new industrial development policy.

Sharma assured that he would discuss strengthening the single-window system for availing facilities with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to further progress in the healthcare segment.

DIG Jammu-Samba & Kathua Range Shakti Pathak emphasized the importance of prioritizing personal health and encouraged the trust to organize similar camps regularly. He con-



Sham Lal Sharma, along with other dignitaries, at HexaMed Diagnostics & Specialty Clinic in Jammu on Wednesday.

individuals. Speaking at the event, Sham Lal Sharma commended the efforts of the organizers in promoting health awareness and providing quality healthcare facilities.

He acknowledged the positive changes in the investment ecosystem of Jammu and Kashmir after the removal of Article 370 and the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Sharma noted that new entrepreneurs are establishing their businesses in the region, contributing to industrial and business growth, and creating employment opportunities for the youth. He appreciated the initiatives

HexaMed Diagnostics and Specialty Clinic and Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Institute Trust for their contributions to healthcare.

Vikas Gupta, GM Operations at HexaMed, informed the press that the medical camp offered free or discounted treatment for various diseases along with proper advice for further treatment of serious conditions.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Chief Engineer (Retd) JK Sharma, Pramod Sharma, Arun Mankhotra, Pradeep Sharma, Naresh Raina, Uttam Chand Sharma, and Vitesh Shastri.

## Complex surgery performed at SDH Akhnoor

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JAMMU, July 19: A complex surgery was performed successfully on a young patient at Sub



A doctor briefing media on a complex surgery performed at SDH Akhnoor.

District Hospital (SDH), Akhnoor.

The 26-year-old patient namely Anil Kumar of Lassu Bhalwal-- a case of Pilonodal Sinus underwent wide excision with limberg flap at SDH Akhnoor.

This is a major and complex surgery usually performed in medical colleges by plastic surgeon. This surgery was made possible at SDH Akhnoor under the supervision of BMO Akhnoor Dr Saleem Khan.

The surgery was performed by a team of surgeons comprising Dr Vijay Kumar, Dr Suchi Bahu and Dr Maqsood Owasi. The anaesthesia team included Dr Surinder Kour and Dr Leela. Other staff of the Hospital including Rakesh Kumar, Tarsem, Amit Kumar, Rajesh Pushpa and Rupa assisted the doctors in successful conduct of the surgery.

## Chairman Grameen Bank meets Advisor to LG

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LEH, July 19: In a significant step towards promoting financial inclusion and driving economic



Chairman JKG Sanjay Gupta presenting a bouquet to Dr Pawan Kotwal, Advisor to LG of Ladakh.

growth in the picturesque region of Ladakh, Chairman J&K Grameen Bank (JKGB), Sanjay Gupta, met with Dr Pawan Kotwal, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh.

During the meeting, the Chairman had a constructive discussion with Dr Pawan Kotwal renowned for his visionary approach in implementing crucial reforms and promoting the well-being of the people of Ladakh. The Chairman apprised the Advisor about the current business scenario of J&K Grameen Bank in Ladakh and discussed opportunities for strategic business expansion in the

region. The Advisor recognized the pivotal role of financial institutions in driving the region's economic growth and emphasized the importance of tailored financial solutions for local community.

The Chairman apprised the Advisor that considering the potential of tourism in Ladakh and aspirations of local community, the Bank has devised products to facilitate credit needs of tourism sector in the UT such as finance for promotion of local hospitality, adventure and sports facilities, development of budget accommodation/home stays etc.

Sanjay Gupta also discussed the plans of opening two new branches in District Leh as per its Annual Banking Outlet Expansion Plan FY 2023-24. He said this move highlights the Bank's commitment in reaching the under-served and remote areas, providing them with access to essential banking services and fostering financial empowerment.

The Chairman reaffirmed the Bank's commitment in working closely with the administration in implementing strategic initiatives that aim to uplift the local economy and empower the community.

## DHSK forms panel to investigate harassment complaints

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SRINAGAR, July 19: After a complaint of "indecent behaviour" by the staff was filed resulting in the attachment of the Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Ganderbal, who has been attached to the DHSK pending the inquiry.

In response, the authorities have ordered the formation of a five-member panel under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act of 2013.

It has been revealed that most of the current panel members have retired, or shifted, necessitating the reconstitution of the panel. Additionally, the higher authorities have assigned the panel the responsibility of

investigating the complaint against Dr Abdul Majid Bhat, the Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Ganderbal, who has been attached to the DHSK pending the inquiry.

According to a communication issued by the DHSK, a team of nominated officers and officials has been directed to investigate the complaint of sexual harassment at the Directorate office.

Dr Yasmeen Kangoo, Assistant Director of DHSK, has been appointed as the Chairperson of the panel. The other members of the panel include Dr Anium Afshana, I/C Epidemiologist Kashmir; Mahjabeen, Chief Functionary of New Kashmir Women and Child Welfare Society (NGO); Rifat Ul Nisa, Law Officer NHM PC PNDD; and Anita Dhar, Senior Assistant Grievance/RTI/Vigilance.



Participants and guests during the training programme by NCW at SKUAST-Jammu.

## NCW sponsored training for women empowerment begins at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU, July 19: 12th five days training programme on "Empowering (capacity building) of women through livestock farming began at Division of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension Education, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, SKUAST-Jammu.

National Commission for Women (NCW), Govt. of India, New Delhi has sanctioned twelve numbers of such training programmes to SKUAST-Jammu under the project named "Capacity building of Farm Women through Livestock Farming", exclusively for empowering rural women through trainings in livestock farming. This programme is the last in series.

Dr M S Bhadwal, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, R S Pura was the chief guest during the inaugural session. He was of the view that dairy animals

are an important source of income, food, and nutritional security; and their further improvements in the productivity through scientific management will substantially improve the well-being of smallholder dairy farmers by enhanced income from dairy enterprises. He emphasized upon the trainees to learn the various aspects of dairy farming, vermicomposting, cow dung log

making and value addition of milk in such a way that they could start their own enterprise. He further emphasized that value addition of raw milk produced at farmers' level is the need of hour for improving the income and socio-economic status of farming communities. He also said that such type of training will boost the morale of farming community to take dairy farming as a source employment generation in a big way.

At the outset, Dr Pranav Kumar, Principal Investigator of NCW Project and Assistant Professor, Division of Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Extension Education, gave brief introduction about the training programme. He said that dairying in India is a female dominated enterprise. It is established beyond doubt that women always participated in dairy and animal husbandry activities in addition to their daily household chores.

Dr Kamal Sarma, Convenor cum Prof & I/c Head, Div of VAHEE, Dr A K Pathak (training co-coordinator), post graduate students of the division and non-teaching staffs were also present in the inaugural session. Dr Sunil Kumar, Convenor cum Prof & Head, Livestock Products Technology extended vote of thanks, while proceedings of the programme were coordinated by Dr Anna Singh & Dr Ravneet Kour.

## Dir Information, employees condole demise of Jehangir Ahmad's mother

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SRINAGAR, July 19: Director Information, J&K, Minga Sherpa has condoleed sad demise of mother of Jehangir Ahmad, Junior Assistant, DIPR, who passed away after a brief illness.

In his condolence message, the Director Information expressed his deepest condolences with Jehangir and his family and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Meanwhile, the employees of DIPR also condoleed the sad demise of mother of Jehangir Ahmad. The officers and employees of the department offered their deepest condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and courage for the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.



JMC Chairman Arun Khanna chairing a meeting of JMC and PHE officials on Wednesday.

## JMC Chairman meets PHE, JMC officials, asks for DPRs of tubewells

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JAMMU, July 19: Chairman Public Health and Sanitation and PHE Committee, JMC, Arun Khanna today convened a general meeting of PHE Department at town hall where-in he stated that he among others he recently met Principal Secretary at Srinagar under the leadership of Mayor Jammu Rajinder Sharma and took approval of 26 tubewells under Amrit scheme.

The Chairman directed the concerned authorities to make a

DPR of the project. He asked the department to legalise all illegal connections in Jammu to avoid scarcity of water in future.

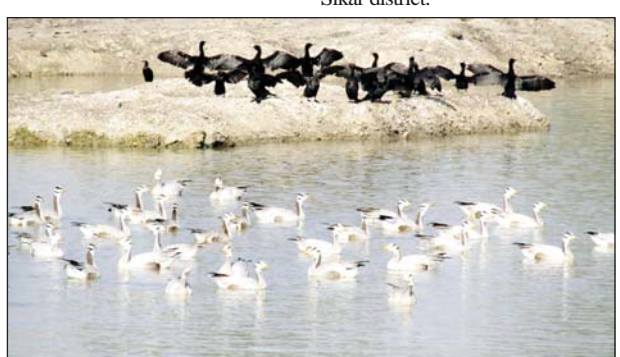
Apart from this, it has come into the notice of the Chairman that the progress of the construction work of tubewell in ward number 53 is not up to the mark. Khanna asked the department to submit a detailed report in this regard.

During the meeting, Councillors, JMC and PHE officials were present.

## Rajasthan has now a total of 44 notified wetlands in 19 distts: ACS Forest

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JAIPUR, July 19: Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Shikhar Agarwal, today informed that taking a historic step in the field of conservation and inte-



Migratory birds at a wetland in Rajasthan.

grated management of wetlands by the Department of Environment and Climate Change, a list of total 44 notified wetlands has been released in 19 districts of the State is under which Baran district will have maximum 12 wetlands.

He said that 44 wetlands would improve the ecological system in the State and better food chain would be available for wildlife. He further added that wetlands, which are known as the kidneys of the earth, play an important role in maintaining the natural balance, as well as in environmental protection, water harvesting and purification.

The wetland areas in Baran district includes Eklera Sagar, Kotrapar Talab, Bethali Dam, Hinglot Dam, Utavali Dam, Sehrol Dam, Garda Talab, Niyana Talai, Nahargarh, Teja Ji Ki Talai, Pushkar Talab and Lhasi Dam while Devi Kund Sagar and Sursagar comes under Bikaner district, Naval Sagar Lake under Bundi district and Mangalwad Talab in Chittorgarh district.

Kishan Kareri, Barwai Lake, Gambhir Talab and Sabela Talab comes in Dungarpur district, Kaylana and Surpura under Jodhpur

district, Bird Sanctuary Kenwas under Kota, Kishore Sagar, Hanotia, in Nagaur district Didwana (Khalda), Lakhota Talab and Lordia Talab in Pali district, Rajyawas and Raghav Sagar under Rajasmand district and Rewasa in Sikar district.

Tonk district includes wetlands of Budhsagar, Bisalpur, Chandlai, Motisagar, Galvania and Tordi Sagar while Menar Talab Wetland Complex is in Udaipur district, Chawandia in Bhilwara district, Kesariawad in Pratapgarh district, Lakherao Talab in Sirohi district, Bada Talab in Ajmer district, Rankhar in Jalore district and Badbela Talab in Jhalawar district.

The ACS said there will be ban on any kind of encroachment in the wetland area and surrounding areas, besides setting up any new industry and expansion of existing industries. Along with this, there will be ban on the collection and disposal of solid, hazardous and e-waste, offering food items by common people to fish and migratory birds, commercial mining, stone quarrying along with crushing units, any type of hunting, all commercial activities that emit pollution and any type of ground water extraction. "However, fisheries, operation of boats, desilting, temporary construction, drainage of water for special purpose can be done in the wetlands area," Agarwal added.

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