

### DC Ganderbal inspects work on Transit Accommodation Wandhama

GANDERBAL, Mar 14: To have firsthand appraisal about the work progress on Transit Accommodation Wandhama, the Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir today visited project site at Wandhama and assessed the progress of work there.

works pertaining to their departments including electrification, Water Supply and other additional works. Ex.En R&B informed that 3 blocks are already completed having 48 flats besides, 4th block will be completed within the week.

### Protesting JKSSB aspirants gherao Ravinder Raina

JAMMU, Mar 14: Continuing their ongoing agitation against hiring of a previously blacklisted company for conducting JKSSB recruitment exams, aspirants today gheraoed J&K BNP Chief



Protesting JKSSB aspirants gherao BNP president Ravinder Raina on Tuesday.

Ravinder Raina when he was at PDD Office Gandhi Nagar Jammu for depositing his due arrears of the electricity charges. Agitating aspirants were on one day Satyagraha today during which they got information that Ravinder Raina was at PDD Office after which they reached there in large numbers and gheraoed him.

provided to JKSSB on 3rd March but despite that the Government was adamant to get the exams conducted by the tainted agency. "LG is seeking evidence from aspirants whereas this is the responsibility of Police and various intelligence agencies. We are not being instigated by politicians but are instigated by the torture of JKSSB and LG Administration which is compelling us to give our future into hands of a tainted company," they said.

### ADC Jammu reviews arrangements for Navratri festival

JAMMU, Mar 14: Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sandeep Sonetra today convened a joint meeting of officers of various departments to review the arrangements for smooth celebration of Navratri festival here today at DC Office complex.

ties to provide adequate security arrangements at temples. The ADC called for inter-departmental coordination and impressed upon functionaries of concerned departments to put in place all necessary arrangement well in time for the smooth celebration of the festival.

### Panchayat Secretaries observe pen down strike

KATHUA: Mar 14 On the call of State level Joint Committee of All J&K Panchayat Secretaries Joint Action Committee, the Panchayat secretaries of Kathua district observed pen down strike today.

ADC emphasized on maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in and around the temples and decoration of important temples and directed the concerned departments to promote social message on sanitation. He asked the Police authorities to provide adequate security arrangements at temples.

### 2 yrs RI awarded

JAMMU, Mar 14: Principal Sessions Judge Udhampur Haq Nawaz Zargar today awarded 2 years rigorous imprisonment to one Tirath Ram, who was facing trial for attempting to outrage the modesty of woman. After hearing both the sides, the court observed, "keeping in view all the facts

and circumstance of the case and the conduct of the convicted-accused, he is sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of two years with a fine of Rs 3,000", adding "in case of default in payment of fine, he shall undergo a further imprisonment for three months. Accused-convict is committed to jail to serve the sentence".

### DC Kathua reviews progress of PWD, PMGSY, JKPC works

KATHUA, Mar 14: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review the progress of projects undertaken by PWD (R&B), PMGSY and JKPC here at the conference hall of DC Office Complex today.

The DC took detailed review of works taken up by the PWD sector under different schemes viz. UT & District CAPEX, CRF, DDC, BDC, PRI grants, NABARD, Langushing, City & Town, NFB, SSI etc besides taking appraisal of the latest physical and financial progress of projects under JKPC.



BJP leaders during a meeting at R S Pura on Tuesday.

### Strengthen party at polling booth level: Koul to cadre

JAMMU, Mar 14: BNP general secretary, (Org), Ashok Koul during one-day pravas of district Jammu South, RS Pura, Miran Sahib Mandal, conducted series of meetings in Booth No 29, RS Pura.

Meetings were organized under the presidency of Mandal president, Bikram Sandhu. Former Minister, Shamal Choudhary, president of BNP district Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan, Municipal Committee, Chairman, Sat Pal Pappi, Vice Chairman, Kishore Sharma, Indrajit Sharma (org) secretary, Vibgag, district general secretary and constituency in charge, Akash Chopra, Mandal Prabhari, Vikram Sharma were prominent among those present in the meeting.

Besides, Shakti Kendra Parmukh, Garu Ram, booth president, Shashi Uttam and Panna Pramukhs were also present in the meeting and later met with beneficiaries of various schemes. In the meeting, "booth Sashaktikaran Abhiyan" was discussed threadbare by the senior party leaders.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the meeting, laid stress on the importance strong organizational network at the ground level. To achieve this purpose, he asked the party leaders to ensure "Booth Sashaktikaran" well before the coming elections. He asked the party leaders to strengthen the party at the polling booth level.

### DC Rajouri inaugurates Bank of Maharashtra Branch in Jawahar Nagar

RAJOURI, Mar 14: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal graced the inauguration of the district.



DC Rajouri Vikas Kundal inaugurating Bank of Maharashtra Branch at Jawahar Nagar.

The new branch will offer a range of banking services to the residents of Jawahar Nagar and nearby areas, including savings accounts, current accounts, loans and other financial services.

The inauguration ceremony was followed by a brief tour of the new branch where bank officials interacted with the customers and staff. The opening of this new Bank of Maharashtra branch is expected to contribute to the growth of the local economy and improve the financial well-being of the people of Jawahar Nagar and surrounding areas.

### Funds under Finance Commission not charity but lawful right of PRIs: AJKPC

BUDGAM, Mar 14: In its third program under block wise series of programs of All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC), the rural local body today held Panchayat Interactive session here in district Budgam of Kashmir wherein a large number of elected Panchayat members attended the program under the chairmanship of AJKPC president Anil Sharma. While addressing the gathering Anil Sharma appealed the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to direct the Rural Development Department to not tinker with the grants available with the Panchayats under 14th Finance Commission and let them use it for making payment to complete ongoing works.

He also demanded that the installments due under the 15th Finance Commission be also released to rural local bodies in Jammu and Kashmir union territory as the installments have been released to other States of India. The opening of this new Bank of Maharashtra branch is expected to contribute to the growth of the local economy and improve the financial well-being of the people of Jawahar Nagar and surrounding areas.

### Sehrish flags off vehicles for distribution of educational equipments

BARAMULLA, Mar 14: With an aim to equip Government schools with latest technology and improving teaching-learning experience especially in far flung areas of the district, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today said that the district administration is committed to establish smart class rooms for Kindergarten and other schools which will be provided with smart boards, ICD Tools and furniture under Aspirational District Programme.

The Deputy Commissioner said this while presiding a function at Government Boys High School Deewanbagh. During the programme, the DC flagged off vehicles for distribution of Vending machines, Smart boards & Tabs Electronic gadgets to Kinder Gartens & other schools of Baramulla under Aspirational District Programme.

### ICMR project on Pain and Palliative Care launched at Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar

JAMMU, Mar 14: The ICMR project on Pain and Palliative Care has been launched today at Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu in collaboration with AIIMS New Delhi along with 9 other premier medical institutions of Northern India.

The Project was launched under the guidance of Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar who had assessed Palliative Care services in district hospitals in September 2022. Through constant efforts of Director Health Services Jammu Dr Saleem Ur Rehman, Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar (Jammu) is the only District Hospital to be selected amongst the 9 other premier hospitals of North India like AIIMS Rishikesh, AIIMS Jodhpur, Banaras Hindu University, DMC Ludhiana etc.

The objective for the Project is capacity building of Palliative Care services in 10 premier institutes of North India to reduce suffering in patients with chronic debilitating conditions. The Project will focus on upliftment of Palliative Care services in 10 district hospitals of Jammu division by capacity building and training of man power. The Project will be applicable for three years and will be headed by Dr Sushma Bhatnagar, Chief of National Cancer Institute and HoD Palliative Care, AIIMS New Delhi.

### JKRLM Dudu-Basantgarh organizes field tour for CRPs

UDHAMPUR, Mar 14: Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM) Dudu-Basantgarh Tuesday organized a field tour and on-the-job training for Community Agriculture Department Udhampur.



JKRLM Community Resource Persons participating in a training program at Basantgarh on Tuesday.

Resource Persons (CRPs) as part of their community development and training. A press statement said that the field tour was conducted in collaboration with the

### Power shutdown

JAMMU, Mar 14: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Keli Mandi, Budhwani, Mandian, Hospital, Gagwal, Sherpur, Nichala, Rajpara and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 15 from 10 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Pandorian, Rehal, Suhagpur, Part of Arnia, Trewa and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 15 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Greater Kailash, Birpur Complex, JalloChak and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 15 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Siot, Lamberi, Rajal, Nowshera, Choki Handan, Qila, Daral, Lam, Ninial and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 15 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to GhoManhasa, Marh, Gajansoo and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 15 from 7 am to 11 am.



Secretary Revenue Dr Piyush Singla chairing a meeting.

### Secretary Revenue visits Udhampur, reviews implementation of e-services

UDHAMPUR, Mar 14: Secretary Revenue, Dr Piyush Singla, today reviewed implementation of several online revenue services in Udhampur during his exhaustive visit to the district.

Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Kritika Jyotsna, Regional Director, Survey and Land Records, Nawab Din, Additional Secretary, Revenue, Muzaffar Ali Malik, ACR, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, SDMs and Tehsildars attended the meeting. DC gave a brief overview about the revenue services being extended to people of the district.

Dr Singla took extensive review of Revenue Department including online revenue services, land acquisition NH project, PSA services, Repealed Act, land transfer cases, setting up of industrial estate, appointment of Lumberdar and Chowkidars, attestation of mutation, pending mutation of defense land, court cases, e-office, HRMS issues, staff position, office accommodation, disposal of revenue

border, he said that we are proud of those who are deployed in the service of the country day and night, because of which we all are safe. He also visited an Army camp in Mendhar where he met and blessed the soldiers. He was honoured by the soldiers. Jagatguru Shankaracharya is on a week-long tour of Jammu and Kashmir where he is meeting people living in border areas, also visiting various religious places and giving blessings to the people. On Wednesday he will visit Baba Budha Amamath Ji shrine. Mahant Mahamandaleswar Rameshwar Das Ji Maharaj of Jammu along with other sages are also accompanying Jagadguru.



Jagadguru Shankracharya and Mahant Rameshwar Dass being honoured by people and men in uniform on Tuesday. Excelsior/ Rahi Kapoor.

### Shankaracharya visits Mendhar

POONCH, Mar 14: Govardhanpuri Peethadhiswar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajanan and Dev Teerth Ji Maharaj 12 Jyotirlinga reached Mendhar area near the Line of Control during the Akhand Bharat Yatra of 52 pilgrimages, where hundreds of devotees sought his blessings.

Through his discourses at the Shiva temple in Mendhar, Jagadguru gave a message to the people to connect with their spirituality and culture, serve the nation, protect religion and serve their parents. While encouraging the soldiers of the country posted on the

### Control of CHC Langate given to GMC Handwara

SRINAGAR, Mar 14: The Health & Medical Education (H&ME) Department today ordered designating CHC Langate as 50 bedded Associate Hospital of GMC Handwara. The Government, in this regard, sanctioned the shifting of Administrative Control of CHC Langate from the Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir to Government Medical College Handwara.

"The Hospital... shall serve as Referral Hospital/ Associated Hospital attached with the New Government Medical-College Handwara, being established in District Kupwara (Handwara) in the UT Qf J&K under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Establishment of New Medical Colleges attached with Existing District / Referral Hospitals'". The arrangement, H&ME said, shall continue till the 500 bedded Hospital at GMC Handwara is made operational.

### Seminar on drug abuse in Srinagar

JAMMU, Mar 14: A one-day seminar on drug abuse and how to tackle it was organized at Amar Singh College Srinagar in which Vice Chancellor of Cluster University Prof. Qayoom Hussain was the chief guest while as Principal Amar Singh Collage Dr Bashir Ahmad Rather were with Director Health Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather were guests of honour. The programme was organised by all ranks of RPHQ Srinagar under DIG CKR Sujit Kumar.



DIG Srinagar Sujit Kumar with dignitaries at seminar on drug prevention at Amar Singh College in Srinagar on Tuesday.

In his opening remarks, Sajjad Khaliq Bhat, Staff officer to DIG CKR emphasised that J&K Police has recognized the menace of drugs many years ago and in order to fight it has setup a drug de-addiction centre way back in 2008 in PCR Srinagar. The Drug de-addiction centre Srinagar is well established today at Eidgah and has been able to treat more than 33000 drug abusers till date.

Dr Muzaffar Khan Director of J&K Police Drug De-addiction campaign gave a powerful presentation in which he was able to show how alarming the situation has become. Dr.Khan who has an experience in the said field also educated the audience about how to identify if our children have taken to drugs.

On the occasion about 150 religious scholars and imams including representatives of other religions and students of Amar Singh College Srinagar were present. On the occasion several religious leaders expressed their views on how drugs have become the modern day epidemic and how we can tackle it.

Valuable contribution and comments were made by many scholars and government officials present including Nighat Jabeen Deputy Drug Controller Kashmir, Dr. Arshid Hussain Professor Govt Medical Collage Srinagar, Dr. Akash Yousef Khan Consultant, Showkat Malik (SSP Retired), Dr. Yasir Hussain Rather (Professor GMC Srinagar), Yasir Zehgeer (social worker), Prof. Mujeeb Ahmad Kawoosa (