

Apni Party Holds series of public meetings in Poonch

Zafar Iqbal Manhas pitches for Hill Development Council in favour of Pir-Panjal. 'If elected to L.S., will leave no stone unturned to fight for a separate Lok Sabha seat to Rajouri - Poonch'. Advocates general amnesty for youths detained from the region, seeks support to fight against drug menace. Accuses NC, PDP, Congress Party for suffering of people, backwardness in the Region

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POONCH, MAY 6

Criticizing the traditional parties for deliberate neglect of Pir-Panjal region for decades, the Apni Party contesting candidate for Rajouri - Anantnag Parliamentary seat, Zafar Iqbal Manhas on Monday has said that he would strongly advocated Hill Development Council for Rajouri and Poonch Districts with the separate allocation of funds for its overall development of the region to overcome the backwardness, ensure development on the ground, and improve infrastructure. As a part of his ongoing election campaign in the region, the Party's contesting candidate for the Rajouri - Anantnag Parliamentary seat, Manhas was accorded a grand welcome by the people of Poonch in different places including Chandi Marh, Buffluz and other places of the District Poonch where he addressed the largely attended meetings. The largest public meeting was organized in the Poonch town after the impressive road show. The Apni Party's District President, Ex-MLA Shah Mohammed Tantry, and other district committee leaders were also present in the public meetings. He received a rousing reception at different places where people in the shape of car/motorbike



rally in hundreds took out in support of the Party's candidate Zafar Iqbal Manhas sabab amid the zeal, and enthusiasm among the people who extended their support to him. In his address, Zafar Iqbal Manhas lauded the people for their warm welcome that accorded him and the faith they have shown in his candidature. "I assure you that I would fight for your rights that have been denied for decades by the traditional parties like National Conference, Congress Party, and Peoples Democratic Party," he said. Coming down heavily on the traditional parties, he accused these parties of the backwardness, and underdevelopment of the region. On the other hand, he said that the PDP and Congress Party are the two sides of the same coin when referred to their role in Kashmir as Congress lead-

ers. He said that these parties were responsible for the troubled period in the region because they played divisive politics to remain in power, and divided the regions, and the people for one reason or the other. While seeking general amnesty of the detained/ arrested youth from the 90s from the region, he recalled how he opposed the registration of the FIRs against the innocent youth. "The youth booked in different cases across the region, and other areas of Kashmir should be given general amnesty so that they can be brought back to the mainstream life," he asserted, while holding NC, PDP, and Congress Party equally responsible for the suffering of the people. Refuting the accusation of the traditional parties, he said that it was the National Conference which had become an alliance partner of the BJP at the center for the first time

from J&K. Later, the same was followed by the PDP, when they formed a coalition Govt in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir with the BJP against whom they had contested in the last assembly elections. Asking the people to remain vigilant from the divisive forces, he asked them to come forward and elect a candidate who contests on merits to fight for their rights. Earlier in another public meeting, Manhas sabab raised his concern about lack of development, shabby condition of roads, infrastructure, and basic amenities in the region. Recalling how the traditional parties ignored the region regarding development, and promoted their political agenda, he said that they treated the inhabitants of the Region as their vote bank and worked to improve uplift their livelihood and provide employment to the youth. "I assure

Kulgam Police arrests eight gamblers; Stake money seized

BY CORRESPONDENT
KULGAM, MAY 6

Continuing its drive against social crimes, Police in Kulgam acting swiftly following a specific information regarding gambling in the jurisdiction of Police Station Qaimoh, a Police party headed by SHO Police Station Qaimoh raided the suspected gambling sites at Reshpora, Qaimoh and near Railway Station Anantnag and apprehended 08 gamblers. Stake money of ₹6,460/ and sets of playing cards were recovered from their possession. Regarding the incidents, cases under relevant sections of law stands registered in Police Station Qaimoh and investigations have been initiated. Persons found indulging in criminal activities shall be dealt strictly as per law. Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding anti-social activity in their vicinity.

Maxi Cab drivers involved in charging exorbitant rates from tourists to be booked under law: Div Com Kashmir

Says forcing tourists to switch vehicles enroute to tourist destinations unacceptable
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Taking serious note of complaints by tourists regarding menace of overcharging by Taxi & Maxi Cab drivers, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today admonished those vehicle owners involved in illegal and unethical practice of fleecing tourists by charging exorbitant rates.

While advising them to charge tourists as per the notified rates only, he stressed on adopting tourist friendly behaviour to promote tourism which provides livelihood to lakhs of people.

Chairing a meeting in this regard, the Div Com directed authorities and police to de-register those vehicles whose drivers are found indulging in unethical practice and penalize them.

He said tourists are our guests, and service providers have a responsibility to foster hospitality. He also directed concerned departments to take action against those who force tourists to switch vehicles while enroute to destinations causing inconvenience to them. Div Com reiterated that all vehicles have been given access permission to Srinagar Airport so they can directly ferry tourists to tourist spots. He directed the Tourism Department to publish notified rates on their website and install hoardings at all the prime locations. The meeting was attended by DC Anantnag; DC Ganderbal; ADC, Baramulla; CEOs of Gulmarg, Sonmarg and Pahalgam Development Authorities, RTO Kashmir, besides SSPs of all three districts, SSP Traffic Rural and Officers of Tourism Department.

J&K Police apprehended notorious bootlegger with 52 bottles of illicit liquor in Kishtwar district

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AKHNOOR, MAY 6



A poignant ceremony took place at the historic Kameshwar Temple as distinguished figures from various walks of life came together to commemorate the life and contributions of Pandit Govind Ram Sharma, the Former Health Minister who graced this world from 1930 to 2024. The event, held in honor of Sharma's Uthala, served as a platform for heartfelt tributes and reflections on his impactful tenure. Noteworthy attendees at the ceremony included MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP Gulam Ali Khanal, Devender Singh Rana, Narinder Singh Bhatt, Bhurat Bhushan Bodi, Shubham Kotwal, Yudhvir Sethi, Adv. Purnima Sharma, Ravinder Raina, Arun Prabhat BJYM President, and the revered Mahant Shri Rameshwar Das Ji Maharaj. The presence of these esteemed personalities underscored the

Renowned Personalities Gather at Kameshwar Temple to Honor the Legacy of Pandit Govind Ram Sharma

A solemn gathering pays tribute to the Former Health Minister Uthala
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ending influence of Pandit Govind Ram Sharma, whose dedication to public service and commitment to the betterment of society have left an indelible mark on the collective consciousness. As prayers were offered and memories shared, a sense of reverence and gratitude permeated the air, uniting all present in a shared moment of remembrance and appreciation. The event not only honored the legacy of a remarkable leader but also served as a reminder of the values and principles that Pandit Govind Ram Sharma stood for throughout his illustrious life. Amidst the solemn atmosphere of the temple, participants paid their respects to a visionary figure who continues to inspire generations with his profound impact and enduring spirit.

All is not well in GMC Doda: Principal transferred prematurely

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SRINAGAR, MAY 06

All is not well in Government Medical College (GMC) Doda where the incumbent Principal Dr. Puja Vimesh has been transferred after she expressed her unwillingness to work in the institution. The decision to appoint a new principal is expected to be taken soon and the name of professor in community medicine of GMC Jammu is doing the rounds. Sources said that the few officials of GMC Doda were not allowing Dr. Puja Vimesh to work and her decisions weren't being implemented on the ground.

Dr. Puja Vimesh was appointed as Principal GMC Doda in January 2023 and she joined on February 1, 2023 for the period of five years but she was transferred prematurely. "There were people who were sabotaging her work in the college which irked her. She had to shuttle between Jammu and Doda because of her work in super specialty hospital Jammu and discharging her duty as Principal GMC Doda. When she wasn't in the college at Doda, things were made more complex," said a source.

Due to the unfavourable atmosphere and pressure being mounted on her, Dr. Puja Vimesh was taken to GMC Jammu after she failed in Doda and she regained consciousness in GMC Jammu. "Since then she hasn't visited GMC Doda as she had taken sick leave after suffering health issues," the source added.

Now, she has been transferred and the purpose of those who were working against her in GMC Doda has been served.

GMC Doda is one of the five new medical colleges established by the Government of India in 2014 during Gulam Nabi Azad's tenure as union health minister. The GMC is already facing a tough time as not many expert doctors are willing to work in this college due to many reasons and the transfer of Dr. Puja Vimesh will further aggravate the situation and will make it murkier.

Absconder arrested by Udhampur Police

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UDHAMPUR, MAY 6



Continuing its drive against underground criminals & absconders, Udhampur Police apprehended one absconder, who was evading arrest since last seven years. Police team of PS Chenani headed by Insp. Anil Sharma SHO PS Chenani under the supervision of Addl. SP Udhampur Sh. Bajjit Singh and SDPO Chenani Sh. Tahir Amin Sheikh raided the suspected locations and arrested an absconder namely Joginder Kumar S/O Hari Ram R/O Pattangarh, Latti who had been absconding arrest since last seven years. The absconder was involved in case FIR No. 13/2016 U/S 457/380/403 of Police Station Chenani and has been arrested by Police party of Police Station Chenani.

Girls compete at Inter School Zonal Level Sports Tournament in Khour

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KHOUR, MAY 6



On 3rd Day of Inter school zonal level tournament Department of Youth services and sports zone Khour has organised, Inter school zonal level tournament in the age group of U/14 & U/17 yrs Girls in the sports discipline of Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Chess & Badminton under the overall supervision of Smt. Usha Fotedar ZPEO KHOUR at Govt. Girls High school Khour on 06-05-2024. The tournament was inaugurated by the Guest of honour Sunil Khajuria Principal Govt. Hr. Sec. School Pallanwala & Jagdev Singh senior Lecturer HSS Pallanwala and Chief Guest Suresh Kumar Sharma Headmaster GHS KHOUR in the presence of Smt. Usha Fotedar ZPEO Khour and other fields staff of zone Khour are present their. The chief guest along with ZPEO Khour interacted with the different players during the competition and advised the student players to take active part in sports activities. Near about 420 participants (Girls) drawn from different Schools (Govt./Private) of zone Khour participated in the said competition.