Apni Party Holds series of public meetings in Poonch Zafar Ighal Manhas pitches for HIII Development Council in Favour of Pir-Panjal.

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If elected to LS, 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

GY CORRESPONDENT POONCH, MAY 6

Criticizing the tradition-al 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 Hilly 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 development on the ground, and improve infra-structure. 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 wel-come by the people of Poonch in different places Poonch in different places including Chandi Marh, Buffliaz 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, 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 rally in hundreds took out rally in support of the Party's candidate Zafar Iqbal Manhas sahab amid the zeal, and enthusiasm among the people who extended their support to him. In his address, Zafar labal Manhas lauded the people for their warm wel-come 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 the traditional parties, he accused these parties of the backwardness, and under-development of the region. On the other hand, he said that the PDP and Congress Depth are the backwardness. 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 regis-tration 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 main-stream 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 bank and worked to improve uplift their liveliwhich had become hood and provide employ-ment to the youth. "I assure alliance partner of the BIP at

from J&K. Later, the same 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 assemcontested in the last assem-bly elections. Asking the people to remain vigilant from the divisive forces, he asked them to come for-ward and elect a candidate who contests on merits to fight for their rights. Earlier in another public meeting, Manhas sahab raised his concern about lack of development, shabby councilion of roads, infrastructure, and basic amenities in the region. Recalling how the traditional parties ignored traditional parties ignored the region regarding devel-opment, and promoted their political agenda, he said that they treated the inhabitants of the Region as their vote

that if I get elected to the Lok Sabha from Rajouri – Anantnag Parliamentary seat, I will make all possible efforts so that Rajouriefforts so that Rajouri-Poonch Region get a Hill Development Council and separate funds for the devel-opmental purposes on the pattern of Ladakh," he said in his address. Being border region, he said that Rajouri and Poonch Districts have faced worst kind of human catastrophic due to hostile situation on the Line of Control, unprovoked ceasefire violations, increasing drug addiction menace, underdevelopment, inadeunderdevelopment, inade-quate specialized staff in educational and health sec-tor, improper infrastructure, and issues of basic amenities remains unresolved. "I assure you that I will

do whatever is needed to address the issues of the peoaddress the issues of the peo-ple in the Region and pro-vide them all the basic facili-ties, and improve their liveli-hood with quality education, and healthcare at the village level," he added. To address tever, "ne adodes. To adortess the political aspirations of the region, he said that there is a need that a separate parliamentary seat shall be given to the Pir-Panjal region. "I will leave no stone unturned to try Pir-Panjal to get a separate parliamentary seat." he assured the people in the public meeting.
Admitting that the region
has a huge potential of
tourism, he said that if the
region is developed on the

pattern of Europe, these pic turesque areas along the Mughal Road/grazing yards hills, lush green mountains, historic buildings/architecture, culture and literature is promoted it and interature is promoted, it would attract tourism, and will open up new avenues of employment for the local youth. He also stressed on the need to construct two tunnels i.e., Dera Ke Gali and tunnelsi.e., Dera Ke Gall and Peer Ke Gall on the historic Mughal Road that connects Pir Panjal with Kashmir Valley. Besides, he also stressed on the special on the spot recruitment drive for the unemployed youth of Rajouri and Poonch. "If I get Rajouri and Poonch. "If I get elected to the Lok Sabha, I will try that our unem-ployed youth should be recruited through special recruitment drives in the Line of Control and remote Line of Control and remote villages," he said. Meanwhile, several other meetings with the people and the Party leaders were held in Poonch as a part of an leating composing but the election campaign by the Party candidate in which he has received an overwhelm has received an overwhelm-ing response from the local population. Later he expressed his gratitude to the people and the Party cadre for extending him support and organizing success ful public meetings. Besides the District President, Poonch, and Ex-MLA, Shah Mohammed Tantray also addressed the gathering and highlighted the demands of the people.

Kulgam Police arrests eight gamblers; Stake money seized

GY ORNESS-ROBENT KULGAM, MAY Continuing is drive against social crimes, Police in Kulgam acting swiftly following a specific infor-mation regarding gambling in the jurisdiction of Police Station Oalmoh, a Police party headed by SHO Police Station Oalmoh raided the suspected SHO Police Station Oaimon raided the suspected gambling sites at Reshipora, Qaimon and near Railway Station Anantnag and apprehended 08 gamblers. Stake money of 76,460/ and sets of playing cards were recovered from their possession Regarding the incidents, cases under relevant sections of law stands registered in Police Station Oaimon 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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SRINAGAR, MAY 06
Taking serious note of complaints by tourists regarding menace of overcharging by Taxl & Maxl Cab drivers, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay kumar Bidhurl today admon ished those vehicle owners involved in illegal and unethical practice of fleecing tourists by charging

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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 laksh 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.

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Div Com reiterated that all vehicles have been given access permission to Srinagar Airport so they can directly ferry lourists 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, Sommarc and Pahalam Development Authorities.

Sonmarg and Pahalgam Development Authorities, RTO Kashmir, besides SSPs of all three districts, SSP Traffic Rural and Officers of Tourism Department.

All is not well in GMC Doda: Principal

All is not well in GMC Doda: Principal transferred prematurely
JAMMU, MAY 06

All is not well in Government Medical Colleg
(GMC) Doda where the incumbent Principal Dr.
Puja Vimesh has been transferred after she
expressed her unwilligness 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 that few officials of GMC Doda were not allowing Dr. Puja
Jimesh 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
Profuzya 1, 2023 for the period of five years but she
was transferred prematurely.
"There were people which lirked her. She had to
shuttle between Jammu and Doda because of her
work in super-specialty hospital Jammu and dis-

shuttle between Jammu and Dodd because of not work in super-specialty hospital Jammu and discharging her duly 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 Vilmsh was taken to GMC Jammu after she fainted 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 col-

GMC Doda is one of the five new medical col-leges established by the Government of India in 2014 during Ghulam 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 situ-attion and will make it murking.

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



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KISHTWAR, MAY 6
In a significant crack-down on illegal activities, District Police Kishtwar have recovered 52 bottles of illicit liquor from the Bera area of Kishtwar town.District Police Kishtwar developed spe-cific information related to the sale of illicit liquor in a chicken shop at Bera Bhata, Kishtwar, Acting on this information, a team led by SHO PS Kishtwar, Inspector

by PSI Vivek, and under the supervision of DySP Headquarters, Dr. Ishan Gupta, conducted a raid. During the search of the said shop, the police party recovered 52 bot-tles of illicit liquor total-ing 21 liters, and an arrest was made on the spot. The arrested person disclosed his identification as Manoj Kumar, son of Chet Ram, resident of Porhhal Kishtwar In this

Firdous Ahmed, assisted ed.District able information to assist in maintaining law and order in the district.

121/2024 under relevant sections of the law has been registered at PS Kishtwar, and the inves-tigation has been initiate Police Kishtwar remain steadfast in their commitment fast in their commitment to eradicating all forms of illegal activities and ensuring the safety and well-being of citizens. They urge the public to continue providing valu-

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 GY CORRESPONDENT AKHNOOR, MAY 6

A poignant ceremony took place at the historic Kameshwar Temple as dis-tinguished figures from various walks of life came together to commemorate the life and contributions of Pandit Govind Ram 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 trib utes and reflections on his dees at the ceremony included MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP Gulam Ali Khatana, Devender Singh Rana, Narinder Singh Bhau, Bharat Bhushan Bhau, Bharat 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 pres



Sharma, whose dedication to public service and commitment to the betterment of society have left an indelible mark on the col-lective consciousness. As prayers were offered and memories shared, a sense of reverence and gratitude

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 illustri-ous life. Amidst the solemn atmosphere of the temple, participants paid their respects to a visionary fig-ure who continues to permeated the air, uniting permeated the air, uniting all present in a shared moment of remembrance and appreciation. The enduring spirit.

Girls compete at Inter School Zonal Level

Absconder arrested by udhampur Police

GY CORRESPONDENT UDHAMPUR, MAY 6 Continuing its drive against underground

against underground criminals & abconders. 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 Anii Snarma SHO PS
Chenani under the supervision of Addl. SP
Udhampur Sh. Baljit
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

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KHOUR, MAY 6
On 3rd Day of Inter
school zonal level tournament Department of
Youth services and Youth services and sports zone Khour has organised. Inter school zonal level tournament zonal level tournament in the age group of U/14 & U/17 yrs Girls in the sports discipline of K a b a d d i , K h o -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 Govt. Hr. Sec. School Singh senior Lecturer Sunil Khajuria Principal Pallanwala & Jagdev HSS Pallanwala and

Chief Guest 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 play-ers 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