

District Price Fixation Committee reviews rates of essential commodities in Kishtwar

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On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner of Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, a meeting of the District Price Fixation Committee was held under the chairmanship of the Additional District Development Commissioner of Kishtwar, Vinod Kumar Behnal, to deliberate on the regulation of prices, quality and availability of essential commodities, particularly mutton, chicken, milk, vegetables, fruits and other food articles. The meeting also addressed the maintenance of hygiene, prevention of adulteration, use of prohibited polythene and protection of consumer interests in the district.

The ADDC emphasized that the rate lists approved during the meeting shall be given wide publicity and strictly adhered to. He directed the associations concerned to ensure that the decisions are conveyed to every member and shopkeeper under their respective associations. The ap-



proved rate list must be displayed prominently at a conspicuous and readily visible place in shops and establishments.

He directed the President of the Butcher Association and the President of the Chicken Dealers Association to ensure personally that all their members are apprised of the approved rates and other directions issued during the meeting. They were further directed to impress upon their members that no deviation from the approved rates, hygiene requirements or prescribed food safety standards shall be entertained.

He directed the District Food Safety Officer, Kishtwar, to ensure daily check-

ing of butcher and chicken shops and to undertake sampling and inspection of other food establishments, including milk vendors, bakeries and sweet shops. The District Food Safety Officer was further directed to initiate action against offenders without delay.

He directed the Assistant Controller, Legal Metrology, Kishtwar, to intensify checking of electronic weighing machines and to curb short weighment and manipulation of measurements effectively. He further directed that the use of electronic weighing machines shall be mandatory for all vendors concerned dealing in commodities sold by weight. He also directed

that every vendor shall provide the consumer with a bill slip for every purchase. Any vendor failing to issue a bill slip shall be liable for action under the law.

The Assistant Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kishtwar, and the field officers concerned were directed to keep a close watch on the availability, stocking and rates of essential commodities and to take action against hoarding, black-marketing and artificial scarcity. He directed the Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Kishtwar, to ensure sanitation and cleanliness in and around commercial establishments. The enforcement teams concerned were directed to conduct regular and surprise inspections and take action against violators under the applicable provisions.

He directed the Municipal Council, the Food Safety Department and the Revenue Department to inspect fruit and vegetable markets regularly to ensure that fresh, quality produce is made available to consumers and that rotten.

Congress Remembers former PM Rajiv Gandhi on 82nd Birth Anniversary

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Congress today remembered the life and achievements of the nation under the leadership of Bharat Ratana Former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi, on his 82nd birth anniversary by holding several functions at different places in Jammu province.

The main function was held at Rajiv Bhawan PCC HQ Shaheedi Chowk Jammu, which was presided over by Working President JKPCC Shri Raman Bhalla (Former Minister) and attended by senior PCC functionaries, leaders of Dist. Congress Committee Jammu Urban, Blocks and Frontal Organizations.

Prominent leaders who paid tributes includes Former Minister Shri Mula Ram, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Former Minister & DCC President Jammu Urban Yogesh Sawhney, Former MLC and I/C HQ Ved Mahajan, Treasurer PCC Shri Rajnish Sharma besides Senior leaders Th.Mamohan Singh, Kanta Bhan, T.S. Tony, Vijay Sharma(Seva Dal), Shashi Sharma, Satish Sharma, Suresh Dogra, Sanjeev Panda, Iqbal Dar, Ashok Bhagat, Asha Chandan, Dwarka Choudhary, Rajinder Singh Jamwal, Kewal Krishan Jogi, Rajvir Singh, Varinder Manhas, Kapil Chib, Rajiv Saraf, Bhavishya Sudan, Sohit



Sharma, Prem Sharma, Latish Sharma, Gurmeet Singh, Ram Magotra, Pawan Sharma, Vijay Malhotra, Bhushan Kumar, Rakesh Sharma, Sanjay Sharma, Naresh Digra, Prithvi Pal, Raj Kumar, Mangat Ram, Balwinder Singh, Amit Gupta, Surinder Kumar, Narinder Pal Sharma, Pawan Kumar, Sardari Lal, Garu Ram, Ajay Kumar, Sidharth Kumar, Mr. Dass, Ashok Sharma, Pawan Sharma, Sahil Shagotra, Yash Pal Sangral, Kiran, Manmeet Singh, Amit Tandan, Janak Raj Mehra, Varinder Kumar, Atul Sharma, Sahil Dogra, Mehul, Suresh Bangotra and others

Working President Shri Raman Bhalla while Paying floral tributes to Shri Rajiv Gandhi described him as the architect of 21st Century, who prepared the youth of the Country for the challenges of 21st century in India, especially IT and Computer revolution, low-

ering of voting age from 21 years to 18 years and introduced a vibrant Panchayat Raj system in the Country.

Shri Bhalla said it was vision of Late Rajiv Gandhi that he foresaw the future of the Country in preparing and educating youth of the Country for the 21st Century. He saw great opportunity in the IT revolution and introduced computerization in late eighties, which became possible due to the efforts of Rajiv Gandhi. He said that Rajiv Gandhi lowered the voting age from 21 years to 18 years to ensure the participation of youth in the democratic & political process and emergence of young leadership. The vibrant Panchayat Raj System with 33% reservation to women and due reservation to SC/STs has ensured the transfer of power to the people. He said that 73rd /74th amendment was introduced and incorporated into the Panchayats & Urban bodies to establish elected three

tier system in the J&K by the efforts of Congress in the previous coalition of NC-Congress in 2014.

Former Minister Shri Mula Ram in his address paid rich tributes to Rajiv Gandhi and remember his contribution in IT and Panchayat Raj in the country. He described Rajiv Gandhi as a great visionary leader who was devoted to the cause of upliftment of poor and weaker section and strengthened the secular values in the country. He prepared the youth of this country for the challenges of 21st century. He said Rajiv Gandhi fought against communal and divisive forces in the country and strengthened the secular forces. Rajiv Gandhi brought about revolution in various fields especially in Panchayat Raj, Youth and women empowerment in the country. He worked for strengthening of the secular forces and defeat the divisive forces in the country.

Dy Commissioner Udhampur inaugurates 2-day photo exhibition on Nasha Mukht Bharat

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The Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Minga Sherpa, inaugurated a two-day photo exhibition on Nasha Mukht Bharat and the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita at the Government Higher Secondary School, Tikri. The exhibition aims to take government flagship schemes to the people. The event was organized by the Field Office, Udhampur, of the Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. It aims to educate citizens and make them aware of the menace of drug addiction and the importance of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita.

During his visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the photo exhibition. To mark the commitment to a green India, the organizers from the Central Bureau of Communication presented saplings to the Deputy Commissioner and to the Principal of the Government Higher Secondary School, Tikri, Monika Karlupia.

In his address, the Deputy Commissioner said the exhibition focuses on Nasha



Mukht Bharat and the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita. He lauded the Central Bureau of Communication for taking this information directly to the people. He said drug addiction damages not only the individual but also affects families socially, emotionally and economically.

The In-charge of the Central Bureau of Communication Field Office, Udhampur, Gurnam Singh, delivered the welcome address. He gave a brief overview of the department's role, stating that the Central Bureau of Communication acts as a vital bridge between policy-makers and the people at the grassroots.

The Principal, Monika

Karlupia, spoke on the ill effects of drug addiction and welcomed the replacement of the old laws with the three new criminal laws. She thanked the Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, for selecting the school for the programme.

The session featured an expert lecture on the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita by Advocate Nikhileshwar Singh. He spoke in detail on the three new criminal laws and said they are easily accessible to everyone through digital tools such as e-FIR and Zero FIR.

Police Sub-Inspector Mohit Sharma delivered the keynote address as a re-

source person on Nasha Mukht Bharat. He said public participation in awareness initiatives, counselling of addicts and rehabilitation would play a key role in curbing drug addiction in society. He urged the youth to adopt a healthy lifestyle and take part in sports to stay away from such practices.

Other features of the first day's programme included a painting competition on Nasha Mukht Bharat, theme-based songs by empanelled artists of the Central Bureau of Communication, a skit by the students of the Government Middle School, Basani and an open quiz on Nasha Mukht Bharat and the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita.

JDA seals Blinkit store at Surya Towers

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The Jammu Development Authority (JDA) today sealed a Blinkit store operating from the basement of Surya Towers at Bahu Plaza, Jammu, for functioning in violation of the sanctioned building permission and applicable building norms.

The premises form part of a building that also houses the Aakash Coaching Centre, where a large number of students attend classes. The operation of a commercial delivery and store facility from the basement, contrary to the sanctioned use and building permission, was found to have serious implica-



tions for public safety, fire safety and the safety of students, occupants and visitors.

The JDA has taken cognizance of the potential risk to the life and property of students, occupants and members of the public in and around the building, particularly in view of the recent fire incident involving another

Blinkit store at Janipur, Jammu. Such incidents underline the importance of strict compliance with sanctioned building plans, permissible land and building use, fire-safety requirements and other applicable statutory norms.

The JDA has accordingly undertaken the sealing as a preventive and

regulatory measure in the larger public interest, with the objective of safeguarding life and property and ensuring that buildings and premises are used strictly in accordance with the permissions granted by the competent authority.

The JDA has reiterated that any commercial activity carried out in violation of sanctioned building permissions or applicable building bye-laws will be dealt with strictly in accordance with the law. The Authority will continue to undertake inspections and enforcement measures wherever violations are noticed, particularly in premises that pose a potential risk to public safety.

BJP Mahila Morcha Strengthens Grassroots Outreach Across Kathua District

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Jammu & Kashmir BJP Mahila Morcha State President Neha Mahajan undertook an extensive organizational outreach programme across Kathua district, accompanied by State General Secretary Geeta Bhagat, with a focus on strengthening the organisation at the grassroots level and enhancing the Mahila Morcha's connect with women across the district.

During the visit, Adv Neha Mahajan, interacted with women associated with UMEED at Chhan Arorian, Mandal Jasrota, and also visited Village Garinari, where they interacted with local women, heard their views and encouraged greater participation in social, developmental and organisational activities.

The programme also included monthly organisational meetings with the Mandals, where the functioning of the organisation, grassroots outreach, up-



coming programmes and ways to further strengthen the Mahila Morcha were discussed.

A City Mandal monthly meeting and the District Kathua monthly meeting were also held as part of the organisational review. The meetings provided an opportunity to assess ongoing activities and reinforce the commitment of Mahila Morcha workers towards strengthening the BJP's presence at the grassroots.

District President Sushma Mahajan and Prab-

hari Suman Raina were also present during the programme and actively participated in the organisational interactions. Mandal President Jyoti Sharma coordinated and participated in the activities at the Mandal level.

Addressing the Mahila Morcha workers, Neha Mahajan emphasised the importance of maintaining a continuous grassroots connect with women and ensuring that the organisation remains active and responsive at every Mandal and vil-

lage level. She appreciated the dedication of the Kathua team and called upon workers to work with commitment, discipline and a spirit of service.

The visit highlighted the BJP Mahila Morcha's continued commitment towards grassroots outreach, organisational strengthening, women's empowerment and people-centric service, further strengthening the party's connect with women across Kathua district.

MC Udhampur organizes plog run for a clean and green Udhampur

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The Municipal Council, Udhampur, today organized a plog run in and around Udhampur town to promote cleanliness and raise awareness about keeping public spaces litter-free. School students, teachers, Municipal Council staff, civil society members and local residents took part in the initiative.

The Member of Legislative Assembly, Udhampur West, Pawan Kumar Gupta, flagged off the plog run in the presence of the Additional District Development Commissioner, Jugal Kishore and the Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Udhampur, Saddam Hus-

sain. The participants collected litter along the



route, raised slogans on cleanliness and carried placards with messages on environmental protection and responsible waste management.

Addressing the participants, the MLA appreciated the active participation of the students and other stakeholders. He said cleanliness is a collec-

tive responsibility and stressed the importance of public participation in making Udhampur cleaner, healthier and more sustainable.