

Congress hands over educational aid to 30 children of war martyrs

Poonch leadership express gratitude to Rahul Gandhi, Tariq Karra

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On the directions of Leader of Opposition Lok Sabha & former President of Congress party Shri Rahul Gandhi, JKPCC Chief Tariq Hameed Karra & National President of IYC Udey Bhanu Chib today handed over cheques of financial/educational aid to 30 children of war martyrs in Poonch, in the presence of Working President JKPCC Raman Bhalla, AICC Secretary Shah Nawaz Chaudhary, Former Chairman Legislative council Jahangir Mir, Sain Abdul Rasheed, DDC, District President Poonch SRajinder Singh Kaka, IYC Secretary Ajaz Chaudhary, Taj Hussain Mir & PYC Vice President Fiaz Ahmed & General Secretary Anirudh Sawhney & others.

In a simple function in Poonch attended by the affected children and their relatives besides prominent Congress and youth Congress leaders, they were handed over the cheques of financial aid in order to sustain their lives especially carrying on their education. These children lost their parents and bread earner in the Pakistan shelling during Operation Sindoor in which 13 persons lost lives and 28 others injured.

JKPCC Chief Tariq



Hameed Karra told reporters here that LOP Rahul Gandhi ji during his visit to Poonch to meet victims of Pakistan shelling also visited a school & met the children. He desired the finding out of most deserving children to be provided financial aid to carry on their studies.

As a result the IYC started this exercise to shortlist the most deserving children left orphan and lost their bread earner and offered financial aid to them.

Karra said that All India Congress leader had visited different affected families in Poonch and shared their grief and gave a message of concern & care for citizens in this extreme border belt, who were targeted by Pakistan against all principles of humanity & international

norms of war.

He appreciated the IYC led by Udey Bhanu Chib for taking up this pious initiative to help the most deserving children who lost parents in the service of nation. Nothing can be more pious than this cause.

All India Youth Congress President Udey Bhanu Chib said on the occasion that the IYC was inspired by LOP Shri Rahul Gandhi to undertake this most deserving cause of service and extending helping hand to the victims of war.

He said that these children shall be able to continue their studies against the worst situation caused by Pakistan shelling. More organizations and affluent members of society should come forward in such situa-

tions adding that there is no dearth of kind people who support the suffering people in need.

Mr Shah Nawaz Chaudhary thanked Shri Rahul Gandhi and IYC for extending financial support to the most deserving children who are worst sufferers of the Pakistan shelling.

Shri Jahangir Mir & DCC President Rajinder Singh Kaka thanked Shri Rahul Gandhi and JKPCC President Shri Tariq Hameed Karra for considering the request of the people of Poonch during their visits and asked Youth Congress to take care of these orphan children. On behalf of people of Poonch, they expressed gratitude to Rahul Gandhi and Tariq Hameed Karra as well IYC leadership.

Mega Blood Donation camp held at GLDM GDC Hiranagar, 76 units Blood collected

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District Administration Kathua, in collaboration with Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial (GLDM) Government Degree College, Hiranagar and Yuva Bharat, organized a one-day Blood Donation Camp-cum-Awareness Program in the College premises.

Deputy Commissioner Kathua Dr. Rakesh Minhas graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while noted social activist from Yuva Bharat Mr. Anurag, was the Guest of Honour. The Principal of the college, Dr. Pragya Khanna, was the Special Guest for the event.

The program commenced with the plantation of Chinar saplings and other plants by the Chief Guest and other guests, symbolizing the commitment to both health and environmental sustainability. The event proceeded with the lighting of the traditional lamp and a formal welcome address by SDM Hiranagar Phulail Singh.



The event witnessed participation from community members, social workers, school students, and faculty from various institutions across the Hiranagar Block.

The Deputy Commissioner exhorted the youth to actively participate in social causes. He said blood donation is not just a medical need but our moral duty

and a true expression of being humane. "Each unit of blood donated has the potential to save not just one but multiple lives", he added. He also congratulated the college Principal, Yuva Bharat team, team of sub district administration Hiranagar and NSS volunteers for their efforts.

Earlier, an insightful

awareness address by a medical expert set the tone for the importance of blood donation.

The entire proceedings were conducted by Advocate Ketan Kumar, Yuva Bharat activist, with the dedicated support of Prof. Rakesh Sharma (NSS Advisor) and Prof. Shapia Shameem (NSS Program Officer) of GDC Hiranagar.

A team of doctors and paramedical staff from the Sub-District Hospital, National Health Mission, and Bee Enn General Hospital Talab Tillo, extended their medical expertise, ensuring safe and successful blood collection.

The event witnessed a turnout of around 300 students from nearby schools and faculty members. A total of 72 units of blood were collected during the camp, making the event a resounding success in service to humanity.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Tehsildar Hiranagar, Anoop Kumar.

DC Poonch reviews implementation of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

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Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in the district.

The meeting focused on key components including rooftop solar installation status, application trends and financial disbursements under the scheme.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner took a brief review of the status of installations across the district.

Officers from all subdivisions — Mandi, Mendhar, Surankote, and Poonch (Haveli) — presented de-



tailed reports on their respective progress.

It was informed that a total of 1,210 applications were received from across the district, out of which 206 installations have been

completed so far.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned officers to intensify efforts and significantly increase the number of installations in the coming weeks.

To enhance public participation, the DC instructed stakeholder departments to initiate a mass awareness campaign to educate citizens about the benefits of the scheme and to simplify the registration process to ensure maximum outreach.

He emphasized the need for timely approvals, hassle-free processing, and proactive handholding of beneficiaries for the successful implementation of the scheme.

The Deputy Commissioner urged the Power Development Department (PDD), banking institutions and empanelled vendors to work in close synergy to overcome any technical, financial or procedural challenges being faced by applicants.

NEP UTSAV: Doda Schools promote foundational literacy, numeracy on Day 2

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The second day of the NEP UTSAV 2025 concluded with widespread participation and vibrant celebrations across District Doda. A total of 975 schools took part in the day's events, which focused on promotion of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) through the innovative use of Teaching-Learning Materials (TLMs).

The celebrations were held under the directives of Director of School Education Jammu Dr. Naseem Javaid Choudhary and were supervised by Chief Education Officer Mohammad Hafiz.

The event served as a platform for talented and innovative teachers to showcase creative TLMs at the district, zonal, and cluster levels.

The material has been developed to enhance student engagement and promote a student-centered approach to learning, particularly in foundational subjects. The displays and demonstrations highlighted how these tools are being effectively used to improve comprehension and make learning



more interactive for students.

A core objective of the day was to reinforce the principles of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes early foundational skills as the bedrock of lifelong learning. In addition to showcasing TLMs, teachers conducted sessions to raise awareness about the importance of Ac-

tivity-Based Learning (ABL). Several schools staged skits and interactive sessions to demonstrate the practical application of ABL in the classroom.

Education officials lauded the dedication of school heads and teachers for their commitment to aligning classroom practices with the goals of NEP 2020. They commended

the efforts to create a more inclusive and dynamic learning environment for students throughout the district.

The NEP UTSAV 2025 is a multi-day event and will continue with more theme-based activities planned in the coming days to further engage the educational community of District Doda.

KVK Ramban organises INM Training Program for Krishi Udyamis

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Training program on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) for Krishi Udyamis (KUs) seeking fertilizer licenses commenced at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Ramban. The training is being sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, Ramban under the Innovative Approaches in Agriculture Extension component of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).

A total of 20 Krishi Udyamis from various blocks of the district are participating in this capacity-building initiative, which aims to equip them with the necessary technical knowledge and

regulatory understanding required for obtaining fertilizer retail licenses.

The inaugural session was attended by Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Dr. Vinay Kumar Jandial, accompanied by District Agriculture Officer (DAO) Kuldeep Raj Bassan and Jyoti Parkash Sharma SMS-DL as technical experts from the department.

The program is being technically coordinated by Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Ramban Dr. Raj Kumar Gupta, who highlighted the importance of scientific nutrient management for sustainable Agriculture and emphasized the role of Agri-entrepreneurs in promoting balanced fertilizer use at the grassroots level.

In his address, CAO Ramban stressed the importance of empowering local youth and progressive farmers through professional training to enable self-employment and service delivery in the Agriculture Sector. He appreciated the support of KVK Ramban and reiterated the department's commitment to successful implementation of HADP interventions in the district.

The 15-day training will cover key topics such as Soil health and nutrient cycles, Organic and inorganic nutrient sources, Regulatory norms for fertilizer storage and sale, Record keeping and licensing procedures and Field-level demonstrations and practical exposure

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To celebrate 75 years of adoption of the Constitution of India, the faculty and students of Government Degree College Ramkote today participated in the recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of India.

The event was organised by the NSS Unit of the College under the tagline of 'Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhimana' and under the overall guidance of the College Principal Dr.

Rakesh Kumar Koul. The objective of the programme was to create awareness among students about the importance of the Constitution and its Preamble as well as to promote the spirit of patriotism and nationalism. The activity also fostered awareness about the values, rights and duties enshrined in our constitution.

Students and faculty of GDC Ramkote recited the Preamble to the Constitution in unison. After the Preamble reading, a short documentary on 'Life of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel'

was screened as a part of two-year campaign commemorating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The students learnt about the pivotal role played by the Iron Man of India in uniting the various princely states into newly independent Indian Nation.

Prof. Suresh Chander addressed the students about the significance of the Preamble of the Constitution and motivated the students to learn more about the book that governs the life of every citizen of India.

DC Poonch chairs 5th DLIC meet under Mission YUVA

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The District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) for the Mission YUVA initiative convened a meeting today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal in the conference hall of DC Office Poonch.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner conducted a detailed review of the cases and directed all concerned officers to actively motivate and guide local youth to take advantage of various government livelihood and entrepreneurship schemes.

The committee thoroughly examined the Detailed Project Reports



(DPRs) submitted by the applicants.

After comprehensive

discussions and evaluations, all 165 proposals were approved, enabling

the sanctioned release of financial assistance to help these individuals set up sustainable income-generating units.

Mission YUVA, a flagship initiative of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, aims to empower the youth by offering technical and financial support to build viable business ventures and strengthen the region's economy through youth-led development.

The District Administration Poonch reiterated its commitment to extend every possible assistance to the beneficiaries so that they can successfully implement their projects and contribute to the socio-economic development of the district.