

Union MoS Chemical, Fertilizers, New & Renewable Energy visits Reasi

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REASI: Union Minister of State for Chemicals, Fertilizers, New and Renewable Energy Bhagwanth Khuba on Sunday visited sub-division Mahore of Reasi district as a part of public outreach initiative launched by the Central government for UT J&K.

Addressing the public, the Union MoS said that the Central Government is making strenuous efforts to ensure that benefits of the developmental and welfare schemes should reach all sections of the society without any discrimination. "Ensuring prompt public delivery system by all the departments is one of the key areas of present govern-

ment", he said.

Maintaining that the Central Government is committed to the development of the Union Territory of J&K, the Minister said that the purpose of his visit is to

assess progress on the imple-

mentation of government schemes on ground and seek feedback from the common masses.

He added that Ayushman Bharat scheme is an initiative of the Prime Minister to take care of health of poor so

that they should not be deprived of medical treatment for lack of financial resources.

The Union Minister advised the PRI representatives to effectively monitor the projects being executed in their respective areas so that the government's goal of transforming the rural landscape is achieved in its true sense.

On the occasion, beneficiaries of Ujjwala Yojna, Ayushman Bharat and Mumkin expressed their gratitude to the Prime Minister for launching such people friendly schemes.

Responding to the public demands, Minister assured that all the issues and concerns will be looked into for redressal on priority basis.

Include Kanga-Kabbi road in PMGSY: Congress leader

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RAMBAN: Ashok Kumar, Former MLA from Ramban took extensive tour to Gandhri, Kabi and Bhattan of Ramban Constituency and listened to the grievances raised by the people. Ashok stressed upon the government to include Kanga-Kabbi road in PMGSY with immediate effect. He demanded to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to immediately fill the vacant posts of doctors and paramedical staff at Bhattan PHCs and High secondary school Gandhri and High school Bhattan.

He also demanded to include Bhattan, Kabi, Duthan and Gandhri on tourist village map. Block President Rehmatullah Rounyal and various (local) senior and youth leaders were present in the meeting.

NCC Cadets of GCW Udhampur participate in Mission Shakti at DPL

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UDHAMPUR: The NCC Cadets of Government College for Women Udhampur participated in one-month long self-defence training camp for girls of schools and colleges organised by District Police, Udhampur under Mission Shakti-An Endeavour to Empower the Girls.

The purpose of this camp was to make the participating Girls self dependent and also to set an example of women empowerment.

The training included stretching exercises, jumping & running, followed by the basic knowledge about self defence like different types of kicks i.e. in out kick, front kick, full rise kick and their techniques.

They were also taught about how to tackle such unexpected and unprepared situations mostly when you are alone, how to defend and save yourself from somebody's attack.'

Prof. Minu Mahajan thanked the District Police for this activity and appreciated the cadets and said 'These types of self defence activities and training are very important and useful for every person but most importantly for girls and women so that they become self dependent and become an example of women empowerment.'

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BJYM activists staging protest at Poonch.

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POONCH: BJYM Poonch unit supported by youth staged a protest against Pakistan over recent terror attack in Poonch in which 9 soldiers were martyred.

Speaking on the occasion, Aman Dabur expressed his grief condolence with the martyr souls and assured that whole of the youth of Poonch is with the army whenever and wherever they needed.

93 Inf Brigade organises Poonch Marathon



Commander Puneet Doval honouring a dignitary.

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POONCH: Army's prestigious 93 Inf Brigade organised Poonch Marathon in connection with Swarnim Vijay Varsh, the victory of Indian Army over Pakistan in 1971 Indo Pak war.

More than 800 boys, girls and veterans took part in the marathon, which was flagged off by Commander Puneet Doval, DDC Chairperson

person Tazeem Akter and ADC Dr Basharat Hussain.

A colorful cultural pro-

gramme was also presented by Sarswati Sangeet Kala Kendra Poonch while the event was also sponsored by

the Sham Lal Hockey Academy, HDIFC Bank, State Bank of India, ICIC Bank and Asian plywood.

At the end of the ceremony winners were facilitated by medals, gift hampers and certificate of participation. All the necessary arrangements were made by the 5 Rajput under the guidance of Commander Poonch Bde, Pardeep Khanna conducted the proceedings of Swarnim Vijay Varsh Poonch Marathon.

As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr. Mohammad Faried Bhat, the Health Department has collected 1240 samples including 261 RT-PCR and 979 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 2095 persons at dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs 16,700. Taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs. 59,82,950.

The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance.

Regarding snow clearance, the ADDC directed the Executive Engineer PMGSY to ensure availability of men and machinery for timely snow clearance in the area during upcoming winter season so that the people of Jumangund shall not face any inconvenience.

The ADDC also directed the concerned BMO to station a doctor in the local sub centre on a regular basis during the winter period so that people are provided with essential medical aid locally.

Reviewing the power sector, the ADDC directed the concerned engineer to speed up the repair of damaged conductors in the area to ensure restoration of power supply as early as possible.

Among others, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Tehsildar Trehgam, BDO Qadirabad, BMO, Executive Engineer PMGSY, AEE KPDCL Trehgam and other concerned attended the meeting.

Previously, the college released UTSARG, a documentary showcasing the journey of our great heroes of Kargil War.

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Later, the ADDC convened

a separate meeting of officers and took a detailed review of progress of various departments in the area. The departments reviewed include PDD, Health, Education, RDD, PMGSY, Food, Agriculture, Horticulture, ICDS, Animal and Sheep Husbandry.

The ADDC stressed upon the officers to work with added dedication and ensure all necessary amenities are provided to the people of the far flung area of Jumangund which remains cut off for most of the months from the rest of the district.

Reviewing the Food supplies, the ADDC was informed that 1150 quintal rice is presently dumped in the area to feed the local people during the winter months.

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Samoon visits ITI Doda; inaugurates CBT lab

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DODA: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, on Sunday visited ITI Doda and inspected ongoing construction works on the administrative block of ITI Doda.

He directed the concerned executing agencies to accelerate the pace of progress on the project for timely completion. Dr Samoon also inaugurated the Computer Based Test (CBT) laboratory in ITI Doda which is the first of its kind in the whole district. He appreciated the overall working and infrastructure of the institute, particularly workshops.

The Union MoS concluded his first day visit by visiting Bal Ashram at Mahore where he interacted with the inmates and handed over sport kits to the students.

ADC Abdul Sattar, ACD Anirudh Rai and other senior officers of the concerned departments were also present on the occasion.



Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon inaugurating ITI at Doda.

College Doda, Ashiq Nabi; Superintendent ITI Doda, Ravinder Singh Bhatti and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

Dr Samoon enquired about the admission process for the current session 2021-22 in respect of ITI Doda. He stressed upon the need for introduction of new short term job oriented courses as per the District Skill Plan and local industrial needs so that

the unemployed youth could get job opportunity.

Principal Secretary directed the concerned to look for options regarding internships of the trainees with the industries so that they are able to learn the trade and get placements simultaneously.

Later, Dr Samoon visited the construction site of Polytechnic College Doda to inspect the ongoing work on the building.

attraction of the inaugural session.

Earlier, Neelima Shah welcomed the guests, while Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri, Vivek Verma presented a detail of the working of these SHGs.

Additional Deputy Conservator of Forests Sunderbani, Vinod Banyal; BDO Dr Vikas Sharma; Station House Officer, S.D. Singh; Horticulture Development Officer Arun Sharma; Agriculture Extension officer Dr Davinder Jandiyal were also present as guests for this program.

The training program has been organised by Divisional Forest Officer

Nowshera, Neelima Shah.

Sudeshna Kumari an entrepreneur from Him Pine Society Kangra Himachal Pradesh and the pioneer in Chir handicraft making was invited to impart training to the trainees as Master trainer.

Four self help groups of

ten women each from five villages of Sunderbani have been constituted by

Sunderbani Forest Range to train them in this trade.

These self help groups are making different items using Chir pine needles.

To make the products market oriented, an advance

5-day training programme

for the women SHGs

has been organised by the department.

A display of items made

by SHGs was the main

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Principal Conservator of Forests, Jammu, K.

Ramesh Kumar also

addressed the SHGs and

appreciated their efforts

of making handicraft and

noted that this skill of

handicraft making can

play a crucial role in livelihood security for many more women. Further, he

presented a letter of appreciation to Sudeshna

Kumari and Vikram Singh

from Him Pine Society for

their efforts towards women empowerment.

A letter of appreciation

was also presented to Kala

Khan Watcher from Sunderbani Forest Range,

who is instrumental in the

preparation of handicraft from Chir needles.

Rakesh Verma Range officer Sunderbani presented

vote of thanks.

Saraswati Ji said that Katha prevents all types of dangers and while attending Satsang will improve the knowledge of getting closer to Almighty. He advised the youth not to not to consume liquor and other types of intoxicants. He asked the devotees to work hard and donate liberally from your hard earned money.

Prasad was distributed on this occasion after Arti.

Shri Inderdevsharanand Saraswati delivers religious discourses

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NOWSHERA: During ongoing Shri Ramcharitmanas Katha being conducted under the aegis of 1008 Mahamandleshwar Santosh Dass Moni Ji, religious discourses were delivered by Shri Shri 1008 Inderdevsharanand Saraswati Ji today in Thakurdwara Khoohwala Nowshera in a gathering of hundreds of devotees.

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Bharat Vikas Parishad organises medical camp

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AKHNOOR: Bharat Vikas Parishad Sakaha Akhnoor organised free medical checkup camp in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Hospital Narayana at Kameshwar Mandir Akhnoor on Sunday.

Suresh Jain, National Organizing Secretary was the Chief Guest on the occasion. About 200 people get benefitted in the camp while free medicines

and ECG BP and blood sugar checkup were also conducted.

Dev Raj Sharma were also present.

(National Vice President); Sushil Sharma (National Additional Sec); Arun Sharma (Regional Sec); Amita Sharma (Regional Sec Mahila Wing); Ashok Khajuria (President Prant Jammu); Romesh Sharma (President BVP Akhnoor); Pawan Gupta, Secretary Akhnoor; Narinder Mishra Secretary Prant Jammu and Rajesh Gupta Org Secretary Prant Jammu were also present.

different phases of the Indian Freedom Struggle.

The week-long activity will witness Essay Writing competitions, Declamation functions, Lecture on Swaraj Movement, Dandi Yatra etc.

District Incharge and Zonal Incharges have directed the schools to be well prepared for the activities.

Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav: Kathua schools holding series of activities

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KATHUA: Cultural and Education Cell of School