

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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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-



Union Minister of State for Chemicals, Fertilizers, New and Renewable Energy Bhagwanth Khuba during visit to Reasi.

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-

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 Mukim 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.

Samoon visits ITI Doda; inaugurates CBT lab

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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.

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vikas Sharma; Senior Superintendent of Police Doda, Mumtaz Ahmed; Joint Director Skill Development Jammu, Farooq Ahmed Khan; Principal Polytechnic



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

Include Kanga-Kabbi road in PMGSY: Congress leader

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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.

BJYM holds protest against Pak sponsored terrorism



BJYM activists staging protest at Poonch.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH: BJYM Poonch unit supported by youth staged a protest against Pakistan over recent terror attack in Poonch Forests 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.

CCF Jammu inaugurates 'Advance training programme on Chir needle handicraft'

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: An advanced training programme on the making of handicraft items using chir needles was inaugurated on Sunday by Chief Conservator of Forests Jammu, K.Ramesh Kumar, here at Forest Range Sunderbani.

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

The training program has been organised by Divisional Forest Officer



A resource person speaking during the programme.

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

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.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force) Dr Mohit Gera, joined the inaugural session through virtual mode. He appreciated the efforts of SHGs. He stressed upon branding of the products to get a good price in the market for the women of SHGs. He also interacted with Sudeshna Kumari, Master who narrated her Start up journey with just few women and now exporting the handicraft to other states as well as abroad.

NCC Cadets of GCW Udhampur participate in Mission Shakti at DPL

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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.'

93 Inf Brigade organises Poonch Marathon

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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 Akhter and ADC Dr Basharat Hussain. A colorful cultural pro-



Commander Puneet Doval honouring a dignitary.

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

Enforcement teams realizes over Rs 16,000 fine from violators in Ramban

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMBAN: Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams on Sunday fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

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 dis-

tance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr, Suresh informed that as many as 2095 persons were administered first and second Covid vaccine doses across Ramban district today.

As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr. Mohammad Fareed 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.

ADDC Kupwara visits Jumagund to take stock of winter preparedness

Reviews progress of various departments

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KUPWARA: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan on Sunday visited border area Jumagund of Kupwara district to take stock of winter preparedness by various departments and hear the problems of the people in the far flung area.

During the visit, the ADDC convened a public darbar at Jumagund in which officers, PRIs and senior citizens, besides, people in large numbers participated.

On the occasion, local PRIs and senior citizens apprised the chair about various developmental issues facing the population of the area.

The ADDC heard their issues patiently and passed on spot directions to the concerned officers for redressal of the issues raised.

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 Jumagund 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.

The ADDC directed the concerned officer to dump an additional supply of Aatta and sugar before the onset of winter in the area.

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 Jumagund 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.

the Sham Lal Hockey Academy, HDFC 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.

Bharat Vikas Parishad organises medical camp

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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



A section of dignitaries during the camp.

and ECG BP and blood conducted. sugar checkup were also Dev Raj Sharma

Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav: Kathua schools holding series of activities

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: Cultural and Education Cell of School Education department has planned to organise a series of activities during the week starting from October 18, 2021 under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav. Similar activities were organised by the Cell during the previous week to commemorate the contribution of Freedom fighters during

different phases of the Indian Freedom Struggle.

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

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

People keenly listened to 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' programme

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BUDGAM: The 7th Episode of 'Awaam ki Awaaz' Program witnessed huge participation with people listening to it keenly across Budgam district on Sunday.

The public hailed the efforts of the U.T administration in reaching out to the people through innovative ideas including radio and social media.

Awaam Ki Awaaz is the novel initiative of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Jammu and Kashmir which aims at disseminating the

progressive steps taken by the administration and seeks public feedback to make the process interactive, participative and people centric. The platform appreciates the heterogeneity of our Union Territory in the truest sense by providing a voice to people's ambitions and crafting a strategy to draft policies that are reflective of people's aspirations and making the governance paradigm interactive.

Awaam Ki Awaaz gives voice to the weak, strength to the diseased, space to the

marginalized and a vision to the administration that is symbolic of the collective aspirations of the masses. By placing the citizenry at the center of the cycle of policy making, the ideas from the ground that are destined to spring in the corridors of Policy-Formulation are envisioned as the strongest outcomes of this initiative and this 21st century model of governance, built on seeking grass-root level feedbacks is set to emerge as a true tribute to the Gandhian principles of administration.

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