

Iconic week festival: DC Rajouri flags off Himalayan Bike Rally

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RAJOURI: To mark the celebration of Iconic Week Festivals as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the District Administration Rajouri in collaboration with the Rajouri Development Authority today organized the Himalayan Bike Rally.

The rally was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Rajesh K Shavan from lawns of the PWD Dak Bungalow.

Among the others, President MC Rajouri, Mohd Arief; CEO RDA, Vivek Puri; ACD, Sushil Khajuria; DSEO, Bilal Rashid Mir; ARTO, Shami Kumar, ward councillor, Sanjay Sharma were present during the event.

JKTJAC demands old pension scheme for NPS employees

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UDHAMPUR: A meeting of Jammu Kashmir Teachers Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) was held today under its President Vinod Sharma which was attended by a large number of NPS employees of Education, PDD, Forest and Youth services and Sports.

Speaking on the occasion Vinod Sharma raised the burning issues of NPS Employees and demanded the old pension scheme for all such employees. He said that pension is the only source of income and a ray of hope for the employees after their retirement, but NPS scheme has snatched the said source thereby pushing them in distress.

He appealed to the LG to intervene in the matter and grant the old pension scheme for the NPS Employees so that they may not suffer in their old age. Speakers of various departments raised the NPS issue and said that shortcomings in the scheme are forcing the employees to come on joint platform to demand old pension scheme.

Enforcement teams recovers Rs 16,600 fine from violators in Ramban

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RAMBAN: Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams on Tuesday 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 16,600. Taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs. 61,06,850.

The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh informed that as many as 2108 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 1267 samples including 350 RT-PCR and 917 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 2108 persons at dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

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Bikers during the event at Rajouri.

As many as 50 bikers including 04 girls and 46 boys participated with added zeal in the rally. A sufficient number of Security personnel have been deployed along the route from Rajouri, Narian, Thalka, Lam, Jhangher, Nowshera, Bhawani, Seri-Sayal, Beripatan,

requisite essential medicines has also been kept available.

Addressing the participants, the Deputy Commissioner also said that the objective for organizing such events is to harness the tourism potential of the district to raise the economy of the district.

He said that concerted efforts are being made to boost the tourism sector in the district and a slew of measures are underway to explore all the possibilities for tapping its potential to the full.

"Youth can play a pivotal role in promoting tourism as they are capable of generating powerful ideas and the same would come through their active participation in

such tourism promotion activities," said the DC.

Highlighting the measures being taken to promote border tourism, the DC said that the District Administration is working on this point and a border Mela would be organised shortly besides a mega cultural event cum Moshairah

would also be organised.

DC urged upon the youth to play a positive role in the peace, prosperity and development of the district.

He further said such events would continue to be organised in near future and sought active cooperation and participation from the public especially the youth in the events for their successful conduct of such programs.

Councilor starts construction of protection wall



Councilor Priti Khajuria after inaugurating civic work.

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UDHAMPUR: Councilor ward No.1 MCU Priti Khajuria on Tuesday started the construction work of a damaged protection wall in

Jakhaini locality. Priti said that it was the dire need of the public and with the sincere efforts finally construction work started.

According to Priti particu-

lar protection wall had collapsed in the month of March 2020 due to heavy rain. She further added that due to wall collapse newly constructed tile lane had also partially damaged and broken which restricted the public movement from both end of lane

The people present on the occasion expressed their happiness by expressing their gratitude towards councilor Priti to heave a sigh of relief after commencing construction work after years suffering. Officials of PWD department were also present on the occasion.

BAP condoles demise of grand-daughter of Adv Quazi Mohd Sayed

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POONCH: During an extra ordinary meeting held under president Adv Maroof Khan, the Bar Association of Poonch (BAP) condoled the sad and untimely demise of Grand-daughter of Adv Quazi Mohd Sayed and daughter of Adnan Sayed CJM Reasi.

The participants expressed solidarity with the members of bereaved family and observed two minutes silence praying for peace to the departed soul and courage to the family to bear this

irreparable loss. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Advocates Taj Hussain Shah, Amuj Kapoor, Mohd Younis, Murtaza Khan, Abbas Khan, Sanjay Raina, and others.

Bar members during the meeting at Poonch.

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet on Tuesday chaired a joint meeting of Revenue and Army departments to discuss the land acquisition, Requisition, De-Requisition and Misc issues pertaining to defence land here at conference hall of DC office Complex Poonch.

The meeting was attended by Col. J Aswinder Singh and Lt. Col. Paramjeet Singh of Station Headquarter 93 Infantry Brigade Poonch, Lt. Col. G. S Dillon, Station Hqrs. Krishna Ghati Lt. Col. B.S Negi of Station Hqrs B.G, Head Quarter Assistant Jahangir Hussain, Tehsildar Haveli Anjum Bashir Khan Khatak, Tehsildar Mandi Shazad Latief Khan, Tehsildar Surankote Sheraz Ahmed, Tehsildar Mendhar

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Union MoS Prahla Singh Patel visits Reasi, interacts with public representatives

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REASI: The Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Food Processing Industries, Prahla Singh Patel on Tuesday visited Reasi where he interacted with the public representatives and participated in various activities.

On the occasion the minister said that the Government is making best efforts to ensure that benefits of development reach all sections of the society without discrimination. The Minister assured that all the demands of the people in the area will be fulfilled on a priority basis.

The Union Minister said that the purpose of his visit is to assess the progress of implementation of Government schemes on the ground and get a direct response from the public.

Commenting on increasing the standard of health care in the area, the minister said that the Ayushman Bharat initiative of the Prime Minister has ensured financial assistance for medical treatment of different sections of the society. He added that efforts are being made to ensure equitable development and corruption free govern-



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ment for the overall welfare of the society.

Later, the Minister visited Thampal Fish Farm where he inspected different departmental stalls displayed by various departments of district Reasi. Calling the planning approach a bottom-up model, he advised the elected representatives to effectively monitor the progress of various projects for maximum benefits.

Emphasizing on the Central Government's commitment to bring a new era of

Development in J&K, the Minister said that it is for the first time in the history of J&K that Central Ministers are visiting villages to interact and get the first hand appraisal of their problems and feedback about the implementation of the schemes.

DC Chairman Reasi Saraf Singh Nag, DC Reasi, Charandeep Singh, ADDC Jyoti Salathia, ADC Abdul Star, CPO, POICDS and other senior officers were also present in the public outreach programme.

DLC clears 18 FRA claims in Rajouri



DC Rajouri, Rajesh K Shavan chairing a meeting.

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RAJOURI: District Level Committee on Forests Rights Act which met under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Rajesh K Shavan on Tuesday cleared 18 claims here in a meeting held in the Conference Hall of the PWD Dak Bungalow.

Among the others, DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh; DFO Nowshera, Neelima; ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; ADC Sunderban, Vinod Kumar Behnai; ADC Nowshera, Sukhdev

Singh Sambalay; ADC Kalakote, Krishan Lal; ADC Koteranka, Surinder Mohan Sharma; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACP, Mohd Rashid Kohli; AC Defence, Saleem Quershi; CEO Education, Gulzar Hussain; ExEn Jal Shakti Rajouri, Mushtaq Ahmed attended the meeting.

BDC Chairperson Qila Darhal, Khalid Firdoz and BDC Chairperson Panjgrain, Mian Imran Chowdhury were also present in the meeting.

After a threadbare dis-

cussion and scrutiny of all the claims put up in the meeting, the committee cleared 21 claims for granting forest rights to the beneficiaries.

So far, three meetings of the DLC have been convened in the district and as many as 477 claims have been cleared. The DC has issued strict instructions to the concerned authorities for the coverage of all eligible beneficiaries under the Forest Right Act so that they can be provided necessary benefits under the Act.

He also asked the concerned officers from the Education Department and Jal Shakti to submit the list of the schools functioning on the forest land and the schemes of the Jal Shakti Department operating within the forest boundaries respectively at the earliest.

The next DLC meeting is scheduled to be convened on next Monday.

Progress of land acquisition cases of army reviewed



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Lastly, directions were issued to all the Tehsildars/ Revenue Officials to speed up disposal of all the held up issues and cases so that genuine land owners get their compensation on time.

Officers of the Army units shall examine the issues and proceed further accordingly. In the meeting, the army representatives also raised issues of violation of Works of Defence Act (WODA)/ NOC guidelines. The chair viewed the matter seriously and the concerned Tehsildars were directed to strictly ensure that no such violation takes place on the ground in future.

Several cases of delayed rental compensations were also brought in where appropriate directions were issued to the concerned officers and officials for speedy disposal of the cases.

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