

DC Rajouri reviews implementation of Forest Rights Act

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RAJOURI: To review the progress regarding the implementation of the Forest Rights Act in the district, District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Rajesh K Shavan on Sunday convened a meeting with the concerned officers, here in his office chamber.

Among the others, DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh; DFO Nowshera, Neelima; ACD, Sushil Khajuria, AC Defence, Saleem Quersh; Warden WildLife,; BDO Rajouri and Chander Kant Bhagat attended the meeting.

A comprehensive discus-

sion on the current status of the Act, progress on receiving of claims, identification of the community assets within forest boundaries, hundred per cent coverage of the left out eligible beneficiaries and other necessities about the effective implementation of the act on ground level were held in the meeting.

The DC, while speaking, during the meeting asked the concerned officers to devise a suitable mechanism for the identification and universal coverage of left out eligible beneficiaries so that they can be provided necessary benefits under the Act.

He also directed for the identification of the community assets within the forest boundaries like bowlis, bridal path, grazing areas, tractor roads etc at the earliest.

Underlining the need for disseminating awareness at the grassroots level, the DC directed for taking appropriate measures to provide necessary awareness among the masses about the Act for its effective implementation at ground level.

DC also emphasized upon the concerned departments to work with added zeal for getting the desired results within the fixed time frame.

DDC Doda inspects status of ongoing mega projects

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DODA: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda, Vikas Sharma, visited the last village of the district Kaljugasar in Gandoh Sin Division to take stock of the developmental scenario, besides to listen to the grievances of the locals.

The DDC started with inspection of finishing work of mega projects including Government Degree College Building Kilhotran and Community Health Centre Gandoh besides Oxygen Generation plant coming up in the Health Institution. The executing agencies were asked to complete the pending minor finishing works on war footing to facilitate early commissioning of the twin projects for the



DDC Doda, Vikas Sharma interacting with locals at Gandoh.

benefit of the public.

At both the venues the DDC administered Swachhta pledge to the staff members, Students and PRI members, besides flagged off the rally and felicitated the students of GDC Kilhotran for their excellent performance in different events organised under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav.

At Dak Bungalow Changa the DDC met several deputations which included PRI and Youth Club members, DDC members and others and listened to their grievances patiently. He assured them that all their genuine demands shall be addressed by the concerned authorities on priority. He directed for early execution of

Jugasar road and asked XEN PMGSY to submit its PERT chart for daily monitoring.

The DDC also directed the local administration to avail the services of the newly formed Youth Clubs of the area for the mass awareness of the schemes and coordinate with the district administration for their capacity building.

Week-long online FDP concludes at SMVDU



SMVDU officials along with dignitaries during the programme.

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KATRA: The valedictory session of a week-long online Faculty Development Program (FDP) on "Mathematics and Its Applications in Science and Engineering" concluded at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. The program has been organized by Faculty Development Centre, SMVDU in collaboration with the School of Mathematics under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Training Scheme of Ministry of Education, GoI. A total of

more than 50 participants of the FDP were faculty members of Colleges and Universities from across India. During the FDP, the participants were sensitized concerning the latest developments in Mathematics and recent trends in interdisciplinary research. Sessions of the FDP were conducted by eminent Mathematicians from reputed Universities, IITs, IITs and senior faculty members from SMVDU.

The valedictory session began with a formal welcome of the guests by Dr. Surender Singh, Coordinator of the

FDP. Prof. A. K. Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Sciences graced the valedictory session with his kind presence. Professor Sharma said "Mathematics is the mother of all branches of study. A person who is good in Mathematics can be good in any subject". Prof. V. K. Bhat, Dean, FoHSS, SMVDU was the guest of honor at the occasion and gave remarks about the significance of Mathematics in Science and Engineering. Dr. Supran Kumar Sharma, coordinator FDC, SMVDU and Dean, Faculty of Management

briefed about the activities of the FDC, SMVDU and appreciated the consistent presence of the participants during the sessions, and efforts of the organizing team. Dr. Uday Pratap Singh, Head SoM and Convener of the FDP, presented the report on the FDP. Dr. Singh informed that the FDP has been very lively and interactive, and a very good feedback has been received from the participants about the sessions.

Dr. A. K. Das, Director, DQA added that the cutting edge applications of pure Mathematics can be investigated by a collaborative work of Engineers, Scientists and Mathematicians. Dr. Vivek K. Singh, Co-convener of the FDP proposed the vote of thanks. Padma Sri Prof. Ravindra K. Sinha, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SMVD University and Registrar Shri Nagendra Singh Jamwal congratulated the organizing team for the successful organization of the FDP.

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KISHTWAR: To review Covid Vaccination and SEHAT registration status in the district, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar Ashok Sharma on Sunday chaired a daylong meeting of all key officers of concerned department and CSC officials here in the conference hall of New Office.

During the meeting after discussion with the participants, the DC rolled out the strategy to expedite the vaccination drive in the district. Reiterating the order issued by him yesterday, he stressed all DDOs to ensure vaccination and SEHAT card registration of government employees by implementing the order in letter and spirit, besides asked the enforcement agencies to ensure that no public service is availed by unvaccinated persons including shopkeepers, drivers and commuters etc.

To intensify the vaccination drive in the far flung rural areas and ensure that the left out persons are saturated with



DC Kishtwar Ashok Sharma interacting with street vendors.

vaccination ahead of ensuing winters, Deputy Commissioner directed the Tehsildars and BMOs to work in tandem to mobilise the vaccination teams to conduct Vaccination drive on a Mission mode basis. He directed Tehsildars and BDOs to make adequate arrangements for the camping of vaccination teams in the areas with low vaccination percentage. Moreover, the DC also directed the BMOs to set Vaccination nakas in their respective jurisdictions to expedite the immunization and duly follow SOPs while conducting the vaccination at these nakas.

Perturbed over the slackness in the PM- JAY SEHAT reg-

istration, the DC asked authorities to submit the details of the non performing VLEs so that strict action shall be initiated against them.

Further, he stressed on following a target driven approach in registration and directed VLEs to stay in the areas for better results and said that best performing VLEs will be felicitated.

Further, the DC asked all the BMOs to ensure that CAB is being fully implemented in their respective jurisdictions, besides asked them to expedite the sampling to check spread of the virus.

The DC informed the meeting that these are the major focus areas of the LG admin-

MC Bari Brahmana celebrates Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav

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BARI BRAHMANA: In a continue process of the ongoing Pakhawada, the Municipal Committee, Bari Brahmana on Sunday celebrated the conclusion day of "Azadi Ka Amrut Mahoutsav". The Chief Guest of the function Asgar Hussain, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu welcomed by Jodh Raj, Executive Officer, Ward Members and Safaimitras of Municipal Committee Bari Brahmana. The Executive Officer administers the Swachhta pledged to all the participants including staff as well as frontline sanitation workers. The function was arranged under the guidance of Jodh Raj Executive Officer and all the arrangement was made under the close supervision of Ravinder Kumar Gupta, Assistant Sanitation Officer and Kamal Kishore Secretary Municipal Committee, Bari Brahmana.

The Chief Guest Asgar Hussain honored all the



Dignitaries along with MC officials during the event.

safaimitras of Municipal Committee Bari Brahmana by presenting them garlands and appreciation certificates i.e. "Scroll of Honor". The Chief Guest also presented the "Scroll of Honor" to existing Ward Members, Ex-Presidents, Ex-Ward Members, Special Guests, best Entrepreneur of Bari Brahmana town for cooperating with Bari Brahmana municipality to cater the challenge of garbage including plastic wastes. The Chief guest also given Appreciation Certificate to Sh Ravinder Kumar Gupta, Assistant Sanitation Officer and Sh

Kamal Kishore, Secretary Municipal Committee Bari Brahmana.

The Municipal Committee Bari Brahmana also arranged the refreshment / lunch for the participants especially for the Safaimitras of the function. The chief guest also have lunch with all the Safaimitras in the function. The Safaimitras gave special thanks to the Chief Guest Asgar Hussain, JKAS, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu for honoring them.

The Executive Officer thanked to all the participants for supporting

clean and develop the best eco system environment for the society. The Chief Guest also shared with the participants that the department is going to establish a MRF (Material Recovery Facility) and Solid Waste Management Plant very shortly in Bari Brahmana Town for which the 10 kanals land has already been transferred by the Deputy Commissioner Anuradha Gupta, recently in favour of Municipal Committee Bari Brahmana.

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pants for supporting Municipal Committee Bari Brahmana, the Officer also assured to the participants that execution of developmental works are in progress and the Municipal Committee very soon complete all the ongoing major developmental works.

Jodh Raj, Executive Officer given special thanks to the chief guest Sh Asgar Hussain, JKAS, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu for sparing time for Municipal Committee, Bari Brahmana from busy schedule, the officer also requested / appealed to all the best Waste Entrepreneurs, School Administrations, citizens as well as shopkeepers of Bari Brahmana town and all participants to cooperate with the Municipal Committee, Bari Brahmana in order to make city neat, clean and green. The Executive Officer also requested to the citizens of the town to provide segregated waste to the door to door collection vehicles of the Municipality.

Union Minister visits various areas of Reasi



MoS MSME Bhanu Partap Singh Verma during visit to Reasi.

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REASI: As part of the Central Government's public outreach programme for the Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister of State (MoS) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Bhanu Partap Singh Verma, on Sunday visited Panchayat Kheryal and other areas of Reasi on his

second day of visit to the district.

During his visit, the Minister interacted with the members of various SHGs of UMEED scheme. He also inspected the stalls established by them during the interaction.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that Atamnirbhar Bharat and Nari Shakti are the prime objectives of the present government at the centre and numerous schemes have been launched to achieve those objectives.

He said that it is the vision of Prime Minister to make rural women self-reliant and these small enterprises or clusters are being established on that vision by which they earn their livelihood and live a dignified life.

The Minister also advised the SHGs to adopt for better marketing strategies so as to compete at the National and International levels.

On the occasion, the Minister highlighted that business units under MSMEs are contributing 33 per cent to the GDP and said that Prime Minister has set a target of making this contribution to 50 percent.

During the visit, the Minister also interacted with DC members, BDC members and PRI representatives of the area who projected several public issues before the minister.

While interacting with them, the Minister said present outreach programme has been initiated by the Government to ascertain the basic problems of the people from grass root level across J&K. He assured the representatives that the demands and grievances projected by them will be redressed on priority.

Later, the Minister also paid obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine.

PDA hosts day-long trekking expedition



Officials along with others during the trekking expedition.

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POONCH: A One day trekking expedition camp was organised by the Poonch Development Authority in collaboration with the Directorate of Tourism, District Administration Poonch, J&K Academy of Art Culture and Language, Rajouri and Social Welfare Department, under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The camp took off from Haribuddha and traversed through enchanting valleys to reach Jabbi Toti which is an unexplored Tourist destination endowed with enchanting natural beauty.

Around 300 local trekkers were part of this trekking. Chief Executive Officer

(Tourism), Dr. Mohammad Tanveer said that the main aim of this camp was to explore Tourism potential of Peer Panchal, especially in the Poonch district.

He said such types of events would provide an opportunity to youth to understand their ability, patience, and weakness and to improve their skills which would help them in their future.

During the camp, the special officer for cultural activities (SOCA) Rajouri/ Poonch, Dr. Alamdar Adam organised a Cultural event at Jabbi Toti in which local artists presented folk music, Geets, Baits and enthralled

the trekkers and local people.

The local trekkers thanked the CEO Poonch Development Authority, District Administration Poonch, Directorate of Tourism Jammu and Special officer for cultural Activities Rajouri/Poonch for providing them the opportunity to know about local folk Lores, Geets in Regional languages and the history of this place, besides exploring the tourism potential spots.

A cleanliness programme, "Swachata Hi Sewa " was also launched on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti to promote cleanliness awareness among the locals. The volunteers went door to door to make people aware about the Mission Youth and various other government schemes. They also interacted with unemployed youth and appealed to them to get more and more benefits from government livelihood schemes.

BDC Chairperson of the area, CDPO, Tehsil Social welfare Officer and locals of Haribuddha along with Panchs, Sarpanchs were also part of this trekking.

GDC Jindrah organises Swachhata Abhiyan under Clean India Campaign



Students carrying out cleanliness of a pond.

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JINDRAH: The NSS unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Jindrah organised Swachhata Abhiyaan under #Clean India Campaign on the 3rd day of 'Har Din Paavan' in the Ward no.1 of the Jindrah village. The water bodies of the area were covered under the Abhiyaan for today's activity. The activity was done under the banner of 'Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Dr. Sunil Sharma, Program officer; NSS Unit of GDC Jindrah supervised the whole Swachhata Abhiyaan and Dr. Seema, Librarian and member of NSS team compiled and reported the whole cleanliness

drive. During the tour the DDC also inspected the ongoing developmental works in the area which includes construction of the roads, macadamisation etc and directed the concerned to ensure quality and transparency during the execution.

The locals also raised the demand for placement of adequate staff in CHC Gandoh, construction of Changa to Bal Padri road, Black Topping of Gandoh Jai road, besides other roads. The DDC directed the concerned to address the issues on priority basis and to submit the compliance report.

The DDC member Chilli, SDM Gandoh, CMO Doda, Ex En PWD, Tehsildar Gandoh, SDPO Gandoh, besides other officers and PRI members accompanied the DDC.

DC Kishtwar reviews COVID vaccination, SEHAT registration status

istration which shall be taken care of on priority basis.

The meeting was attended by Joint Director Planning Mohd Iqbal; ACD Kishtwar Kishore Singh Katoch; DPO Sunil Bhutiyal; CMO Dr R S Manhas; All Tehsildars, BDOs, BMOs, besides other officials of health department, VLEs also remained present in the meeting.

Soon after the meeting, the DC along with District Panchayat Officer Sunil Bhutyal, Tehsildar (HQ) Chander Shekhar Sharma besides health officials conducted inspection of Sunday market and took spot appraisal of the implementation of COVID 19 Appropriate Behaviour and Vaccination coverage of all street vendors and sellers there.

During checking, On-spot vaccination for the unvaccinated street vendors was also conducted to ensure the safety of all. The DC informed that from tomorrow onward on-spot vaccination will be conducted for all unvaccinated shopkeepers, drivers and commuters.

KVK Reasi celebrates Gandhi Jayanti

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology - Jammu (SKUAST-J) celebrated 152st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on Sunday at Malad village in Pooni block of Reasi district of J&K which was enthusiastically attended by a number of farm women of the area.

The programme was organised under the guidance of Director Extension of SKUAST-J, Prof.SK Gupta. All the SOPs pertaining to COVID-19 were strictly followed while conducting the programme. The major objective of the programme was to educate the people about the Gandhian Philosophy; cleanliness derive, income generation activities among the rural women.

Dr. Suja Nabi Qureshi, sci-

entist spoke on Gandhian Philosophy and added that Gandhiji always wanted to make sanitation a priority in the whole nation. He said that Swachhata Hi Sewa is a national sanitation flagship programme of the Government of India to clean the vicinities so that the national drive of clean India can be made successful. He urged participants to consistently keep cleaning their premises. He added that there is a need of consistent efforts to clean the every nook and corner of the area. He said that this noble mission will be successful only when all the citizens of the country participate in this noble cause. He also guided the techniques for farm residues wastes management and suggested the participants to be committed towards cleanness derive. He urged the participants to further aware more and more people of the district about this

national derive so that villages, towns, campuses, temples, mosques, Panchayat Ghar, schools etc. can be made clean and green and emphasised on the cleaning of drinking water areas, toilets, crop fields etc. He also spoke on women empowerment and narrated that women can be empowered by starting micro-entrepreneurships in the rural area. He also discussed the role of Self Help Groups (SHGs) for women empowerment. He appealed the participants to have their inner self clean and make Swachhata a habit in their daily routine whether it is school, home, neighbourhood, village, town etc. so that the sacred Swachhata Mission can be made successful. The programme was co-ordinated by Dr.Banarsi Lal, Scientist& Head of KVK, Reasi. Manohar Lal assisted the programme and Dr.Suja Nabi Qureshi concluded the programme with the formal vote of thanks.

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