

Solar Plant in Palli functioning without any glitch

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SAMBHA: The Palli Panchayat in Jammu and Kashmir's border district of Samba has achieved the distinction of becoming the country's first Panchayat in adopting several government initiatives including the measures to become carbon neutral Panchayat. The Panchayat boasts of a 500 KV Solar Power Plant inaugurated by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on National Panchayat Day on 24th April, 2022.

Due to recent intermittent rains in and around district Samba, agricultural fields were water logged due to poor runoff from the surface. The site of the 500 KW Solar Power Plant, which is surrounded by paddy fields, also got water logged as such. However, the functioning of the Solar Plant was not affected as it continues to work normally.

Taking immediate cognizance of accumulation of water at the Solar Plant, the Deputy Commissioner Samba directed for earth leveling to resolve the problem of water-logging. Further, wild growth of grass has also been removed.

Meanwhile, the Teams of Rural Development, Power Development Department, District administration



Samba and JAKEDA also visited Palli Panchayat to inspect the condition of the 500 KW Solar Power Plant installed by CEL a Public Sector undertaking under "Gram Urja Swaraj", a Panchayat owned systems operating model.

The team of JAKEDA officials headed by Additional Secretary, Science & Technology Department informed that the system is fully functional and generating the desired amount of energy which is being fed to the Utility Grid.

The District Administration team was headed by ADDC, Rajinder Singh. The RDD was asked for prompt removal of the unwanted grass etc. from the Site, which has been removed.

The inspection of the Solar Power Plant has revealed that the SPV Panels are maintained in reasonably good structural integrity and no damage is caused to the said SPP.

The said Solar Plant is a first of its kind which has been developed as a Pilot Project at Village Palli in District Samba, making it the country's first Panchayat (village body) on its way to become Carbon Neutral.

The PRIs of Panchayat who were also present at site intimated that land for expansion of the Solar Power Plant has also been identified so that its capacity could be augmented for the benefit of the residents of the Palli Panchayat.

The development of such a Grid Connected Solar Project in J&K has helped DISCOMS in meeting the Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) targets set by the Ministry of Power in respect of J&K.

It is pertinent to mention that after the visit of PM during the national PRI conference, Panchayat Palli is fast emerging as a model Panchayat. District administration is focusing on 100 percent saturation of all

major Government schemes in the Panchayat.

All landholders in Palli have been issued land pass-books. All individuals having houses in abadi-deh area have been issued property cards. The Panchayat is also saturated in Aadhar and Ayushman Sehat and other social security schemes.

The Nokia Smartpur, established in April 2022 during the PRI conference, has become a fountainhead of various citizen centric services. It is offering services on four verticals via financial inclusion, e governance, digital library, livelihood support.

A calendar of activities has been issued by the district administration which is benefiting not only the inhabitants of Palli but also of adjoining panchayats.

The SHG members are also being trained in digital banking and digital marketing. Students as well as adults are also getting exposure in new fields.

Among many firsts, Palli has also formulated Climate Resilience Plan for making the Panchayat carbon neutral. A detailed survey was conducted for studying carbon emission level and formulation of plan accordingly. Several important steps have already been undertaken like the planting of 500

plants of guava, lemon, jamun, mango etc and introduction of diversification of crops. Many other steps as suggested by experts have been incorporated in the plan which will make Palli completely carbon neutral within the next six years.

As part of Mission Amrit Sarovar, which was launched by the PM during the PRI conference, a beautiful Amrit Sarovar has been completed at Palli also with the stocking of 10,000 fingerlings to make it a source of income generation for the Panchayat.

Palli also has the distinction of being the first Panchayat in J&K to have an organized well functioning Solid waste management system, including door to door collection of waste, sanctioning and start of 6 no. Biogas plants.

Palli also has a beautiful Yog vatika and Nakshtra garden which is open for all inhabitants as well as visitors. Renovation has also been carried out in Panchayat Ghar, schools and Health and Wellness center.

District administration Samba holds regular awareness and developmental activities in Palli Panchayat with the active participation of local inhabitants and elected representatives.

Ashok Koul stresses on induction of new voters, Aadhar linking



J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul chairing a meeting of BJP leaders in Samba.

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SAMBHA: J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul was addressed a meeting of BJP Samba regarding ongoing "revision of electoral rolls" exercise in Jammu & Kashmir.

J&K BJP Vice-President Surjeet Singh Slathia, General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, former Minister Chander Parkash Ganga, Prabhari Narayan Singh, District President Samba Amar Singh, DDC Chairman Keshav, Municipal Chairman Pawan, Ganesh, Bachan, BDC chairman Jogehawar Singh, BLA1 Kashmir Singh, BLA1 Vijaypur Jai Ram Sharma, BLA 1 Ramgarh Darhan Chowdhary, All Mandal Presidents, All District Office Bearers and others were present in the meeting.

Ashok Koul, in his address stressed on the induction of

new Voters and linking of Aadhar with Voter Card which remained the two main agendas of the meeting. He asked the party leaders to guide people on voter rights and responsibilities to empower first-time voters to make informed decisions during the upcoming assembly elections.

"Focus on the basic rights of the voter as enshrined in the Constitution, and enumerate the responsibilities voters need to consider before and after casting their votes. For the

whole exercise BJP leaders have to devote themselves to the task and reach up to every single household to strengthen the democracy", Koul said.

Dr. Devinder Manyal stressed on to speed up the process of registration of voters including new voters. He asked BJP workers to contribute to voter registration, updating of electoral rolls and Aadhar linking. He asked the party activists to ensure door-to-door campaign to educate the masses on whole exercise.

Medical camp, screening of children held at GMS Kandni

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KISHTWAR: A Medical cum Screening camp was held on Tuesday at Government Middle School (GMS) Kandni of Zone Drabshalla by Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakarm (RBSK) team of health Block Kishtwar. The school children were screened by RBSK team under the guidance and supervision of Block Medical Officer (BMO) Kishtwar, Dr Sat Lal Manhas.

The screening detected some cases of 4Ds,

which were referred to the District Early Intervention Center (DEIC) at District Hospital Kishtwar for further follow up.

Besides, awareness about health and hygiene was imparted to the students by Dr Nazir Hussain, Medical Officer. Free medicines were also provided to the needy children.

Dr Nazir Hussain, Medical Officer, said it was a routine work/Check up of children conducted by the RBSK team.

Awareness prog on Menstrual Hygiene held at GDC Khour



Faculty along with students during the programme.

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KHOUR: NGO LFO-BH Foundation (NGO) organised a demonstrated project on "Menstruation - A Taboo In Society" in collaboration with NSS Unit GDC Khour at GDC Khour Akhnoor under Project R-SAP.

This programme was conducted in the presence of Prof.T.K Sharma (Principal GDC Khour) and Assistant Professor Dr. Gurwinder. NSS Programme Officer (GDC Khour) and also the other staff of college. More than 150 participant participated in this event.

Symposium competition were also held in which number of students participated some of them are Taniya Choudhary, Shagun Choudhary, Khushi Sharma, Mannat

Bhau, Ritik, Rahul, Barsha Bhau and break the shackles of shyness and discussed this topic openly.

Vivek Parihar (Director & CEO) of Live for Others-Being Helpful Foundation said that, the main motive of this project is to create awareness on Menstrual Hygiene and to focus on the taboo related to it & main aim of this activity is to clear the myths related to periods and focus on the facts related to it. So that girls and women would feel free, mentally strong and proud of their menstruation.

Stuti Abrol (General Secretary of Jammu Province, LFO-BHF) & Abhishek Raina jointly delivered an awareness lecture in which they emphasised that "Women would have been the worst hit, as menstrual hygiene is very important to prevent infections.

So, it is very important to maintain menstrual hygiene to avoid infections and most important is to spread maximum awareness about the importance of Sanitary Napkins. At any given time, girls across India cannot afford sanitary napkins. Instead they use cloth, other unhygienic materials that increase their risk of contracting infections".

Other members present during this awareness program were Shubham (President Jammu Province) , Navya (VP Jammu Province), Abhinandan Sharma, Samar and others.

MSCB Trust's four-day 'National Art Workshop' concludes at Patnitop



Trust members along with participants during the event.

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PATNITOP: Four days National Art workshop organized by Master Sansar Chand Baru Trust Jammu and Kashmir under the joint aegis of State Lalit Kala Akademi, Uttar Pradesh concluded successfully at Patnitop here today. Famous artists from across the nation participated in this workshop portraying their thoughts and ideas by playing with colours using the strokes of the brush excellently transforming their creativity on the canvas.

It is pertinent to mention that Master Sansar Chand Baru Trust has been established in the name of renowned personality in arts namely Master Sansar Chand Baru, who is famous for his artifacts and there are multiple books in which his name figures among the great artists of the country. Voluminous details have been conveyed in the aforesaid books about his professional journey as an artist and the feats which he had achieved during his lifetime.

The Trust established in his name aims to promote art and culture across the nation so that more and more people especially the youngsters get inclined to the field of fine arts making it their career.

While addressing media persons on the concluding day of the Trust, the Trustee of Baru Trust, Anuradha Rishi said that the workshop is conducted with the aim to give impetus to the genre of art amid the natural splendid beauty of this picturesque tourist resort and to encourage the younger artists to explore their hidden talent. She said that the ambassador artists also work with school children on a wall to instill confidence among the young and budding artists. She added that the young artists are provided ample time to interact with the visiting art scholars to enhance their abilities and promote art in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Anuradha Rishi said that in the pres-

ent scenario there is a dire need to host such workshops across Jammu and Kashmir on a regular basis as these can prove to be very helpful in bringing out the hidden talent among the youngsters thus enabling them to participate in National and International Art Competitions and related events.

She informed that this time the artists participating in the workshop amid charming beauty of the famous tourist hill resort Patnitop had come from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana to take part in this workshop.

On the last day of the workshop, art material including colour, paint-colours were also distributed among the school students.

DEO Samba reviews SSR exercise

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SAMBHA: The District Election Officer Samba Anuradha Gupta on Tuesday reviewed the progress of Special Summary Revision process here at a meeting of EROs/AEROs/ Supervisors and BLOs held in the Conference Hall of District Administrative Complex, Nandani Hills. The District Election Officer reviewed the polling station wise progress achieved by the BLOs and asked them to achieve 100% target of enrolment of eligible unregistered electors and ensure linkage of Aadhar with Voter Id through form 6B. Meanwhile, Electoral Registration Officers, Manu Hansa (Assistant Commissioner Samba) 70-Samba Assembly Constituency and Ramkesh Sharma, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Ghagwal- 69-Ramgarh Assembly Constituency also reviewed the progress of their concerned Constituencies and directed the AEROs/ Supervisors and BLOs to complete the 100% target as per the schedule issued by the Election Commission of India. The District Informatic Officer Samba, Sanjeev Kapoor was also present in the meeting and discussed/clarified on spot various issues related to ERO Net portal, NVSP,Voter Help Line and Garuda App raised by Supervisors and BLOs.

GDC Neeli Nallah holds awareness lecture on 'Right to Information Act'



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

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UDHAMPUR: NSS Unit, "Sewak" Government Degree College Neeli Nallah, Udhampur organized awareness lecture on the theme "Right to Information Act".

The whole event was organized under the guidance of Principal, Prof. Hans Raj.

Sanjeet Bevoorla, Advocate, High Court, J&K, was the resource person of the event. The lecture was started with a welcome note by Dr. Radha Rani, NSS PO. The programme was followed with key note address by the Principal, Prof. Hans Raj. He stressed that the purpose of the lecture

was to raise awareness among the students about their rights. He also stressed that one should use these rights in a positive way.

Further Sanjeet Bevoorla, speaker of the event, initiated his lecture with a brief introduction of fundamental rights and duties.

He stressed on the theme, i.e. Right to Information Act 2005 and also mentioned the areas where one can claim RTI. During interactive session, students participated actively and raised various queries, which were answered satisfactorily by the speaker.

The lecture was attended by the faculty members and students of the College. Prof. Swati Dutt and Prof. Shaista Yasmeen were the members of organizing committee. Dr. Renu Gupta, Manisha Kancharu, Parul Chibber, Shalju Jamoria and Mr. Intiyaz Ahmed Bhatti were also present. The whole event was anchored by Ramneek Sharma and. Sheetal Sharma of Semester I. The event was concluded with the distribution of books on "The Right to Information Act 2005" to the staff and students of the college.

DLSA Udhampur organises awareness prog on Int'l Girl Child Day



A resource person expressing views.

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UDHAMPUR: Following the Common Minimum Programme provided by J&K Legal Services Authority, and under the Chairmanship of Chairman District Legal Services Authority Udhampur, Y.P. Bourney and overall Supervision of Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur Rajni Sharma, the DLSA Udhampur on Tuesday organized an Awareness Programme at Government Hr. Secondary School Battal Ballian to observe International Girl Child Day. The aim of the Programme was to raise awareness about the issues related to Girl Child. This year's theme is 'Our Time Is Now - Our Rights, Our

Future.'

The Resource Persons for the Programme were Panel Lawyers Adv. Mallikarjun Singh Slathia, Adv. Nikhileshwar Singh and Adv Aakash Sanmotra. The Resource Persons highlighted that International Day of the Girl Child is observed to celebrate the achievements of girls worldwide.

This day also aims to educate girls about their rights, which will enable them to realize their full potential and transform the world around them. The Principal of the School along with the school staff and students were also present in the Programme. PLVs were also present in the programme.

Govt GLDM Degree College Hiranagar holds visit to Dev Sthaan Jandi under Clean India 2.0 Campaign



Students and faculty during the campaign at Hiranagar.

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HIRANAGAR: To commemorate the Gandhi Jayanti, NSS Unit of Govt. GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar today visited the historical place Dev Sthaan Jandi, Hiranagar on the day four under Clean India 2.0 campaign with the permission of worthy Principal Dr. Pragya Khanna. The visit was flagged off by the senior

faculty Prof. Gurdial , Prof. Sujat Khan and NSS Program Officer, Prof. Rakesh Sharma. Dev Sthaan Jandi is a beautiful scenic place in Hiranagar tehsil situated in village Jandi which lies at 5 Km distance from Hiranagar Town. A Total number of 43 NSS Volunteers visited the place and carried out a cleanliness drive with great

zeal and enthusiasm. Dr. Jyoti Rani, and Prof. Kiran Thapa who accompanied the volunteers, motivated them to make cleanliness a part of their life as emphasized by, the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi . The whole event was organized and conducted under the supervision of Prof. Rakesh Sharma, NSS Program Officer.

Special Secy for ensuring quality, timely completion of works

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KATHUA: Special Secretary Forests Department, Er. Narinder Singh Bali, conducted an extensive tour of district Kathua to inspect ongoing works of NGT ponds, Amritsrovars and other forest developmental activities of all wings of the forest department, the other day.

During the inspection, the Special Secretary also interacted with several deputations of local PRIs and laid emphasis on their active participation in keeping the water bod-



ies clean and to maintain a healthy environment.

The Special Secretary also inspected Closures of forest territorial department at Saida Sohal, Sherkotla besides inspecting Water Ponds of soil & water Conservation department in Kunthal,

Seeshwan, Marheen, Lachipora. The plantation strips of the Social Forestry department in Giruba Chack, Maggar Khad, Jagatpur, Lakhampur and Amritsrovar of the Rural Development department in Sahar area were also

inspected.

The Special Secretary appreciated the works of the departments and instructed them to complete the remaining works at the earliest while maintaining the quality of the works.

Among others ACD Kathua Kishore Singh, District Soil Conservation Officer Kathua, Rahul Singh, BDO Kathua Pardeep Singh, Range Officers, and the field staff of territorial, Soil & Water Conservation and Social forestry Department Kathua were also present.

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