

KVK Reasi organises Training Programme on Commercial Floriculture

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu organised training programme on "Entrepreneurship Development in Floriculture" at Bhaga village in Reasi district of J&K which was attended by a number of farmers and farm women of the area.

The programme was organised under the dynamic stewardship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N. Triptahi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof.Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J. Dr.Banarsi Lal, Chief Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi initiated the programme with the warm welcome of the farmers. He gave a detail view of the scientific floriculture and said the farmers that they can enhance their income by adopting the scientific practices for commercial floriculture. He educated the farmers on the importance of



KVK Reasi scientist guiding farmers on commercial floriculture at Bhaga village in Reasi distt.

floriculture in the monkey prone areas as the crop is not damaged by the monkeys. He stressed on the commercial floriculture. He informed the farmers that floriculture has ample scope in the area as there is great demand of marigold flowers in the religious spots like Shri Mata Vaishno Devi , Shiv Khori shrine and other places in the

area. He motivated the farmers for the entrepreneurship development in floriculture and guided them that they can fetch more prices by the adoption of advance technologies in floriculture.

He educated the farmers for the scientific cultivation of marigold. He demonstrated the nursery raising techniques in marigold and elaborated

Integrated Nutrient Management. (INM) in marigold. He also demonstrated the fields of marigold crop to the farmers and highlighted the scientific technologies for the commercial floriculture. He informed the farmers about the open pollinated/hybrid varieties of marigold and recommended certain diseases and insect-

pests management practices for marigold crop. He stressed on the nipping in marigold to get more yield. He also discussed on the protected cultivation of floral crops and encouraged the farmers to have low cost polyhouse units at their farms to get more yield of flowers throughout the year.

The scientist motivated the farmers by giving the success stories of some progressive floriculturists in the region. The farmers were highly appreciated the efforts of KVK for promotion of commercial floriculture in the area. In this programme an awardee floriculturist, Sh. Shail Singh was also present who shared his experiences on commercial floriculture with the other participants. In this training programme various queries were raised by the farmers which KVK scientist answered in a very satisfactorily way. The programme was concluded by Sh. Manohar Lal with formal vote of thanks.

SMVDU donates 200 plant saplings to GMS Dheerti



SMVDU officials along with students and faculty members of school.

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KATRA: The National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers of SMVDU University organized a comprehensive awareness programme titled "Ek Ped Maake Naam" at Government Middle School, Dheerti, Zone Reasi. NSS unit donated 200 plant saplings to the students of the school. Each student was given 2 saplings to be planted at their home. The event

aimed to educate students about the importance of trees and their role in keeping environment safe and healthy.

Furthermore, the volunteers conducted a session on personal hygiene, emphasizing the importance of maintaining cleanliness for overall health and well-being.

The program concluded with NSS volunteers distributing saplings to the students, encouraging

them to plant trees and nurture a greener environment.

Plant saplings were also provided to the staff members of the school. NSS Programme coordinator Dr. Rajiv Kumar was also present during the event and briefed the gathering about the campaign. School incharge Shri Ram Gopal ji thanked the university for donating the saplings and conducting an awareness session.

DC Kishtwar reviews arrangements for Navratra, Mahanavami, Dussehra



DC Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan chairing a meeting.

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan chaired a meeting of officers from line departments and representatives of religious organisations to review the arrangements for the celebration of Rannavami, Mahanavami and Dussehra festival.

In the meeting, representative of religious organisations put-forth various demands which includes uninterrupted drinking water and power supply, water tanker facility in Chowgan Ground, traffic man-

agement, parking facility, installation of stage and proper barricading at the venue, cleanliness and hygiene in all temples of the town.

The Deputy Commissioner assured them that all the arrangements are put in place well in time. He said that sufficient deployment of security Personnel enroute and at the venue shall be ensured.

Meanwhile, the DC gave necessary directions to all the HODs and asked them to work in close coordination to ensure timely and adequate arrangements during the festival.

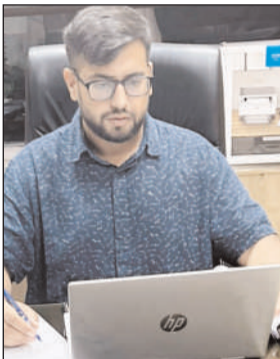
SSP Abdul Qayoom informed the meeting that alternative routes shall be activated on the occasion so that normal traffic is not hampered and Jhanki is taken out in hassle free manner.

ADDC Ghulam Rasool, ADC Pawan Kotwal, ACR Idrees Lone, CEO Development Authority Dr Rishi Kumar, ACD Phulail Singh, NT, Executive Engineers of PHE, PDD, officers and officials of various departments besides the representatives of socio-religious organizations attended the meeting.

DEO Rajouri reviews passes counting arrangements

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RAJOURI: District Election Officer (DEO) Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, today convened a meeting to review the arrangements put in place for counting of votes on October 8 for the Assembly Elections, 2024.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Rajouri, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Rajouri, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Rajouri, Returning Officers (ROs), District Informatics Officer (DIO) NIC, and other senior officers of the district administration. During the meeting, the DEO emphasized the importance of strict adherence to the guidelines of the Election Commission of India (ECI) to ensure a smooth and transparent counting process. He directed the Returning Officers to promptly inform candidates



and their representatives about the date, time and venue of the counting process. Clear signages must be displayed and the rooms for counting should be properly notified in advance.

The DEO also stressed the need for a separate entry point for candidates and counting staff to avoid any confusion or overcrowding. The District Informatics Officer (DIO) NIC was instructed to ensure robust communication facilities at the counting centers, with a

backup leased line in place to prevent any disruptions. A separate room will be designated for General Observers, equipped with communication facilities to assist them in their duties.

Further, the DIO was tasked with setting up a dedicated Media Centre, ensuring the provision of a public address system and making arrangements for media passes. An LCD screen will also be installed to display real-time results during the counting process.

The DEO directed that the law and order be strictly monitored throughout the counting process to avoid any untoward incident. He

emphasized that no unauthorized victory processions will be allowed and any celebration must comply with the law. In addition, a pedestrian zone will be declared within 100 meters of the counting center to enhance security and control the flow of people in the area.

The DEO directed that a three-tier security arrangement be established around the counting centers. Barricading of paths and strict entry protocols will be enforced. Additionally, sufficient Group B staff will be deployed and only individuals of high integrity and accountability will be assigned to counting duties.

Counting Supervisors and Micro Observers will be deployed to oversee the process and videographers will be present to ensure proper videography of the entire event. The DEO further emphasized the need to maintain an account register for postal ballots and Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS), ensuring their accurate and transparent handling.

The DEO concluded by stating that all arrangements must be in line with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India, ensuring a smooth and efficient counting process.

Army organises lecture on bad effects of tobacco

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RAJOURI: Keeping in view the Indian Army's core objective of maintaining cordial relations with local citizens a "Lecture on Bad Effects of Tobacco" for spreading awareness amongst young generation as well as local populace was organised. This lecture helped to promote and spread the knowledge on best practices to boost physical & mental wellbeing amongst local people of all age groups of Naili. Refreshments were also offered to the invitees. A total strength of 142 including (12 Gents, 60 Boys and 70 Girls) attended the lecture. During this event, representative of Indian Army briefed the children and youth about tobacco that has become the most common thing these days and many youths are destroying their lives by getting addicted, leading to irreversible damage to lungs, heart and other vital organs. It leads to addiction and causes behavioural changes. Tobacco has an impact on the brain which can lead to depression, conduct problems, personality disorders and can also lead to other serious health risks including



Students participating in lecture.

respiratory problems and increases risk of cancer. He also briefed the children about alarming rise in tobacco related illnesses including lung cancer, cardiovascular disease and chronic respiratory diseases, underscoring the urgent need for comprehensive tobacco control measures to mitigate this preventable health crisis.

Prevention efforts may focus on the individual or their surroundings with the following tips. Avoid tobacco products and smoking, Seek help through counselling or medication, Enforce Smoke free campuses and workplaces, Maintain a healthy lifestyle. Integrate tobacco

prevention into school curriculum. The children were advised to pursue their aim in respective field & contribute towards environment, society and country as a responsible citizen. The invitees were motivated and assured of all possible guidance and assistance from Indian Army for their future endeavours. This gesture and effort by Army was highly appreciated by AWAM.

This endeavour by Army to reach out to the population residing in remote areas, where civil administration has limited accessibility, will go a long way in developing and strengthening trust between Indian Army and Awam.

Shrimad Bhagwat Katha begins with "Kalash Yatra" with full religious fervour

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RAJOURI: A huge "Kalash yatra" was taken out with great enthusiasm and religious fervour at Kotranka, Bakori. The yatra started from Shiv Mandir, Jagnaloo headed by His Holiness Atal Pethadeshwar Rajguru Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Shri Shri 1008 Shri Swami Vishwatamanand Saraswati ji Maharaj accompanied by scores of devotees hailing from different parts of JK UT. During the entire yatra route, devotees performed various dance with drum beats and chanted bhajans in favour of Lord Krishna



Mahamandaleshwar Shri Shri 1008 Shri Swami Vishwatamanand Saraswati ji Maharaj delivering religious sermons.

with zeal and gaiety. The Yatra passed through various locations and covered areas like Jagnaloo Bridge, Bus Stand, Main Bazar and

finally culminated at Irrigation Ground, near Shiv Mandir where "Shrimad Bhagwat Tatva Gyan Yagya (Bhagwat Katha)" is being organised

starting from 26th of September to 2nd of October.

The members of temple Committee Kotranka welcomed Swamiji and devotees by showering flowers. Later, parshad was distributed among the devotees.

While speaking during the inaugural function, Swamiji briefed the gath-

ering about the importance of Bhagwat Katha in everyone's life and how one can take the path of self realization by reading and listening the religious discourses. Swamiji started the katha by saying that by listening the Bhagwat Katha, one can change his way of life to large extent. Swamiji further said that our expressions only give birth to falsehood and makes the world untrue ultimately.

To carry forward the story, Swamiji said that God is in all, but he is also the most different, he is with us every moment. The Bhagwat Saptah involves reading, preaching, interpretation and singing of verses of the Shrimad Bhagwat and it was filled with colours of devotion, laughter, tales of separation and union with almighty.

SWD, DLSA Bhaderwah celebrate International Day of Elderly with health check-ups, legal awareness

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BHADERWAH: Social Welfare Department (SWD) in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bhaderwah celebrated the International Day of Older Persons at Community Hall Bhaderwah. Observed annually on October 1st, the day aims to honor the contributions of older persons and promote their rights.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from NCC students from Degree College, alongside a large number of senior citizens across the district.

This year's theme emphasized valuing the wisdom and experience of older adults while advocating for their rights. Esteemed guests included Secretary Tabraiz Qazi Ahmed, Pooja Kotwal, Legal Aid Defense Counsel (LADC), and Babu Ram, Tehsil Social Welfare Officer, who addressed the audience along with community members and stakehold-



Glimpses of events during International Day of Older Persons celebration.

ers. The celebration featured comprehensive health check-ups for the elderly, conducted by a dedicated medical team. These assessments covered vital parameters such as blood pressure, dental health, eyesight, and overall well-being.

Tabraiz Qazi Ahmed highlighted the importance of societal support for older individuals, stating, "As we

celebrate this day, let us reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that older individuals are treated with dignity and respect."

Pooja Kotwal spoke about the critical role of legal services in safeguarding the rights of older persons, while Babu Ram shared insights into ongoing social welfare initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life for senior citizens.

Saroori expresses grief over tragic accident; delegation offers condolences to bereaved families

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KISHTWAR: Former Minister Ghulam Mohammad Saroori has expressed profound sorrow over the tragic accident in the Bunjwah area of Kishtwar district, where two women lost their lives and three others sustained injuries yesterday. In his condolence message, Saroori stated that the incident is deeply saddening, and he stands in solidarity with the grieving families during this difficult time. Saroori extended his heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased women,

25-year-old Mehrun Nisa, wife of Tariq Hussain, resident of Nali Bunjwah, and 35-year-old Rehana Begum, wife of Ashiq Hussain, resident of Jawalpur Bunjwah. He also prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. He emphasized that such incidents remind us of the dangers on the roads and the

need for taking necessary precautions. Saroori urged the government to take immediate steps to address road safety concerns.

Additionally, a delegation including Shariq Saroori, Irshad Ahmed, Mohammad Iqbal Keen, Khalid Hussain Sheikh, and Ch. Missar Din visited the families of the victims to offer their personal condolences. The delegation expressed their solidarity with the bereaved families, assuring them of their full support during this time of sorrow.

The delegation also called on the government to urgently address the deteriorating road conditions to prevent such accidents in the future. The injured, identified as Tariq Hussain, Brera Banoo, and Muzaffer Hussain, have been shifted to GMC Doda for treatment, and prayers are being made for their recovery.

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