

## Principal Secretary reviews Agriculture, Horticulture, allied sector schemes in Reasi



Principal Secretary Navin Kumar Choudhary inaugurating Horticulture Facilitation Centre at Government fruit plant nursery Dagozibagh.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department, Navin Kumar Choudhary on Wednesday conducted a detailed review meeting of Agriculture, Horticulture and allied sectors to assess progress on various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and other flagship programmes being implemented in Reasi district.

District Development Commissioner, Reasi, S Charandeep Singh, Director Horticulture Jammu Ram Savak, Director Command Area Development S. R.S

Dhan Yojana. He also directed to cover more and more areas under vegetables and spices to make the Reasi district self-sufficient in vegetable production.

He directed Chief Horticulture Officer Reasi to cover more and more area under fruit plantation so as to uplift the socio-economic status of farming community.

During the meeting, District Development Commissioner informed regarding disbursement of crop loss compensation to the affected farmers due to recent hailstorm.

Later, Principal Secretary inaugurated the Horticulture Facilitation Centre at Government fruit plant nursery Dagozibagh.

On the occasion, Director Horticulture Jammu briefed the Principal Secretary about the successful functioning of facilitation centers working across the division.

Meanwhile, Principal Secretary also distributed keys of tractors among the beneficiaries of the district.

## Martyrdom Day of Rfn Varun Katal observed



Tributes being paid to Martyr Rfn Varun Katal.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: 3rd Martyrdom day of Martyr Rfn Varun Katal of 8 JAKLI was observed on Wednesday at his Native village Mawa and his statue was installed in his memory at Mawa Chowk. Rifleman Varun Katal hailed from Mawa village in Rajpura Tehsil of Samba district and was son of an army veteran Sub Anchal Singh and Pinki Rani. Rfn Varun was recruited into 8 JAK LI of the famed Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry Regiment of Indian Army. He attained martyrdom on 10 Nov 2018 in LoC firing at Sunderbani sector.

Rfn Varun Katal was a brave and dedicated soldier who at

the young age of 21 years made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation. Today his Martyrdom Day was observed at his Native village Mawa Border Village of Samba District. During this Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta paid rich floral tribute to Martyr Rfn Varun Katal along with CO 6 JAKLI, DDC Asha Rani, BDC Chairman Radhe Sham and other prominent persons. Statue of Martyr Rfn Varun Katal was also installed at Village Mawa chowk at his Memorial Sthamb.

His father Retd Sub Anchal Singh, mother Pinki Rani and his Sister Shubh Lata were also present.

## AJKLTF delegation calls on CEO Doda, submits memo

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: A delegation of AJKLTF unit Doda led by its district President Mohan Singh under the guidance of State Vice President Neeraj Sharma called on CEO Doda in his office.

The delegation comprising of senior members of AJKLTF Doda Purnima Kotwal District President Mahila Wing, Balwant Singh Sr.Vice President and others briefed CEO Doda Prahlad about the difficulties being faced by the teaching community across the district particularly in rural areas.

In this regard a memorandum was submitted wherein several demands were highlighted including immediate drawl of NPS salary, timely disposal of post facto permission cases, adjustment of erstwhile RRETs on reciprocal/mutual basis in a time bound manner and release of GPF installments of NPS subscribers etc. were included.

DEPO Doda Ayaz Ahmed



Delegation members handing-over memorandum to CEO Doda Prahlad.

Mughal also participated in the meeting and after a detailed discussion Chief Education Officer assured to take up the local issues like release of GPF share of NPS subscribers with concerned Zonal Education Officers in the forthcoming meeting for early redressal and with regard to the adjustment of Grade-II and Grade-III he assured to take up the issue with higher authorities. He further clarified that there is a shortage of around 75% in NPS budget and so the salary of NPS employees is delayed. Regarding the adjustment/Transfer of RRETs,

he suggested to submit the suitable proposals strictly on reciprocal basis from one zone to other zone within the district.

The delegation congratulated him for the successful and transparent ATD 2021.

Other prominent members who attended the meeting were Koushal Kumar Sr. Vice President, Jugal Kishore, Sandeep Bandral ZP Bhagwah, Angat Manhas ZP Bhalla, Rajat Chouhan Convenor Bhaderwah, Surinder ZP Bhatyas, Sunil Kumar ZP Gundna, Panjaboo Ram, Neema, Avtar and Sat Lal.

## Col Mahan ensures on-spot redressal of people's problems at public Sammelan

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) DDC Chairman Kathua on Wednesday ensured on the spot redressal of people's problems during a Public Sammelan organized here at Keedian Gandyal DDC Constituency.

DC Kathua Rahul Yadav, local DDC Councillor Dr Shaveta, District and sectoral officers and their staff besides Sarpanchs and other PRI members, and prominent people of the area were also present in the Sammelan. At the outset, DC Kathua gave an IEC presentation on the initiative of the government to digitize revenue records under the programme 'Meri Zameen, Meri Nigrani'. He gave a detailed overview of the campaign and asked the people to act as guardian of the state land.

Later, the participants raised various issues of public interest including poor road connectivity espe-

cially with regard to delay in construction of Hatli to Manu Road by JKPC. After listening to the issue, the DDC Chairman gave on the spot instructions to pace up the work so that people do not face any kind of difficulty while commuting on this road stretch. He said that the government is keen to build the required infrastructure in time and that is the reason behind organizing such programmes. After listening to other problems of the people living in the vicinity including dearth of potable water, power outage, poor healthcare edifice, staff crunch in educational institutions, and lethargy of PHE department and PDD, the DDC Chairman gave on the spot instructions to concerned officials present in the programme to resolve the issues of emergent nature there and then, and also noted down other issues which require comprehensive planning and execution.

## DDC Poonch addresses scores of public issues under Weekly Block Diwas programme

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: District Development Commissioner, Poonch, Inder Jeet on Wednesday listened to public issues here at the weekly Block Diwas programme held at Block lassana.

The Sarpanchs, Panchs of the block & people in large numbers interacted with the officers and officials of different departments and apprised them of the issues, demands and developmental needs in their respective areas.

During the outreach programme, the locals and PRI members projected the demands of their respective areas including better Medicare facility, improvement in water and power supply scenario, and other specific issues. They sought completion of all ongoing road projects, compensation of Hari Buddha road, installation of electric meters, fixed Rs 150 power fare for BPL households, re-tendering of PHE lift scheme Shiendara, payment to contractors after cer-

tification of PRI members, Ration depot for Seri Chawana, compound wall for HSS Sari Chowana, fixation of suno and bus fare; control on overloading on tempos, sheep sub centre for Seri Chowana, Ambulance for PHC Seri-Chowana and Seri-Khawaja, MG-NREGA material payment, toilet complex facilities for PHC Seri Khawaja, Up gradation of middle school of Hari-Buddha, bank branch for Hari-Buddha, ATM machine for Lassana, protection wall near high school Seri-Khawaja over Suran river bank, Library for HSS Seri-Khawaja, new road from Hari Buddha to Jabbi-Toti, early completion of PHE Kalai lift scheme, awareness camps for promotion of Agriculture and allied departments schemes

Responding to the demands, the DDC assured the public that all their genuine issues would be addressed in a time bound manner. He directed the officers to work with

utmost dedication and integrity so that equitable development of all Panchayats is ensured in the district and people do not face any problems.

The officers/officials of all line departments noted the demands and grievances of the locals to ensure redress of the same in minimum possible time.

The District Development Commissioner directed the RDD to take up construction of toilets at PHC Seri Khawaja.

The Deputy Commissioner said that the rates of Minor Mineral have already been fixed by the District administration and people should get material at reasonable rates.

He advised the concerned officers and local social activists for dissemination of information among the people.

DC also directed Lead Bank Manager to start a mass awareness programme in the area in collaboration with self employment generation

departments.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the education department to start small community classes of 20 students within a week.

Regarding the opening of bank branches, the DDC informed that codal formalities for opening up of bank branches have been fulfilled and very soon the bank branches shall be opened up.

Deputy Commissioner also directed the Jal Shakti department for cleaning of water reservoir/Tanks and providing clean drinking water to the people.

DDC Member, Rukasana Kouser, BDC Chairperson, CEO Tourism, Dr. Mohammad Tanveer; Chief Horticulture Officer, ALC/DIO, Abid Hussain Shah, Satvir Singh; CMO, Dr.G.A Malik; District Social Welfare Officer, Shakeel Ahmed; Executive Engineers of different departments, besides district & sectoral officers and prominent citizens were also present.

## Awareness talk held on World Immunisation Day



Army officials along with locals during the programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NOWSHERA: An awareness talk was conducted by the Army at Govt Middle School, Deeing on Wednesday on the occasion of World Immunisation Day. The talk aimed at educating the audience on the importance of vaccination.

The talk started with opening remarks of Panch of Deeing Anita Devi. The Medical officer from the Army explained about benefits and need of immunization in the COVID-19 pandemic situation. The Medical Officer from the Indian Army highlighted that due to lack of avail-

able information via media, a number of rumours and myths have cropped up which is further proving to be detrimental to vaccination drive and the fight against COVID-19. The lecture was of immense help to the attendees in warding off myths and getting clarity on the subject.

The programme was followed by an interactive session in which the attendees were given full opportunity to exchange their thoughts and doubts about the disease. Total of 54 attendees participated in the event.

## DDC VC Doda starts week-long tour of Bhalla constituency, holds public Darbar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADARWAH: To ensure redressal of grievances at the doorsteps of people, DDC Vice-Chairperson Doda Sangeeta Bhagat started her week long tour of Bhalla constituency, where from she was elected as DDC member.

On the first day of her tour, Vice-Chairperson hold Public Darbar at Panchayat Trown and Derka, where large number of people participated and highlighted their grievances.

During the Darbar, officers from different departments also participated and listen to the grievances of people for early redressal. The officers also highlighted their respective schemes launched for the welfare of people.

Sarpanchs and Panchs of the area were also present in



DDC Vice-Chairperson Doda Sangeeta Bhagat speaking during a public Darbar.

the darbar, who highlighted several problems being faced by public of their areas including Trown-Sarsi Link Road, pending payments under RDD, regular visits of officers in their respective areas, correction of Job Cards, Special Water Scheme for the area, houses under PMAY to genuine beneficiaries, Replacement of rotten wooden polls and many others. People highlighted maximum number of problems related to PDD, PHE and

RDD.

Vice-Chairperson patiently listened to the grievances of people and assured them to redress all their problems at the earliest.

Vice-Chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat urged upon people to participate in public darbars to get their grievances redressed. She said that BJP is trying to connect all areas with road, provide drinking water to every household and ensure uninterrupted power supply.

BDC Chairperson Nousheena Begum, Sarpanch Trown Riyaz Ahmed, Sr BJP Leader Anoop Kotwal, Sarpanch Derka Tariq Ahmed, BJP Mandal Pradhan Anjeel Kotwal and others were also accompanied the VC.

Vice-Chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat along with Agriculture Department also distributed Mustard seeds among the farmers in Trown panchayat.

On the occasion e-sharim registration and Ayushman Bharat Health Card were also held in the darbar. Beside awareness regarding Aapki Zameen, Aapki Nigrani campaign was also held on the occasion.

The programme was organized and managed by BDO Bhalla Fulail Singh.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised training programme on 'Agri-entrepreneurship development among farmers' on Wednesday at remote village Judd in Pouni block of Reasi district which was attended by a number of farmers of the village.

The programme was organised under the able guidance of Director Extension of SKUAST-J, Prof.SK Gupta. Dr.Banarsi Lal, Scientist &Head of KVK, Reasi initiated the programme with the warm welcome of the participants. He gave a detail view of agri-entrepreneurship and



KVK scientists along with locals during the programme.

said the farmers that they should divert themselves from the subsistence agriculture to commercial agriculture so that their income and employment can be enhanced. He gave the description of principles of agri-entrepreneurship and said that farmers should take the opportunities to become the agri-entrepreneurs. He spoke on diversified farming and guided the farmers on scientific cultivation of cereals, pulses, oilseeds, beekeep-

ing, mushroom cultivation, poultry farming, aromatic and medicinal plants etc. He said the farmers that by scientific commercial agriculture they can increase their crops production and ultimately they can raise their socio-economic status. He highlighted the eco-friendly agricultural technologies for sustainable agriculture. He further said that by forming Self Help Groups' (SHGs) farmers can start the agri-entrepreneurship by getting the micro-finance from the commercial banks. He also spoke on vermicomposting technology and elaborated its benefits. Dr.Suja Nabi Qureshi, Scientist spoke on production technologies in fruits, vegetables and floriculture crops. He further added that hilly areas have immense potential in organic fruits and vegetables and added that farmers can fetch more prices by growing the organic fruits and vegetables. He also guided farmers on vegetables and fruit processing etc. In this training programme many quarries were raised by the farmers which KVK scientist answered in a very satisfactorily way.

A field visit was also arranged during the training programme. The programme was assisted by Manohar Lal.

## Campaign on Land Records Information System 'Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani' launched in Samba

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: District Administration Samba launched a month long awareness campaign on Land Records Information System Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani across the district covering each niabat/village.

Deputy Commissioner,

Anuradha Gupta during block divas programme formally launched the IEC campaign on digital literacy for accessing revenue Records at Ghagwal.

During the programme a detailed presentation on the initiatives of Land Record Information system were disseminated among the local public. The team of NIC, information dept and revenue officials elucidated the Land records web portal working and its various features. It was informed that Land Records Information System" (LRIS) is web based multi-tiered, scalable, reliable, and secure network enterprise application. The LRIS is Integrated, Geographical Information System (GIS) based decision

support system to cater 24/7 services to JakLRMa agency user; state public user; special agency external user for analysis, evaluation and information of revenue records and its ancillary details like Records of Rights, Jamabandi, Girdawari, Mutation and many more.

The Deputy Commissioner said that the IEC campaign on the LRIS application is carried out at each niyabat/village centre wherein trained revenue officials are providing necessary information in addition to these weekly IEC campaigns.

Similar awareness camps on the LRIS web application were also organized at Bari-Brahmana, Vijaypur and Sumb area.

## SMVDU's non-teaching staff hold protest against termination of employee



Protesters carrying placards during the protest.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATRA: All non-teaching employees of SMVDU continued their protest in form of the gate of administration Block over termination of one of the female employee after more than 10 years of service.

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi

University (SMVDU) administration has locked the gate of administration Block to stop the ongoing protest against the biased decision. The protesters demanded justice and urged LG to intervene and safeguard the interests of employees of SMVDU.

## Seerat-Un-Nabi conference organised

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: Seerat-Un-Nabi (SAW) conference was organised on Wednesday by Auqaaf Islamia Kishtwar under the chairmanship of its Administrator, Akhtar Hussain Qazi. Seerat was held in connection with Urs of Shah Farid-ud-Din (RA). The Key speakers on the occasion were Mufti Noor Hussain, Prof Yasir Nadvi and Peerzada Mujtaba Ali. The Programme started with Tilawat e-Kalam Pak and recitation of Naat-e-Nabi (PBUH). Earlier, Administrator Auqaf Islamia presented welcome address and invited speakers to speak on Seerat of Nabi (PBUH). The vote of thanks was presented by Imam Jamia Masjid Kishtwar.

## DLSA Udhampur holds awareness campaign on eradication of drug menace

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur on Wednesday organised a campaign on the topic "Victims of Drug Abuse & Eradication of drug Menace (NALSA Scheme 2015)" here at Bharm Rishi Bhavra Shanti Vidya Peet Higher Secondary School.

The programme was held in connection with the Pan India Awareness and Outreach Campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, under the guidance of District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur Chairman and overall supervision of Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Rajni Sharma (Sub-Judge).

The program was attended by Panel Lawyer, Advocate Nikhileshwar Singh (Panel Lawyer); Advocate, Mallikarjun Singh Slathia and Advocate Aakash Samotra (Panel Lawyer), Students & Staff of Bharm Rishi Bhavra Shanti Vidya Peet Higher Secondary School Udhampur.

The Panel Lawyers acted as resource persons of the programme and made the participants aware about the drug abuse and highlighted the issues related to victim of Drug abuse. The Resource persons, while thanking the Staff present and all the participants, highlighted the importance of creating awareness about the Drug abuse. PLVs Rachna Sharma, Sham Lal and Avtar Singh were also present in the programme. Similar Programmes were organized by TLSC, Ramnagar, TLSC Chenani and TLSC Majalta.

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