

DDC Rajouri asks for formulation of DPRs to develop tourist Villages under Mission youth

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Rajesh Kumar Shavan on Sunday asked for formulation of DPRs for development of Tourist Villages in the district under Mission youth.

He was chairing a meeting of the line departments to take review of the progress on the developmental front and deliverance of public service on the ground level.

The meeting was attended by the ADDC, Pawan Kumar; CEO RDA, Vivek Puri; SE PWD, SE Hydraulics, JP Singh; ACD, Sushil Khajuria; PO ICDS, Kartar Singh; CMO, Dr Shammim Un Nissa Bhatti; CEO Education, Gulzar Hussain; ACP, Abhul Rashid Kohli and all other district officers.

The DDC took a detailed stock of the physical and financial achievements under different schemes and projects being executed by PWD, Jal Shakti, RDD, Power, JKPC, Education, Health, I&FC Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal and Sheep Husbandry and other Departments in the district. Issues about the execution of projects were also discussed threadbare in the meeting.

While reviewing the



DDC Rajouri, Rajesh Kumar Shavan chairing a meeting.

progress, DDC directed the heads of concerned departments to focus on the projects whose work is nearing completion. He set December, 2021 as the deadline for the completion of all ongoing schemes.

While taking a review of construction of Bunkers, it was informed that out of 1867 bunkers taken up by the Rural Development Department, 1497 have been completed. The PWD was asked to complete the remaining 73 bunkers by December 2021.

Reviewing the Animal Husbandry Sector; the DDC inquired about the steps taken to enhance the chicken production in the district. The concerned officer informed that two units of 2500 birds each have been established and two units of feed production under feed and fodder development

scheme have been established and 04 are in pipeline.

The DDC asked LDM to hold melas for clearance of loan taken under KCC from 14th at each JK Bank Branch.

Discussing the physical and financial progress of the Education sector; the DDC asked the CEO to monitor the progress and quality of the works and directed the executing agencies to go for tendering at the earliest. He also directed the CEO to ensure that mid day meals are provided to all the students.

Taking stock of the literacy rate in the district, the DDC instructed for 100 per cent enrollment of the school dropouts, while the RDD was asked to conduct a survey to enumerate illiterate adults in the villages. The DDC also instructed for hundred per cent coverage of all the eligi-

ble students under Scholarship schemes.

The DDC also reviewed the implementation of Social security schemes including Atal pension yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana. It was apprised that 15346 cases of Atal Pension Yojana have been approved in the district. DDC asked the concerned officers from Social Welfare, RDD and Banks to give wide publicity to the scheme. He also directed for 100% saturation of various initiatives and measures taken by the Government for percolation of benefits to the maximum number of people.

He also asked to go for an extensive campaign under Jan Dhan Yojana to cover all the eligible beneficiaries under the scheme.

Lecture on drug abuse conducted

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH: Drug abuse is a social menace which damages the lives of all sections of society. Any person can be affected by drugs regardless of age, gender, economic status. Many people do not realise that addiction is a chronic, progressive condition that requires professional treatment, help and support. Drug abuse does not just affect the addict, it has a far reaching effect which encompasses family, friends and community as a whole. To make youth aware about drug abuse, Army organised an awareness lecture on "Drug Abuse" at village Marhot in District Poonch (J&K). The event was conducted with the theme of "Protecting the youth and promoting welfare of human kind". The youth were briefed in detail about the early symptoms of drug abuse and preventive actions against it.

National Cancer Awareness Day observed

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NOWSHERA: Cancer is one of the deadliest disease which require a life-time of courage and sacrifice. In modern times with the advancement of technology, treatments of Cancer have also been more advanced. However, many people in our country still die due to lack of treatment. Indian Army organised an awareness lecture with a resolve to bring awareness among the village people on the occasion of National Cancer Awareness Day.

Medical Team of Army conducted an interactive session with village populace at Pind Narian, Nowshera in District Rajouri, bursting myths and superstitions related to cancer in form of demonstration. The lecture covered about the signs, early symptoms and importance of screening for early detection. The people expressed their gratitude towards the initiative taken by the Indian Army and desired on regular conduct of such interactive campaigns to help and guide the village natives residing the area.

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Madan Lal Sharma Charitable Trust holds monthly meeting

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KHOOR: Shri Madan Lal Sharma Charitable Trust held its monthly meeting at village Jogwan of Tehsil Khour which was chaired by the chairperson of the trust Satish Sharma and attended by hundreds of members of the trust.

In the meeting focus was given on the trust's programme of public outreach and helping the needy people of the society like widows, orphaned children, poor people etc. The people present in the meeting shared their views concerning the problems in the society. The people expressed dissatisfaction on the conduct of administration regarding the issue of compensation of damaged crops to the farmers. They said that the people are worried about their future as they are not getting any financial assistance from



Chairman Satish Sharma presenting cheque to a needy.

administration and they don't even have resources to cultivate their next crop. The people of Kandil belt said that administration is only planning to give financial assistance for the loss of paddy crops but are not thinking about the farmers of Kandil belt whose crops also got destroyed.

Speaking on the occasion Satish Sharma said that he is very much concerned about the problems of the

farmers as being from an agriculture background he is himself facing the same problem and was badly affected by the disastrous rain and hailstorm that happened few days back. He said that he has raised the demands of the people before the concerned officers and included five main points in it, which are compensation of Rs 5000 per Kanal for destroyed crops, waiving off KCC loans of 6

Reviewing the progress made under the self-employment generation schemes, it was informed that under 145 cases have been sanctioned of which loan has been disbursed to 96 applicants.

Discussing the registration of the labourers on E Shram Portal, the Labour department was directed to create awareness among the public on E Shram and target MGNREGA job card holders for registration.

Implementation of PM-KISAN was also reviewed and directions were passed for coverage of all eligible farmers under the scheme.

Stress was also laid on curbing the illegal mining by taking strict action against the perpetrators as per the rules.

Similarly, the DDC also took a comprehensive review of schemes being implemented by Social Welfare, NRLM ICDS, Health and other Departments.

Taking the review of implementation of PMAY G, the DDC directed for completion of 22000 houses by December this year. The Directions for formulation of Panchayat Rural sanitation plan within two weeks after consulting the PRIs were also issued.

To engage youth in development of rural economy, the

DDC directed the RDD, Banks and DIC to identify 10 youth per Panchayat to provide them self employment avenue.

The DDC also reviewed the status of playfields being constructed at Panchayat levels under Mission Youth and BDOs were directed to complete the same at the earliest. Development of tourist Villages under Mission youth was also discussed in detail. The DC directed for formulation of DPRs for implementation of the tourist village development scheme.

Moreover, the DDC also took stock of the progress made under SEHAT scheme and Aadhar Enrollment. He asked the concerned to ensure that all the eligible beneficiaries in all the 312 Panchayats of the district are covered under the scheme.

The CEO Education was directed to share the locations of the Aadhar Enrollment centres in the district with the RDD and BDOs for wide publicity of the locations. The DC issued instructions for the hundred percent aadhar enrollment in the district at the earliest.

Taking serious note of delay in start of important projects, the DDC asked the executing agencies to start blacklisting the defaulter contractors.

KVK Reasi organises In-service Training Programme on HRD & Stress Management

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
REASI: Krishni Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology - Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised in-service training programme on " Human Resource Development and Stress Management" through virtual mode here today at Reasi which was attended by a number of Agriculture Department Extension Officers.

The programme was organised under the guidance and supervision of Director Extension (DE) of SKUAST-J, Prof.SK Gupta. Dr. Banarsi Lal, Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi initiated the programme with a brief introduction of human resource development and

Dulhasti Power Station celebrates 47th NHPC Raising Day



GM(Electrical), Surendra Kumar Mishra honouring a dignitary during the event.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KISHTWAR: Dulhasti Power Station, Kishtwar celebrated 47th NHPC Raising Day with great fervor on 7th November 2021. Inaugurating the function, Surendra Kumar Mishra, General Manager (Electrical), Dulhasti Power Station hoisted the NHPC flag followed by NHPC song. Speaking on the occasion, Surendra Kumar Mishra, General Manager (Electrical) greeted and called upon everyone to work hard and diligently to take NHPC to new heights of progress.

In the ceremony, a melodious program was presented by the local artists of Sugam Sangeet Musical Group. Moreover, cultural programs were also presented by the employees of Dulhasti Power Station. The General Manager (Electrical), Dulhasti Power Station felicitated the local media persons specially invited in the program with mementoes and

also distributed prizes to the participants of cultural programs and Sugam Sangeet Musical Group. Ashok Kumar Dhanwal, Senior Manager (HR) conducted the program and presented vote of thanks and expressed his gratitude to all for the successful organizing the program.

Special invitees in the function, Deepak Saigal, CEO, Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd., Sudheer Kumar, General Manager, Pakaldul HE Project, Bijoy R. Nair, General Manager and Shri Shyam Lal Marandi, General Manager, Kiru HE Project were present on the occasion. The program concluded with the national anthem. G.C. Sinha, Deputy General Manager (Electrical), B.D. Moharana, Deputy General Manager (Electrical) along with other senior officers of Dulhasti Power Station, employees and their family members were also present in the function.

stress management. He elaborated the concept human resource development and emphasized on the capacity building to enhance the abilities of the people. He discussed on the pre-training, training and post-training phases of trainings required for the farmers. He spoke in detail on the environmental, social and physiological causes of stress and gave their remedial measures. He said that prolonged stress causes different types of ailments among the human beings and there is dire need to mitigate this menace. He narrated that due to modern lifestyle causes of stress are increasing day-by-day which need to be managed properly for the good health. He discussed on conflict and relationship management practices. He emphasised on the

meditation, simplicity, good food habits and exercise for a good life. He equipped employees with the stress management practices and coping mechanism which will help them to perform and communicate better. He discussed on the life style enrichment and emphasized on the positive attitude for the better performance. He narrated the guidelines for happiness in life and stressed on the positive thoughts. Dr.Suja Nabi Qureshi spoke on the organic horticulture and good hobbies for the quality life. Anil Thakur, Agriculture Extension Officer, Padder, Reasi thanked KVK, Reasi for organizing such a useful programme. The programme was concluded by Dr.Banarsi Lal with the formal vote of thanks.

NHPC Sewa Phase II Project celebrates 46th Foundation Day



NHPC officials during the programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
MASHKA (Hutt): NHPC Sewa Phase II Project celebrated its 46th Foundation Day on Sunday. On the occasion, Col (Retd) Mahan Singh, DDC Chairman Kathua was the Chief Guest.

The event begun with the lighting of lamp by the Chief Guest Col Mahan Singh in presence of Suparkash Adhikari, General Manager NHPC Sewa II and senior officers of the project. Sarpanch Hutt, Surinder Singh and prominent persons were also present.

General Manager Suparkash Adhikari welcomed the Guests and participants and gave detail account of achievements of

NHPC in general and that of Sewa II in particular. He said the Sewa-II has been adjudged as Best Project by NHPC consequently for the past two years based on its performance.

Col Mahan Singh, in his address, congratulated the General Manager and staff

of Sewa II project and said that NHPC has done commendable jobs in producing clean and cheap energy for the Nation since its inception. He appreciated its contribution in nation building, especially its role towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) work.

The event ended with distribution of prizes/trophies to children & performing artists. A community meal was also served to all the participants.

Fogging operation intensified in Reasi to control vector-borne diseases, dengue

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
REASI: The Municipal authorities on Sunday conducted a massive fogging operation in Reasi town to control the spread of vector borne diseases.

Executive Officer Thakar Dass said that the MC has decided to carry out fogging during the evening as the Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes become active during that time. The MC had launched a special drive to create awareness about the dengue and other vector borne diseases among people by door to door distribution of pamphlets and other related material.

Besides, two shoulder-mounted machines are being used for fogging in parks, villages and settlements where big machines cannot move. These are

also being used for fogging the houses of active dengue patients and their neighborhood.

Meanwhile, Charandeep Singh asked the officials to identify high-risk areas and give special attention to these. He also directed the officials to conduct a survey to check dengue larvae in residential and commercial parts of the city.

Meanwhile, Preeti Sharma, Executive Officer Municipal Committee Katra said that they conducted massive fogging at Ward no 08 all Streets, Railway Station & (COVID-19) Test centres, Ward no 12&13, Lower bus stand, Upper bus stand, Main bazar katra to CRPF Gate, and Shalimar park road to Banganga road.

ITBP deploys engineering wing to construct India-China border roads, foot tracks

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has taken a first-time decision to deploy its specialised engineering wing for constructing certain roads and foot tracks along the Line of Actual Control to speed up connectivity projects with its posts in Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh.

The move, which was approved by the Union home ministry, comes amid a military standoff with China in the eastern Ladakh area.

Official sources told PTI that the border force, ITBP, has taken up the "challenge" to construct four out of the 32 roads under phase-II of the India-China Border Roads project and two out of the total 18 foot tracks sanctioned to it by the govern-

ment. They said the roads of varying lengths of about one to two kilometres, connecting ITBP border posts in the Himalayan ranges, are in the Ladakh region's 3,488-km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China while the foot tracks, which are used by troops during patrols, are in the Arunachal Pradesh area.

The engineers and supervisors of the ITBP wing will "plan and monitor" the entire work, and a ground force comprising labourers and masons will be hired according to government norms, sources said.

Traditionally, road construction projects along these areas are carried out by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), the Central Public Works Department (CPWD)

and other such agencies. Officials said the engineering wing of the force, an essential component of the ITBP since its raising in 1962, has been roped in for the task in order to speed up the border posts connectivity work.

In these high-altitude and remote areas, getting contractors and construction workers is not that easy and hence, the work of border road construction remains slow, an officer explained.

The government has stressed on the need to ensure connectivity through roads so that rations, transportation of troops and other logistics along the LAC can be easily moved. Therefore, this maiden attempt of engaging the ITBP engineering wing has been made, he said.

MUSS launches cleanliness drive at Raj Hans Park



MUSS volunteers carrying out cleanliness drive.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: Manav Uttan Seva Samiti (MUSS) organised a cleanliness drive in the premises of Raj Hans Park in District Hospital Udhampur on Sunday. Drive was launched under the supervision of Mahatma Santa Bai and large number of volunteers of Samiti uprooted the decay grass and removed the garbage and waste material from Park in order to keep it clean. Besides DDC Mool Raj, volunteers of Samiti were also present in drive and cleaned Park at Venus Chowk also. Others who present were on the occasion were Suram Chand Thappa, Joginder Kumar, Madan Lal, Vidya Parkash, Ramesh Chander, Parshotam Singh, Mohan Lal, Krishan Lal, Vidya Devi, Binla Devi, Makimi Devi, Laja Devi, Sunita Devi, Chanchla Devi, Surksha Devi, Renu Devi and Monika.