

## Jal Jeevan Mission: DC Poonch launches work of WSS at Kaller village



DC Poonch Inder Jeet interacting with locals.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Deputy commissioner Poonch Inder Jeet along with DDC Member Balakote, Massarat Jabeen , BDC Chairperson Balakote, Shameem Akther and sarpanch Kallar Najma Kouser visited the block Balakote and kick started the

work of Water Supply Scheme Khalabut Kaller under JJM. The officers accompanying Deputy Commissioner were SDM Mendhar, Jahangir Khan, AEE Jal Shakti, Sajad Chowdhary, BDO Balakote, Waheed Iqbal besides other concerned offi-

cers. The sanction cost of the project is Rs. 624.24 lacs and on completion it would cater to the water supply needs of far flung areas of the block.

During his visit, the people of the area welcomed Deputy Commissioner, DDC and BDC Balakote and expressed gratitude for fulfilling their long pending demand.

The Deputy Commissioner congratulated the public of the area and thanked LG administration for fulfilling the long pending demand of assured water supply Har Ghar Jal through Jal Jivan Mission scheme.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the JSD/PHE department for time bound completion of the scheme.

## Rs 72.35 lakh disbursed as Education Assistance, death benefits to wards, NoKs of workers

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri,Vikas Kundal on Saturday released Rs.70, 31,000 as 'Lower and Higher Education Assistance' in favour of 794 beneficiaries registered with Jammu and Kashmir Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board. He also released an amount of Rs 2.05 lacs as death benefits to NoK of the deceased worker(s). The amount was

released in presence of a group of beneficiaries and the invoice was submitted to J&K bank to transfer the same in bank accounts of beneficiaries through DBT. The Deputy Commissioner asked the Assistant Labour commissioner to generate mass awareness about the benefits of having labour card. The DC also enquired about the status of Labour card and E-Sharn cards issued to the beneficiaries in the district.

## GAMC&H Akhnoor students visit Sitlee water purification plant



Students along with faculty during the educational tour.

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AKHNOOR: Under the guidance of Prof Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma, Principal, Nodal Officer Dr Narinder Sharma and Seema Rani AO Swasthavritta & Yoga Department Government Ayurvedic Medical college Akhnoor Jammu conducted a educational visit for the students of 3rd Prof as part of

their curriculum to Sitlee Water Purification Plant Nagrota Jammu. During the visit the students practically observed the Rapid Sand Water Purification method. Students were also made aware about the chlorination & filtration process. The students also got knowledge about the disinfection of water. During the visit Dr

Abhishek Magotra Associate Professor, Dr Sheetal Gupta Assistant professor and Amit Sharma accompanied the students. Er Ankush Gupta(JE)gave lecture about the water treatment processes.

## DC Samba reviews progress of Nokia Smartpur Digital Project



DC Samba, Anuradha Gupta chairing a meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: To assess the overall progress of novel initiative- Nokia Smartpur in Panchayat Palli, block Bari Brahmana, Deputy Commissioner Sambha, Anuradha Gupta held a detailed meeting with officials of Nokia and Save the Children along with all the line departments. The project holds importance as it was on the personal initiative of Lieutenant Governor, J&K, Shri Manoj Sinha that Nokia Smartpur was launched on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day on 24th April 2022, the day on which PM Narendra Modi visited the Panchayat. The project intends to put in place a strong ecosystem of rural entrepreneurship designed to create ideal smart villages in J&K. The meeting included a presentation by Nokia-Save the Children team about the progress made by them in achieving the objectives defined in the program on 5 pillars of education, livelihood, governance, healthcare and financial inclusion. The DC reviewed the progress made by

all the line departments on the calendar of activities issued by her office in September, 2022. While appreciating the effort made in this regard, she exhorted the departments to work in close coordination with Nokia-Smartpur team so that the real purpose of the project is achieved and the objective of creating a smart rural ecosystem could be actuated on ground. It was also emphasized that the project should become a model for all Panchayats in J&K. It was decided that Nokia smartpur will further consolidate its efforts by including more SHG members and local artisans in their training programmes so that they are equipped with digital marketing skills. Telemedicine facility shall also be extended with the help of District health department. It was also decided at the meeting that the Har Ghar Mein Champion initiative of district administration will be dovetailed with the modules of Nokia smartpur to develop Palli as a model Swachh Gram. The DC appreciated the identification of 17 more Panchayats in Sambha district by the team of Nokia-Save the Children to explore the possibilities of establishing the Nokia Smartpur project there. The DC Sambha assured that all possible assistance in this regard shall be provided if the project is approved.

Besides the Nokia-Smartpur officials, the meeting was attended by ACD, SDM VIJAYPUR, CMO, CEO, DSWO, officers from NRLM, Handicrafts and handloom departments.

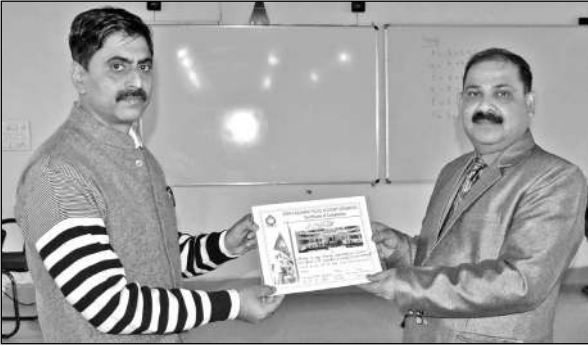
## Training programmes for cops concludes at SKPA

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UDHAMPUR: Two courses i.e. 2 days training programme on "Enable Police Officers to be Custodian of society "Mission Karmayogi" and 5 days "Cyber Forensics" concluded at SKPA on Saturday in which 40 Officers/officials of J&K Police participated.

About 27 police officers/officials have been trained as per the workbook provided by the Capacity Building Commission. This is the tenth such course organized in the Academy. During the course work book model of participative learning was introduced.

The participants were



A participant receiving a certificate.

made to understand the concept of Sewa Shakti, selfless service, professional, and caring approach beneficial for community, system and personel growth of an individual.

In the brainstorming sessions, they discovered

that every interaction with the stakeholder is an opportunity for Karmayogi moment inevitably important to bring peace, happiness in general public. Whereas, 05 days course on Cyber Forensics also concluded today. In the course the

## Army conducts training on repair & maintenance of JCB & Dozer



Tool-kits being given to participants.

The training was orgaised in collaboration with District

Employment and Counselling Center, Rajouri.

## Group of 50 Kishtwar farmers flagged-off for Krishak Mela-2022 at SKUAST Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KISHTWAR: A group of 50 local farmers of district Kishtwar were on Saturday flagged off for two day long exposure tour under Krishak Mela-2022 being held at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) to learn about the latest agricultural techniques. Chief Agriculture Officer Kishtwar, Amjad Hussain Malik flagged off the farmers here from DC office Kishtwar in presence of Chief Horticulture Officer Sajid Mustafa, besides other officers of Agriculture and Horticulture department . The group of farmers, hailing from different parts of district Kishtwar, was accompanied by District Level SMS, Jamsheed Hussain Dev. The two day exposure visit under Krishak Mela is aimed to enhance their knowledge and skills about soil health management for sustainable hill agriculture, besides to learn about various beneficiary oriented schemes. During exposure tour, the farmers will get an opportunity to interact with the agriculture Scientists and the technical experts from different parts of the country to learn about latest agriculture techniques and Value Addition of Agri products to double their income.

## Naggi re-elected President Swarnkar Sangh Sunderbani

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SUNDERBANI: A meeting of Swarnkar Sangh of Sub Division Sunderbani, Sub Division Kalakote, Tehsil Teryath, Tehsil Pouni was held on Saturday. Sunderbani which was attended by various members namely Tarlochan Singh, Om Prakash, Gourav Saraf, Shiv Kumar Naggi, Karamjeet Singh (Goldy) and many others.

The members unanimously decide to re elect current President Ashok Kumar Naggi for a fresh term. Naggi has been serving as President for last 27 yrs and is also a C.C member of Dehli Association. A working Five Member Committee comprising Sanjay Saraf, Jujhar Singh, Gourav Saraf, Vishal Negi, Pankaj Verma were also elected in



President Ashok Kumar Naggi along with other members of Swarnkar Sangh.

the same meeting.

## Sahitya Akademi organises lecture under 'People & Books' series

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATRA: Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University organized a lecture under People and Books series. The series is aimed at giving an opportunity to a personality who is an avid reader. Nagendra Singh Jamwal, Registrar SMVDU spoke on occasion and discussed the Books which influenced him. He also gave feedback about the Literature especially

Dogri literature, it's availability and influence on people. " While English and Hindi has been able to address the literary needs of the readers Dogri literature needs to reorient itself to the changing times including ebooks, Kindle editions, Social media and marketing through marketing platforms, e platforms."

The lecture was followed by a Panel discussion on contribution of Sahitya Akademi



Dignitaries during the event at Katra.

awarded to Dogri Novels and fiction. The session was

chaired by eminent Dogri writer Jatinder Udhampuri Padamshree. Vijay Verma, Shivdev Singh Sushil and Dr Sushma Rani also presented their papers. Shivdev Singh Sushil highlighted the Dogri Novel titled Dhara te Dhura by Prof Madan Mohan Sharma.

The two day conference culminated with a panel discussion on the present status of Dogri Novel with reference to prominent Indian lan-

guages. The session was chaired by noted Dogri writer Dhian Singh. Underjeet Kesar, Shailender Singh and Nasib Singh Manhas deliberated on the evolution of novels in Dogri literature and its relevance to the changing times. Dr Isha Malhotra HoD School of Languages and Literature and Dr Rakesh Thussu president BCA alongwith scholars of University coordinated the event.

## Enthusiastic farmers, students throng SKUAST-J Krishak Mela



Prof., J. P. Sharma, VC SKUAST-Jammu and Dr. Sardar Singh Director, CSRTI, Pampore after signing of MoU.

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JAMMU: On the third day of ongoing five day Krishak Mela, being organized by SKUAST Jammu, a MoU was signed between Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu and Central Sericulture Research & Training Institute, Pampore, Kashmir in presence of Prof., J. P. Sharma, Vice- Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and Dr. Sardar Singh Director, CSRTI, Pampore to further strengthen the research activities.

A state level seminar on 'Sustainable Livelihood and Nutritional Security under Changing Climate Scenario in N-Himalayas' sponsored by JK Science Technology and Innovation Council, Govt. J&K was organized under the Chairmanship of Prof. Dr Pardeep Wali, Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu. Dr. Anish Yadav, National Fellow & Professor, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, R.S. Pura talked about Sustaining Livestock Food Security in Changing Climate Scenario, while Dr. Anil Kumar, Chief Scientist FSR & Nodal Officer, ICAR presented his view on Sustainable Ecosystem based Resource Use for Enhancing Livelihood Security in North Western Jammu Sub

Himalayan Region. A technical session was organized on 'Natural farming: Principles and Advantages' under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Director, Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI), Shimla. Dr. Jagdish Singh, Head, Division of Forest Extension, HFRI (ICFRE), Shimla delivered a lecture highlighting how diversification of agriculture through medicinal and aromatic plants can help in better income generation while Dr. Ajay Gupta, Sr. Scientist & Head KVK, Poonch talked on Natural Farming: Principles and four main elements of Subhash Palekar Natural Farming (SPNF) Model.

Dr. Prashant Bakshi, Professor & Head, Division of Fruit Science and I/e Organic & Natural Farming gave a detailed presentation on 'Organic production of fruit crops' while Dr. Vikas Abrol, Professor, Division of Soil Science & Agriculture Chemistry highlighted the role of Bio Fertilizers in Sustainable Agriculture.

Harbeer Singh, Editor, Rural Voice, New Delhi visited Integrated Farming System Model, different stalls of Krishak Mela and lauded the University administration for organizing

such a mega event to benefit the farming community.

A Kisan Ghosti was also organized under the Chairmanship of Dr. J.P Sharma, Ex-Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu. Dr. Brij Nandan, Chief Scientist (Agronomy) PRSS, Samba spoke on "Scientific cultivation of major rabi pulses of Jammu region" wherein he deliberated on proper seed rate and weed management and informed farmers that PRSS Samba has prepared a Package of Practices (PoP) for Rabi pulses. Parveen Singh, a progressive farmer from Kathua shared his success story w.r.t mushroom cultivation and organic farming and suggested his fellow farmers to shift to organic farming, while Dr. R. Punjya, Asstt. Professor, (AICRP-WM) updated farmers about weed management in rabi crops w.r.t narrow and broad leaved weeds and suggested their control measures. Dr. Anurish Vaid, Prof. and Head, Plant Pathology talked about various diseases in rabi crops, while Dr. Una Shanker, Prof. Entomology replied to the queries of farmers w.r.t snails and slugs and suggested their management. Anjana Thakur, Chairman, Himalayan Mahila Evam Jan Kalyan Sanstha (NGO) while talking on 'Self Help Group & Natural Hygiene' informed farmers about the activities of the NGO and said that that her NGO is exclusively working on organic farming and needs support from various agencies so that it can be promoted further.

Simultaneously, to attract more youth and farmers in Krishak Mela, rural sports competitions on tug of war, volleyball, athletic events, kabaddi, basketball etc were also organised.

## DM Doda issues prohibitory orders against garbage dumping in public places

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DODA: To address the nuisance of garbage dumping on road-sides, highways, public paths and main drainage in rural as well as urban areas of the District, District Magistrate Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan on Saturday issued prohibitory orders under Section 133 of CrPC, banning any such practice.

The order reads that District Magistrate, Doda, by virtue of powers vested under Section 133 CrPC, do hereby order all the residents of the District to remove garbage/avoid dumping of garbage on any Public place viz streets, roads, roadsides, open grounds, nallahs, river/riversides or any other place covered under the definition of public place and ensure to dump the garbage only at places specified by the concerned Municipal bodies or Block Sanitation Officers/ Panchayats or handover the garbage to the door to door collectors only. Any violation in this behalf shall be dealt under the relevant section of law.

## JJB Jammu holds follow-up meet of 'Children in Conflict with Law'

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JAMMU: As part of Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Act, 2015, a third periodic Follow-up-meet was organised by Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) Jammu to enquire about the conduct and behaviour as well as wellbeing of 'Children in Conflict with Law' whose cases have been disposed of by Board and who were released on probation or admonition by board in past. The meet was presided over by Jyoti Bhagat, Principal Magistrate JJB, Jammu; Dr Cheshta Sharma and Nischint Pachanda Members of JJB Jammu along with Juhi, Legal-cum-Probationary Officer Jammu. 10 children along with their parents attended the event and discussed

steps to resolve various problems faced by them. Speaking on the occasion, Board member appraised gathering that they can approach the Board in case of any difficulty and will be assisted as per the law. While interacting with children, Board suggested children that in case they face any problem in issuance of conduct certificates by concerned authorities, they may approach Board and accordingly Board will assist them as per rules envisaged in the Juvenile Justice Act. Further, Board members also appraised the children about their basic fundamental rights. Pertinent to mention here that main purpose of conducting the follow-up meet was to check progress and reformation of children after their release.

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