

JKESL organises felicitation cum ex-servicemen Sammelan



A dignitary speaking during the event.

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UDHAMPUR: In order to honor and to pay respect to Veer Naaris and their families, Udhampur Wing of Jammu Kashmir Ex-servicemen League (JKESL) District President Dalvir Singh Bhutyal held a programme to honor them in Udhampur. In function beside local Veer Naaris hailing from different Tehsils of District also participated.

Lt. Gen. R K Sharma was the Chief Guest of the occa-

sion while Col Rajinder Singh presided over the function. Chief Guest asked the ESMs to highlights their grievances of ex-servicemen community especially Veer Naaris, widows and dependents of ex-servicemen.

While speaking in meeting Dalvir Singh Bhutyal said that ESMs have many issues which will be taken care and would be forward to the higher ups of their early redresses. Bhutyal said there is long pending

demand of the local ESM to create more re-employment opportunities, ECHS, CSD facility, ZSB and issuance of Gun License to them. On this occasion senior manager Bank of Baroda Maj Rahal Sharma and branch manager Gurpreet Singh also felicitated Veer Naaris and presented Shawls to them to honor war widows. It was disclosed that DPDO always remain at frontline to serve the ESMs and Veer Naaris all the time at best possible extent. Others who were present Harsimran Kour, Mahadeep Singh, Sanjeet Kumar, Kulbushan Singh, Bandral, Kiran Singh, Shankar Singh, Yash Pal Sharma, Ali Mohd Khan, Satdev Singh, Advo, Dev Raj, Balvir Singh, Kulvir Singh, Karnail Singh, Yuv Raj Singh, Kuldeep Kumar.

A large number of activities were organised

Awas Diwas celebrated across rural areas in District Doda

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DODA: AWAS Diwas was celebrated under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav across all the Blocks of District Doda.

The programmes were attended by the Officers of Rural Development, Panchayat Raj institutions, general public and PMAY (G) beneficiaries.

The public was educated about the benefits under Pradhan Mantri Awas (G) Yojana. The permanent wait lists were displayed and the status of various houses was also discussed. Griha Pravesh ceremonies were also conducted in the completed houses.

Assistant Commissioner Development, Phulail Singh participated in AWAS Diwas at Panchayat Dradhoo of Block Bhaderwah. He deliberated upon the features of the PMAY (G) scheme, listened to the grievances of the people and interacted with the PMAY (G) beneficiaries. The programme was also attended by Block Development Officer Bhaderwah, Sarpanch Ashok Sharma, Other PRI's and general public. ACD also inspected various PMAY houses during the visit to the Panchayat.

Similar programmes were organized in other Panchayats and Block headquarters.

KVK Reasi promotes oyster mushroom cultivation

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting the oyster mushroom cultivation in Reasi distt. of J&K so that the farmers can generate extra farm income and employment.

According to Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal, there is an immense potential of mushroom cultivation in the hilly district Reasi of J&K and farmers can fetch more money by its commercial

level cultivation. He revealed that the agro-climatic conditions in the district are ideal for the growth of oyster mushroom. He said that mushroom cultivation is gaining momentum in the district and by observing the results of successful mushroom growers many new farmers are coming forward to reap the benefits of nutritional security and subsidiary income through this venture.

He said that there is need to adopt the scientific technology in mushroom cultivation. He said that mushroom cultivation can be done even by the small or landless

farmers. He also highlighted the round the year mushroom cultivation and narrated the value addition in mushroom crop for more returns. He said that mushroom cultivation is a landless venture which can be started with the minimum investments. He narrated that the district is visited by millions of visitors round the year and there is great demand of mushroom. He added that KVK is guiding the farmers on the scientific cultivation of mushroom and also on its efficient marketing management so that farmers can get sustainable income.

The meeting was organized under the chairmanship of Zonal Chairman Sanjay Singh. The main agenda of the meeting is to strengthen the Association at grass root level and raise burning issues of teaching fraternity. During the meeting, unanimously decision was taken by the teachers to nominate Ifaq Malik as Cluster President Sharore and Muzaffar

Malik as Cluster President Maitra.

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Poonch Link-Up Day celebrations: Army organises Poonch Mela



Army officials along with artists and locals.

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POONCH: Army's Poonch Brigade organised Poonch Mela as part of Poonch Link Up Day celebrations. A large number of dignitaries from the Indian Army, Civil Administration and local populace including students of various schools were present on the occasion. A large number of activities were organised

during the Poonch Mela, which included a mesmerizing Cultural programme, variety of Games, Equestrian and Dog show, Weapon Display & Artificial limb measurement & fitment camp. The local populace whole heartedly appreciated the Indian Army efforts in organising a series of activities during the Poonch Mela.

'Committed to provide basic amenities to people'

Rs 5 lakh from his Panchayat fund and started this work today. He said that it has always been his endeavor to get all the stalled development works done in the Panchayat. He also thanked Surendra Tarsem Kumar Sharma today started construction work a bathroom near the cremation ground located in village Kool Kothe with an estimated cost of Rs 5 lakh.

On the occasion, Naib Sarpanch Pyare Lal, Panch Somnath and many dignitaries of the area were present.

Addressing the gathering, Sarpanch Gurdeep Saini said that this was an old demand of the people of the area that a bath house should be built near the cremation ground, due to which he sanctioned an amount of

development works are being done at a fast pace in Block RS Pura. Sarpanch and funds are being provided to each Panchayat so that all the stalled development works in the panchayats can be started expeditiously. He appreciated the efforts of Sarpanch Gurdeep Saini and said that ever since he became the Sarpanch of the Panchayat, he has got the development works done in a better way in the Panchayat and has rejuvenated the Panchayat. He said that only such public representatives can contribute better in the development of the society and the country.

Among others who were present include Panchayat Satya Devi, Dev Raj Sharma, Sardar Harjinder Singh, Darshan Singh and Amar Singh Charak.

Congress lashes out at Admn for shortage of seeds & fertilizers in Sunderbani

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SUNDERBANI: JK Congress lashed out at the administration over shortage of seeds & fertilizers to farmers especially in Sunderbani and other parts of Nowshera and Kalakot areas Rajori district and demanded immediate supply of adequate quantity of seeds and fertilizer to the farmers.

Senior Congress leader Ravinder Sharma & former MLC was apprised by the farming community during his tour of Sunderbani and adjoining areas of Kalakot and Nowshera areas about non availability of required quantity of fertilizers especially DAP besides seeds, demanding immediate

availability of quality seeds of wheat as well as pulses for the season by the department. The shortage of quality seeds and required quantity of fertilizers is matter of serious concern to the farming community who are already in great distress.

The farmers suffer a lot in the absence of timely supply of seeds and fertilizer which affects their productions and loss of income to farmers.

Low productions of crops lead to rise in prices of all commodities of foods. He urged the government to take care of the needs of the farming community who are under great economic distress due to wrong economic policies.

DDC Poonch flags-off Farmers' Exposure Tour



DDC Poonch Inder Jeet flagging-off tour.

Districts, have an exposure to the latest technological interventions in Agriculture sector and Farm Mechanization etc.

Beside this, the farmers shall be given firsthand knowledge regarding introduction of NANO Urea application and provided

demonstration Kits free of cost.

The District Development Commissioner exhorted the participating farmers to avail the benefits of this opportunity and get updated with the latest innovations in integrated farming system comprising Crop production,

Protective exotic vegetable cultivation, Mushroom growing etc.

He emphasized that such exposure visits would prove fruitful for development of the Agriculture sector and doubling the farmers' income in Poonch District especially with the introduction and application of NANO UREA. He also impressed upon them to make efforts to preserve the germ plasm of local specialties of the district viz Red rice (Ranji), local Rajmash (Mandi Loran Mothi), Local Garlic and Red Potato (Loran-Galipindi Potato). The District Agriculture Officer (Ext.) Poonch & all other officers of the department also attended the programme.

JKTA holds meet, highlights burning issues

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RAMBAN: JK Teachers Association Zone Ramban organised cluster Level meeting of Clusters Sharore and Maitra and nominate cluster Presidents.

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Others who are present on the in the meeting, Akther Abbas Naik UT Sr. Vice President, Farooq Daing

UT Secretary, Tirth Singh Balwal Prov.Sr. Vice President, Mumtaz Ahmed UT Apex member, Kuldeep Singh UT apex member, Vikram Katoh District President Ramban, Shoket Ali Parihar Vice President, Rakesh Singh Finance Secretary, Rayees Ahmed Bali Gen.Secretary, Ayoub Ahmed Malik distt.Advisor, Imitiaz Ahmed Distt.Apex member, Tahir Tantray distt.apex member, Naveen ahmed , Rajay ahmed, Zahoor Ahmed, Kuljeet Singh , Kulbir Singh, Ragbir Singh, Ashok Kumar, Shaheen Ahmed , yasir wani mushtaq Ahmed malik and others.

Chairperson DDC, DC Ramban inspect sinking road at Gandhari

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RAMBAN: To assess the damage besides exploring the possibility to restore road connectivity, Chairperson, District Development Council, Dr Shamshad Shan and Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Musarrat Islam on Sunday jointly visited sinking area of Kanga-Bathni road via Gandhari at kilometer 7 which has been damaged due to massive land slide.

DDC Councillor, Shamim Akther, Tehsildar Rafiq Ahmed, Executive Engineer

besides discussing the prevailing situation with the DDC Chairperson, Councilor and other public representatives, the DC assured that the District Administration is monitoring the restoration operations and essential supply position besides making a provision for essential supplies through transhipment. The DC also directed the ARTO to make tranship arrangements to facilitate the people of the areas.

The Deputy Commissioner directed Executive Engineer PMGSY to immediately start the work at the sinking road stretch for restoration of light motor vehicle movement to connect Gandhari block with district headquarter through road link. He informed that a team of experts from IIT Roorkee will examine the spot soon to make a plan for its permanent restoration.

Meanwhile, the Chairperson urged the Government to re-sanction 17 Km long Kanga-Bathni road via Gandhari under PMGSY for its up-gradation.

The Chairperson informed that all the issues of public interest pertaining to Gandhari block have already been highlighted by her on priority basis during public outreach programmes of Union ministers and Back to village programme phase-4.

Earlier, DDC Councillor, Shamim Akther and other PRIs highlighted various issues of public interest including Ambulance for Gandhari Block, road connectivity between Gandhari and Tanger village etc.

The DC informed Bathni village to be developed as a tourist village which will boost the economic activi-



Chairperson, DDC, Dr Shamshad Shan along with DC Ramban, Musarrat Islam during visit to Gandhari.

3-day workshop on 'Drug De-addiction- Special Rights for Women' concludes at GCW Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The three Day Workshop on "Drug De-addiction and Special rights for women" concluded here at Government College for Women (GCW)

Udhampur.

The workshop was organized by the Red Ribbon Club (RRC) and NSS Unit of GCW Udhampur in collaboration with J&K AIDS Control society under the guidance of Principal of the College, Dr. Monika Sharma. Besides briefing about the concept of Zero FIR, he also spoke about the legal rights for women as well as men.

Earlier, Principal of the College, Dr. Monika Sharma, in her address appreciated the efforts of the organizers for conducting this workshop which will go a long way to spread awareness among

the students as well as the general masses. She also highlighted the different issues of drug abuse and special rights for women.

Guest of honour, Balwant Singh also congratulated the Principal and Staff of the college for organizing this grand event. He also acquainted the audiences with various special rights for women mentioned in the Constitution of India.

A brief report on the 3 Day workshop was presented by Assistant Professor of History, Yash Paul, besides a self composed motivational poem on drug de-addiction was recited by Associate

Professor of Urdu, Dr. Mool Raj.

The participating students also shared their experiences and knowledge they gained during the workshop.

Meanwhile, a theme based motivational song on women empowerment was presented by students of GCW Udhampur along with the resource persons, Azra Parveen, Afia Nazir and Devika Sharma.

Later, Dignitaries, staff of the college along with students participated in a pledge taking ceremony on drug de-addiction.

The Chief Guest also distributed mementos and

certificates among the resource persons and participants on the occasion.

The proceedings of the

programme were conducted by Radhika Sharma a student of Sem-V, while the formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Kewal Kumar, Convenor Red Ribbon Club.

Dr. Seema Sharma, Kewal Kumar, Ashni Devi, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Sarika Mahajan, Suneel Singh, Yash Paul, Tania Bharti, Pooja Bharti, Yash Kumar, Arun Gupta and large number of students were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest,

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