

DDC Rajouri inspects Rapid Sand Filtration Plant, Dandesar Water Supply Scheme, other projects

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma on Monday conducted a detailed inspection of the ongoing construction work at the Rapid Sand Filtration Plant (RSFP) - a component of the Water Supply Scheme (WSS) at Dandesar. With a total project cost of Rs. 719 lakh, the Dandesar WSS represents a critical investment in ensuring safe and accessible drinking water for thousands of residents in the district.

The RSFP, an advanced water purification facility, is one of the key components of this ambitious water supply scheme. Once completed, the filtration plant will significantly improve water quality by removing impurities and providing a reliable source of safe drinking water.



DDC Rajouri Abhishek Sharma during visit at Dandesar.

While the construction of the RSFP is currently underway, other integral components of the WSS, including the Overhead Tank (OHT) and Ground Storage Reservoirs (GSRs), have been completed successfully.

Additionally, the laying of pipelines is in progress, which will soon facilitate widespread water distribution to communities across

the designated areas.

During his visit, the DDC conducted a comprehensive review of the work undertaken at the site, assessing construction quality, adherence to timelines, and overall progress. Accompanied by senior engineers and officials from the Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, the DDC interacted with on-site teams, addressing challenges faced

during the construction phase and advising on ways to expedite the completion of the project.

Emphasizing the importance of the scheme, the DDC highlighted the positive impact it will have on the lives of local residents. "The Dandesar Water Supply Scheme is a lifeline project for our community, addressing critical water needs in a sustainable and reliable manner. The Rapid Sand Filtration Plant will ensure that the water supplied is not only adequate but meets high standards of quality," he stated. He further expressed his satisfaction with the progress made so far and reiterated the district administration's commitment to providing improved public utilities to residents.

He instructed the officials

on-site to maintain the highest standards of construction and to fast-track the remaining components to ensure the scheme is operational as per schedule. DDC Sharma also underscored the importance of quality checks at each stage to prevent any future issues that may compromise water safety or distribution efficiency.

This project is expected to play a vital role in alleviating the challenges of water scarcity in Rajouri, ensuring sustainable access to clean drinking water, and contributing to the health and well-being of local communities. By addressing these foundational needs, the Dandesar WSS stands as a testament to the administration's efforts to enhance public infrastructure and improve the quality of life in Rajouri.

GLDM Hiranagar & SDGC Beawar, Rajasthan sign MoU

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HIRANAGAR: The Department of Music at Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Government Degree College (GDC), Hiranagar, and the Department of Music at S.D. Government College (SDGC), Beawar, have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance education, research, and cultural initiatives in the field of music at both institutions.



The signing ceremony was attended by the Principals and Heads of Departments from both colleges. Dr. Pragya Khanna, Principal of GDC Hiranagar, along with Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Head of the Department of Music, signed the agreement with Dr. Rekha Mandowara, Principal of SDGC, and Dr. Dushyant Tripathi, Head of the Department of Music at SDGC.

During the ceremony, Dr. Pragya Khanna commended Dr. Bharat Bhushan's efforts in promoting education and cultural activities within the music sector, emphasizing the importance of research, interactive programs, expert lectures, and demonstrations. The MoU is effective immediately and aims to optimize the intellectual resources of both institutions.

Both colleges expressed optimism that this agreement will pave the way for future collaborations and mutual growth. Dr. Bharat Bhushan noted that this is the first national MoU signed by the Department of Music for music-related projects and collaborations. He highlighted that the formal agreement will greatly benefit students by facilitating workshops, seminars, and internships, in alignment with the NEP-2020 guidelines.

This partnership marks a significant step forward in fostering a rich cultural environment and advancing music education across both institutions.

DDC Samba flags off Inter-State Farmer Tour for Agricultural Innovation



DDC Samba, Rajesh Sharma flagging off farmers.

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SAMBHA: District Development Commissioner Samba, Rajesh Sharma flagged off a group of 54 farmers from the District Office Complex, Nandni Hills, Samba, for an inter-state agricultural study tour organized under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) program.

Interacting with the farmers, DC Sharma encouraged the touring farmers to make the most of this opportunity by learning and

adopting the latest agricultural technologies from the institutes and research centers they will visit. He emphasized that these farmers could serve as role models for the broader farming community upon their return.

The tour, part of the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (ATMA) program, aims to build the capacity of local farmers by exposing them to advanced techniques and knowledge at premier agricultural institutions. The

Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, Samba, is organizing this initiative to equip farmers with cutting-edge practices and innovations in agriculture.

The itinerary includes interaction sessions with scientists at the Farm University in Palampur and the National Apiculture Development Institute in Nagrota Bagwa, Himachal Pradesh. The tour focuses on capacity building in areas such as protected cultivation, organic and natural farming, advanced mushroom cultivation techniques, and the latest advancements in apiculture.

Chief Agriculture Officer Samba Madan Gopal Singh, and other officials from the Department of Agriculture were also present at the flag-off ceremony.

Two courses for Gazetted Officers commence at SKPA

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UDHAMPUR: Two courses viz Two weeks refresher course for the Gazetted Officers of J&K Police and TOT program on Transgender Persons (Protections Rights) Act 2020 sponsored by NISD New Delhi commenced on Monday in which 21 Dy:SSP reported to undergo the course. Agenda of the GO's Refresher course is inclusive of the priorities flagged by MHA in the context of present and future challenges.

The eminent speakers including, Dr.Rashi Taggar, Dr. Sarita Sood, Dr. Savita Nayyar, Department of Law University of Jammu, Shri Rayees Mohammad Bhat, IPS DIG U/R Range, Sheikh Zulfkar Azad, SSP, Central Jail Kashmir, Dr.Ekta Manhas, Dr. Ranjan Sharma, Department of Strategic and Regional Studies, Ellora Puri Prof. Department of Political Science Jammu University



Dignitaries along with participant officers during the programme.

and faculty from Cyber Cell Jammu have been invited to deliver lectures to the participants and will share their valuable experiences and knowledge.

An inaugural function was organized, Garib Dass, ADGP, Director SKPA is the chief guest on the occasion. Shri GraibDass highlighted the role of supervisory officers in the department and ensured the trainee officers that SKPA has the capacity to impart training to the Police Officers of J&K Police to face future challenges in view of technology evaluation

and various other law and order situations. He laid emphasize on practical approach to resolve issues of Law and Order rather than to use force. He believes that handling of Law and Order situation using excessive force is a failure, whereas other means of handling the situation peacefully is a reflection of good leadership in a police. He also stressed upon to adopt best Indian Structure of Police and expressed the needs to upskills the techniques to tackle crimes in virtual space, investigation skills necessary for ensuring cy-

bercrime, and various other law and order situations, the growing threats to internal security and preparedness necessary for J&K Police to tackle all the emerging challenges. He also emphasized on the role of Police which is very sensitive in the society and as such as supervisory police officer should have a concept of good leadership and should have kind approach towards general public. He pointed out that development and security environment are interrelated. He encouraged the participants that training enhances knowledge, skill and attitude, same should be

cherished. He advised them to gain maximum while attending the course and hope for interactive sessions.

However, TOT program on Transgender Persons (Protections Rights) Act 2020 sponsored by NISD New Delhi SKPA also inaugurated in which 28 officers/officials including 08 civil department (i.e. 05 District Social Welfare officer and 03 member of different NGOs) are participating in the said training programme.

The inaugural functions were also attended by the Rajesh Bali, SSP, Dy. Director, other officers and Staff of the Academy.

The course GO's Refresher is being coordinated by Sh. Rakesh Sambyal assisted by SI Dhian Singh and TOT program on Transgender Persons (Protections Rights) Act 2020 is also coordinated by Insp. Chandar Mohan assisted by IC Sanjay Kumar.

Kishtwar admin gears up for Special Summary Revision of Panchayat Electoral Roll

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KISHTWAR: District Panchayat Election Officer (DPEO)/ Deputy Commissioner of Kishtwar Rajesh Kumar Shavan on Monday convened a meeting to discuss the preparations for Special Summary Revision of the Panchayat Electoral Roll in District Kishtwar.

This revision, with January 1, 2025 as the qualifying date, aims to come up with an accurate and up-to-date Panchayat electoral roll to support a transparent and fair democratic process at the grassroots level.

The DPEO discussed key stages of the revision process, which include adding new eligible voters, updating voter information,



DC Kishtwar Rajesh Kumar Shavan chairing a meeting.

and removing ineligible entries. Officers were directed to prioritize accuracy and efficiency in verifying entries and to conduct outreach to inform citizens of their right to participate in the democratic process.

The meeting emphasized the importance of engaging local communities and ensuring that eligible residents, especially those newly eligible, are registered and able to exercise their voting rights. The officials were

further asked to promptly address any discrepancies or grievances that may arise.

The Special Summary Revision of the Panchayat Electoral Roll with take off with Publication of Draft on November 11, 2024, period for filing Claims and Objections (additions, deletions, corrections, transpositions) from November 11, 2024, to December 9, 2024, holding of Special Camps from November 16, 2024, to December 1, 2024, Disposal

of Claims and Objections by December 23, 2024, Final Publication of Panchayat Electoral Roll 2024 on January 6, 2025

The meeting was attended by Dy. DEO/ACR Kishtwar Idrees Lone, SDM Marwah, Mohd. Ashraf, SDM Chatroo Nayeem Ul Rehman, ACD Kishtwar Phulail Singh, all BDOs(AERO's at Block Level) Election NT, besides other concerned staff from various departments.

PTTI Vijaypur organises lecture on stress management, human rights

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VIJAYPUR: Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur, organized one day workshop on Stress Management (Mindfulness & Emotional Intelligence) and Human Rights by inviting two guest lecturers in the Institute who delivered lectures on the topics for staff and trainees. On the occasion Deepak Manchanda, Life coach & speaker, based in US delivered an impressive lecture on stress management (Mindfulness & Emotional Intelligence) and explained about different types of anxiety and stress, symptoms, sources and its effects.

He also discussed the ways to manage stress to live healthy and stress free life to improve work efficiency.



Deepak Manchanda, Life coach & speaker being honoured at PTTI Vijaypur.

While interacting with staff and trainees, Manchanda told that stress is the main cause of maximum diseases and in order to remain mentally fit and agile one should avoid memorizing past mis-happenings repeatedly as such state of mind may lead to stress and ultimately depression. He advised to keep away from negative

thoughts and involve in healthy discussions with family members and friends. He also demonstrated some physical exercises/movements to keep the mind stress free. Similarly, Shri Kailash Sharma, Retired SSP delivered a lecture on Human Rights and explained the basic concept of Human Rights, it evolu-

tion and importance. He shared his views regarding dignity, freedom and justice and gave a detailed information on Human Rights to the staff and trainees.

On the occasion, Dushyant Sharma SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur paid his sincere gratitude to Deepak Manchanda and Kailash Sharma for sparing their valuable time to interact with staff and trainees and for guiding them on the above mentioned topics. The visiting guest lecturers also thanked Principal PTTI Vijaypur for organizing workshop on the subject matter. Among others, Niaz-ul-Hussain DySP (Outdoor), Shri. Surinder Singh DySP (Indoor/Tech) were present on the occasion.

Reasi admin starts preparation for Ati Maha Vishnu Yagya



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REASI: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Reasi Vishesh Mahajan chaired a meeting here today to finalize arrangements for the Ati Maha Vishnu Yagya scheduled to take place in Pouni from November 21 to

December 1, 2024.

SSP Gaurav Sikarwar and functionaries from across all line departments attended the meeting. DC emphasised that public convenience is priority, while issuing key directives to ensure adequate water and power supply throughout Yagya.

The DC directed for installation of makeshift toilet units at the site for public convenience, along with proper barricading to manage crowd flow and maintain safety on key routes. Security will be heightened with the strategic deployment of police personnel, including female staff, to ensure the safety of women attendees. Additionally, a team from the fire department will be stationed onsite,

prepared to address any emergency situations that may arise during the event.

The DC directed concerned officials that the event will also include an awareness camp involving key departments, with a special focus on health and agriculture. Medical teams, including doctors would be made available round-the-clock.

Tourist Reception Centre (TRC) in Pouni will be designated for lodging, and additional sanitation workers will be deployed to maintain cleanliness. The meeting was attended by ADC Kulbushan Khajuria, ACD Pardeep Kumar, DFO Sunil Manhas, Tehsildar Pouni, XENs from various departments and others.

CBC's two-day photo exhibition concludes

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KISHTWAR: The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Field Office Doda, successfully concluded a two-day Photo Exhibition at Government Degree College (GDC), Kishtwar. Prof. Bashrat Iqbal, Principal of GDC Kishtwar, honored the event as the Chief Guest, reflecting the institution's support for initiatives that bridge communication between government schemes and the public.

Prof Bashrat Iqbal Principal GDC Kishtwar, said that, The focus on the Three Criminal Laws provides clarity on the steps our government is taking to strengthen justice and ensure the safety of our citizens. It is imperative for every individual to understand these new legal provisions, as they contribute significantly to law, order, and fairness in society.

Further he said that the Mission Life and Poshan Abhiyan themes highlight the importance of sustainability



and health in our daily lives. Mission Life calls for responsible environmental stewardship, urging each of us to make lifestyle changes that preserve our natural resources for future generations. Meanwhile, he stresses the importance of Poshan Abhiyan nutrition, especially among mothers and children, reminding us that a healthy community begins with a healthy foundation. He appreciates the Central Bureau of Communication for this powerful outreach effort. It is my hope that each attendee leaves inspired to apply the knowledge gained here today in ways that strengthen our society and nurture a brighter future for all."

"Poshan Abhiyan," encouraging audience engagement in these vital areas.

Gurnam Singh, In-charge of CBC Doda, Ramban, and Kishtwar, introduced the CBC's objectives and the various themes of the event. Highlighting the role of CBC in public awareness, he shared insights into ongoing programs focused on social welfare and development.

The exhibition featured expert lectures by notable speakers, including Rohit Sharma, Sub Inspector of the J&K Police Department, who provided a comprehensive overview of the new criminal laws, their implications, and public safety. Additionally, Dr. Tabassum and Dr. Shabnam delivered insightful presentations on "Mission Life" and the

In the welcome address, Vikram Uppal, In-charge of CBC Doda, Ramban, and Kishtwar, introduced the CBC's objectives and the various themes of the event. Highlighting the role of CBC in public awareness, he shared insights into ongoing programs focused on social welfare and development.

DLC Kishtwar approves 3 Change of Land Use Cases

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KISHTWAR: District Level Committee on Change of Land Use (CLU) met here on Monday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan. The meeting was held to discuss and approve several CLU applications relevant to the district. The meeting assessed 05 CLU cases in detail, resulting in the approval of 03 cases by the committee. Each case was assessed based on its merits and potential impacts to ensure a balanced approach towards land use changes in the district.

The DC stressed the need to adhere to regulatory guidelines, ensuring that all CLU decisions align with the development goals and environmental priorities of Kishtwar district. The meeting saw active participation from key officials, including PO ICDS/CEO KDA Rishi Sharma, ACR Kishtwar Idrees Lone, ACD Kishtwar Phulail Singh, SDM Marwah Mohd Ashraf, SDM Chatroo Nayeem Ul Rehman, and other concerned officers.

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