

DC Rajouri seeks people's cooperation to contain COVID 3rd wave

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RAJOURI: To raise awareness among masses about COVID Appropriate Behavior and other SOPs to contain the COVID-19 third wave, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Tuesday flagged off an awareness van here from the DC office complex.

The awareness campaign has been organised by the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) Rajouri Centre as a part of IEC activities for generating public awareness on Covid Appropriate Behaviour amid the impending threat of third wave.

ADC, Sachin Dev Singh and DIO Narinder Kumar were also present at the flag off event.

Talking to the media per-



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal flagging-off awareness van from DC office complex.

sions, the Deputy Commissioner said that the mobile van would move across all subdivisions of the district to educate masses about the significance of strict adherence to CAB and implications in case of its violation.

He added that it will also motivate the public to take the Covid vaccine as vaccina-

tion is the ultimate solution to stay safe from the infection.

While briefing about various activities including aggressive testing, intensive vaccination besides other measures being put in place for the efficient containment and management of COVID19 in the district, the DC said that the wide-rang-

ing containment measures by the District Administration also require the active cooperation of the public. He called upon the public to take the Covid vaccine.

He appealed to people of the Rajouri district to take all preventive measures against Covid-19 including wearing masks, following hand hygiene and maintaining social distance.

He added that the District Administration Rajouri has achieved the target of 100 percent vaccination of the adult population in the border district and effective measures are being taken to inoculate the entire population in the 15-18 age-group. He also appealed to the parents to get their children vaccinated at the earliest.

DC Kishtwar urges civil society to follow COVID protocols religiously

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Ashok Sharma on Tuesday urged civil society to follow Covid Appropriate Behaviour religiously to safeguard their life.

He said that as the graph of the virus is going up in the country, people need to be extra cautious to avoid the third wave by not lowering their guard.

He appealed to the transporters, Shopkeepers and other stakeholders to abide by the laid down COVID guidelines/SOPs issued by the government.

The DC said that the administration will not allow any violation of Covid protocol and action shall be taken against the violators under the various provisions of relevant Act.

Besides, he urged parents to get their children between the age of 15 to 18 vaccinated at the earliest.

He informed that the dose of vaccine can be had from selected schools, special vaccination camps and other vaccination centres as well. Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner solicited the PRIs and the religious leaders to sensitise the common masses to stick to the universal usage of face masks, maintain social distancing and maintain hygiene by frequent hand washing besides taking age appropriate COVID protection vaccination on time.

GDC Kathua organises workshop on ‘Rural Entrepreneurship Development Programme’

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KATHUA: Government Degree College Kathua, in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education", Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, on Tuesday organised a One Day Workshop on the topic "Rural Entrepreneurship Development Programme."

Principal of the College, Dr. M.S. Pathania, was the Chief Guest, while Prof. Raj Kiran Sharma was the Guest of Honour.

Shivali Choudhary, J&K REDC, UT Coordinator was the resource person in the workshop. The programme began with the welcome address by Prof. Rakesh Singh, Convener, Career Counselling and Placement Cell, GDC Kathua who outlined the purpose and structure of the event.

The Chief Guest Dr. M.S Pathania, in his address, highlighted various Skill Development Initiatives taken by Higher Education Department as per New Education Policy. He appreciated the role of Career Counselling and

Placement Cell in organizing such types of workshops for the betterment of students.

Prof. Raj Kiran Sharma, in her address, emphasized on various types of rural development Programmes being implemented for College students and stressed that youth should become Job creators rather than job seekers.

Resource person, Shivali Choudhary, in her deliberations, made the students aware about challenges of rural entrepreneurship, management, small scale manufacturing business

Workshop held on Rural Entrepreneurship Development Programme

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SAMBA: An online workshop was organized by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE) in collaboration with Govt. Degree College Ghagwal, Samba under the guidance of Principal Prof. Suresh Kumar Sharma and supervision of Dr. Rajni Bala, Convener Literary Committee.

The title of the workshop was "Rural Entrepreneurship Development Program" where students were made aware on Rural Entrepreneur initiatives to be taken. Dr. G. Durga Rao, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy and Public Administration, Centre University of Jammu was guest of Honour and Shivali Choudhary, J&K REDC UT Coordinator was resource person of the workshop. About 50 students participated in the workshop.

Ryldham elected Vice President JKPC’s Youth wing

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POONCH: Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference leader Er Ryldham Singh had been elected as the State Vice President of the Youth wing of JKPC. People thanked party president Sajad Gani Lone and JKPC Youth President Sheikh Mohammed Inuran for electing Ryldham for this post.

Er Ryldham was warmly welcomed by Poonch PC workers, the locals and youths of Poonch. An enthusiastic welcome rally was organised in Poonch where youth raised slogans in support of Er Ryldham Singh and JKPC. Captain Jaspal Singh (Retd.), Adv



Er Ryldham Singh being accorded warm reception at Poonch.

Intiaz Ahmed, Abdul hamid kholi, Alamdar Hussain Shah, Mohd Shaban, Inuran Kohli, Karanveer Singh, Dr Navjot Singh, Kabir Ahmed (Panch), Dr Sarabjeet Singh, Mazar

Khan, Waseem Khan, Adv Shoket Mir, Kiranjeet Singh, Intiaz Khoker, Nisar Khawaja, Gulam Rasool and others were present on the occasion.

KVK Reasi trains Self Help Groups

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised a training programme for the members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) here today at Malad village of Pouni block in Reasi district of J&K which was attended by the number of women members of various SHGs of the area.

The programme was organised under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.JP Sharma and able guidance of Director Extension Prof.SK Gupta of SKUAST-J. All the SOPs pertaining to COVID-19 pandemic were strictly followed while conducting the programme. The major objective of the training programme was to create better understanding of important features and functions of Self Help Groups (SHGs).

Dr. Banarsi Lal, Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi initiated the programme with the warm welcome of participants. During the technical session he elaborated the concept of Self Help Group (SHG) and discussed on various income generation activities among the rural women. He said that SHGs formation has immense scope in hilly areas and can play a significant role in the eradication of poverty from the downtrodden areas. He discussed on regular saving, record keeping, regular meetings, regular interloaning, linkage with banks, repayment ethics etc. He narrated that the SHGs can transform the rural areas by raising the socio-economic conditions of the rural women. Dr. Suja Nabi Qureshi, Scientist guided the participants on aonla candy making, pickles making, jam making, juice making etc. He stressed on value addition in fruits, vegetables and spices to enhance the income and

employment among the rural women. He also guided the trainees on the preservation of seasonal fruits and vegetables and elaborated the techniques of their value addition. He narrated that by the value addition in fruits and vegetables rural women can fetch more money and thus they can raise their socio-economic status. KVK scientists also guided the SHGs members on the technological operations required for cabinet drier used for aonla candy making. During the programme some quarries were raised by the group's members which were answered by the scientists in a satisfactorily way. During the programme quality packaging material was also provided to the SHGs members. The participants thanked KVK, Reasi scientists for organizing such a useful programme. The programme was assisted by Manohar Lal and concluded by Dr. Suja Nabi Qureshi with formal vote of thanks.

DDC member hands-over 3 maize thresher machines to panchayats

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AKHNOOR: Pt. Suresh Sharma, member District Development Council, handed over three maize thresher machines to the Panchayats of Dhanma Jallarra, Gangal and Kanerri, of Block Chowki Chaura of cost of 1.50 lakh .

Appreciating the officers of the Agriculture Deptt. Pt.Suresh Sharma said, "This initiative by government will benefit the farmers. In the past, machines have been provided in some panchayats of Block Maira Mandrian and Chowki Chaura and in the coming time each Panchayat will be provided machines".

Suresh Sharma while



DDC member Suresh Sharma during the programme.

addressing the Sarpanchs and Panchs of all the three panchayats said, "many more facilities will be made available by the Agriculture Department in the coming time.

SDAO Akhnoor Suriender Bhat, AEO Garu Ram, AEO

Yogesh Mehta, Sarpanch Harbans Lal, Sarpanch Anuradha Sharma, Sarpanch Ashu Sharma, Panch Baba Kali, Panch Vijay Kumar, Panch Pooja Devi and officers of Agriculture Department were present.

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RAMBAN: District Development Council, Ramban on Tuesday met under the chairmanship of its Chairperson Dr. Shamshad Shan to review progress on works sanctioned and taken-up under Capex Budget 2021-22 besides discussing the modalities for formulating Development Plan for the year 2022-23.

Project and plan wise review of different sector works including Rural Development Department, PMGSY, PWD and Jal Shakti, Education and Sports was held in detail.

BDC Chairpersons, DDC Councilors, Additional district Development Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Chief Planning Officer,



DDC Chairperson Dr. Shamshad Shan chairing a meeting.

Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Executive Engineer R&B, PMGSY, Jal Shakti, CMO and other concerned Engineers and Officers were present in the meeting.

It was informed that against 317 works proposed under DDC Area Development Plan, work has been started on 241 works. The Chairperson directed the concerned departments to complete the remaining works well in time.

The meeting discussed

the status of physical and financial progress of each work in detail. The BDC Chairpersons and the DDC Councilors inquired about the status of works being executed in their areas by different departments.

The Chairperson also shared the information and guidelines with all the stakeholders regarding formulation of Capex Budget for 2022-23. She asked them to start formulation of development Plans for their respective areas under their Area

Development Fund.

She further inquired about the action plan formulated by the executing agencies to complete the taken-up works under Area Development Fund.

Earlier, DDC Chairperson also reviewed post snowfall situation and progress on restoration of essential services and supplies.

While taking the reports of restoration works form concerned officers, the ADDC urged the BDC Chairpersons and DDC Councilors to inform the Administration if road clearance operation is not taken up on any road.

The ADDC passed necessary directions to officers to ensure execution of works taken-up under ADF to achieve the targets of their respective departments.

3rd National Water Awards-2020: Rajouri's Jamola Lower bags 2nd position in Best Panchayat category

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RAJOURI: District Rajouri's Jamola Lower Panchayat has bagged 2nd position for water conservation & water management in best Panchayat category of 3rd National Water Awards-2020 announced by Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

The awards are given to encourage and recognize individuals and organizations doing exemplary work in water resources management.

Jammu and Kashmir Union territory has won two awards as Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Jammu (UT-J&K) won the first award under category of

best "Institution/RWA/Religious Organization for Campus Usage, while Jamola lower Panchayat won second position in best Panchayat category.

The Panchayat Jamola-Lower has a number of water conservation and management activities to its credit, including construction of concrete water harvesting tanks, revival of water bodies, construction of roof top rain water harvesting structures /storages, construction of ground water recharging unit i.e earthen pits, construction of check dams, vegetative check dams and allied works, renovation of Water bodies such as Bowlies (Natural springs) besides spreading

awareness among the habitants about Judicious use of water. The central team comprising Ravi Ranjan, Director, Rakesh Gupta Deputy Director from Central Water Commission, Jammu and Ninay Kashyap, Assistant Chemist, CGWB, Jammu had visited the Village for Ground Truth Verification. The team appreciated the works and found them of good quality and well maintained.

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DDC Chairperson Udhampur inspects dev works in several Panchayats

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UDHAMPUR: District Development Council, Chairperson, Udhampur Lal Chand on Tuesday conducted an exhaustive tour of Panchayat Barolla, Dhanoo, Patta and Mand East and inspected the ongoing develop-



DDC Chairperson, Udhampur Lal Chand inspecting works.

ment works.

During the visit, the DDC Chairperson also inspected the construction work of Dhanoo Bridge over Duddar Nallah. Executive Engineer PMGSY briefed the Chairperson that the steel girders and other raw material required for the construction of the bridge have been fully installed. The DDC Chairperson directed for timely completion of the project to benefit the people.

En-route, the DDC Chairperson also inaugurated a hand pump at Panchayat Mand East W.No. 8 under PRI Capex grant in presence of local Sarpanch of the Panchayat. He also congratulated the locals for fulfilling their long pending demand for a hand pump.

After the inauguration, the DDC Chairperson also inter-

acted with the locals and stressed upon them to avail benefits under various flagship welfare schemes and programmes launched by the UT and central government.

The DDC Chairperson also visited Government Higher Secondary School Barolla and Government High School Kotli where he inspected the land for construction of 3 Additional class rooms (ACRs) including a Hall. The DDC Chairperson also appreciated the tireless efforts made by local Sarpanch Arti Sharma to fulfill the demand of drinking water of the area.

Among others, Sarpanch Panchayat Kambal Danga Shashi Paul, Sarpanch Panchayat Mand East Arti Sharma Sarpanch Patta, Social Worker Vir Chander, Retd. Master Mastan Singh, were also present.

GDC Sunderbani organises intra-college essay writing competition

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SUNDERBANI: NSS and NCC unit in collaboration with cultural committee of Govt. Degree College Sunderbani organised Intra-college essay writing competition on theme "Empowering youth in making society Free from Social evils" as a part of celebrating National youth day 2022. The programme was conducted under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Gupta, Principal of the College. Accordingly, the purpose of organizing essay on this theme is to spread awareness about power of youth in making evil free society. In the said competition a large number of students participated in which Ist position was secured by Saloni Sharma of Vth Sem, second position was secured by Sakshi Sharma of Vth Sem and third position was shared by Harsh mehra of 3rd Sem and Ansuja Devi of vth sem. The event was organized by NSS Programme Officer Sham Lal, (Assistant Professor) department of Economics, NCC Officer, Ravi Kumar, and Prof. Sheraz kousser convener of cultural committee. Dr. Mohd Azam, Dr shehzad were the judges in the event.

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KALAKOTE: National Conference criticized the government for its ill-preparedness to handle the expected snowfall due to which the miseries of common masses have increased manifold. In this regard, Th Yashu Vardhan Singh, National Conference, Zonal

Secretary, Peer Panjal Zone and in-charge District Rajouri visited Panglar Dugga, Kothcharwal, Narla, Udhon, Gaibazz and Gaibazz area of Kalakote Constituency and took stock of the problems being faced by the people due to heavy snowfall. The senior NC leader said that the tall claims made by the authorities on their alertness have been exposed by the power breakdown, road blockades, sanctity of ration and other difficulties faced by the people. He mentioned that the power transformer of Panchayat Panglar Dugga has been defunct for the last more than five days but it's unfortunate that the administration is in deep slumber and has mis-

erably failed to restore power supply in the hour of crisis. The people of Panchayat Panglar Dugga apprised the visiting NC leader about their miseries with regard to non-available of power amidst winter. The NC leader said that although a heavy snowfall is not something new for the region, tall claims being made prove a prank. He appealed to PDD authorities to immediately replace the transformer so that the people of the area would get a sigh of relief. The senior NC leader also visited several Panchayats including Kothcharwal, Narla, Udhon, Gaibazz and Gaibazz area of Kalakote Constituency and interacted with the people of the areas.

Tributes paid to Lal Bahadur Shastri



Congress workers paying tributes to Lal Bahadur Shastri.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Congress on Tuesday paid tributes to second Prime Minister of Independent India Lal Bahadur Shastri on his 56th death anniversary. Senior Congress leader former MLC Subash Gupta presided over the function. Prominent among those who paid tributes are Tilak Raj , Mukesh Sharma, Hartik Kumar, Devinder Kumar, Anku Kumar, Ashu Sharma, Madan Lal, Bittu, Swaran Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Sanjay Kumar, Ajay Sharma, Pushan Sharma, Romesh Lal

While paying tribute Subash Gupta said that Shastri was great freedom fighter and statesman - Lal Bahadur Shastri's slogan 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan', which means 'Hail the Soldier, Hail the farmer; boosted the morale of the soldiers as well as farmers amid food scarcity.

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