

DC Reasi inspects dairy farms in Milk Village Jerri

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REASI: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Charandeep Singh on Wednesday conducted an extensive tour of Milk village Jerri where he inspected dairy units established by local farmers including women folk of the village.

After being declared as Milk village, a total of 57 units have been sanctioned under Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS) for the Village. Under the Integrated Dairy Development Scheme, Dairy Units of five animals with 50% subsidy is provided to the beneficiary. The Scheme also has a provision for milking machine, bulk milk cooling unit at 50 %subsidy (Max Rs 5 Lakh), Pincer making machine, khoya



DDC Charandeep Singh during tour of Milk Village Jerri.

making, dehi, making, cream separator, ice cream making machine, butter and ghee making machine (max subsidy Rs 3. 5 lakh) Milk Van (Max subsidy Rs 2 Lakh), Milk ATM subsidy of Rs 5 lakhs etc.

The officers of animal husbandry were instructed by DDC to visit the bank branches and personally pur-

sue the cases submitted for approval for setting up dairy units in the village and also bring into his notice, if there was any delay by the bankers.

During the visit of the village, the DDC met with farmers and also inquired about income status and turnover of their dairy units. He asked them to encourage

fellow farmers for opening more such units for hand-some earning as this will also resolve the issue of unemployment.

The DDC also educated the farmers about the hazards of pesticide and fertilizers and emphasized for promotion of organic farming for fodder and feed of live-stock. During interaction with PRI members, detailed deliberations were also held on strengthening cooperatives and self-help groups in the rural areas besides promoting horticulture, agriculture, animal and sheep husbandry for redoubling the income of farmers. The DDC appreciated the formation of one cooperative of 11 women for collecting milk from the dairy farms/house-holds for further transporta-

tion to the milk selling plants or other establishments. The DC also desired more such cooperatives in the village so as to ensure collection of the milk by the cooperatives and its further transportation to the milk selling establishments thereby completing the supply chain.

En-route, the DDC also met with public deputations who raised issues of power supply, drinking water and execution of work under different sectors. For all such issues, instructions were given to the concerned officers.

The DDC was accompanied by ACD Dr. Anirudh Rai, BDO Pouni Sumit Suri and other officers of line departments and Animal and sheep husbandry department.

GDC Neeli Nallah organises technical session on 'Benefits of Multimedia in Online/Offline Teaching'

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UDHAMPUR: Government Degree College Neeli Nallah Udhampur organised a Technical Session on "Benefits of Multimedia in Online/Offline Teaching" under the guidance of Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kaur.

Prof. Satinder Kaur, Principal, stressed on the fact that the present pandemic has made students to depend on online teaching. In such a situation, multimedia would help them to learn and enhance their knowledge. Aasif Abdullah Baba (Lecturer Environmental Science) delivered a demonstration lecture on the uses and



A resource person expressing views.

benefits of the multimedia in online/offline teaching.

All faculty of the Govt. Degree College Neeli Nallah attended the demonstration lecture. The lecture was held in smart class room of Govt. Degree college Neeli

Nallah. The lecture was organized by Prof. Shaista Yasmeen. Others present were Prof. Swati Dutt, Dr. Radha Rani, Mandeep Kour, Dr. Akhter Hussain Rather, Dr. Koshika Sharma and Ab. Qayoom Mallah.

231 works approved under tribal sub plan in Rajouri District



DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

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RAJOURI: As many as 231 works have been approved to augment basic amenities in the targeted habitations across Rajouri District under Tribal Sub Plan.

Reviewing the pace of progress on the works here today, the District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, asked the executing agencies to meet

the timeline for providing desired benefits to the targeted people. The meeting was informed that out of 231 works approved under tribal sub plan for the district, as many as 53 works have been completed in all respects. The meeting was attended by DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh; ACD, Sushil Khajuria; SE Hydraulics, JP Singh; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; PO ICDS, Kartar

Singh; DSHO, Dr Sarfraz Naseem Chowdhury; CAHO, Dr Razal Hussain; ExEn PWD Rajouri, Maqbool Husaain and other concerned officers. The meeting discussed the progress on the development of cluster model villages, establishment of smart schools, tribal transit accommodations, E classrooms, Tribal Bhavans, sheep extension centres, milk villages, installation of handpumps, electrification works etc. Issues impeding the execution of works were also discussed threadbare in the meeting. The DDC asked the concerned to expedite the progress to complete works within the set deadlines. He also stressed on judicious use of funds under the tribal plan besides asking for adhering to guidelines of the Tribal Department while executing development works.

Congress extends support to agitating aspirants of Border Battalion



Congress leader Adv. Rajinder Parshad Sharma interacting with agitating youth.

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NOWSHERA: Adv. Rajinder Parshad Sharma, Senior Congress Leader on Wednesday expedited support of the agitating aspirants of Border Battalion in Nowshera.

Speaking on the occasion Sharma said that the agitating aspirants who

have cleared physical test for the recruitment in Border Battalion in the year 2020 are betrayed by the government.

The aspirants started preparing for the written test from last 2 years but the government have re-advertised the same posts again. He said that the government is forcing the

970 vaccinated, 4,402 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh the Health Department on Wednesday administered vaccination doses to 970 people including 330 children in 15-17 years age group which includes 130 in Medical Block Banihal, 100 in Batote, 40 in Ukhral and 60 in Gool.

Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams today fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

The enforcement teams, during the inspection in

their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs. 45,800 taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs. 82, 99, 700. The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr. Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 4402 samples including 758 RT-PCR and 3644 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 970 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

Cocoon rearing emerges main subsidiary occupation of women farmers in Udhampur district

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UDHAMPUR: Sericulture is the oldest Agro based labour intensive & commercially attractive economic Industry. It provides Income & employment to rural people especially farmers with small and marginal land holdings. It is a subsidiary occupation and more than 5000 families especially women are associated with it in Udhampur District. The women get job at their door steps and can earn with dignity. It is a short duration cash crop as the life cycle of silkworm is of 25-30 days duration. The J&K UT has a special status as its climatic conditions are conducive for bivoltine cocoon production. There is great demand for the bivoltine cocoons in India for produc-

tion of quality silk. Udhampur District is the leading district in cocoon production in J&K UT. In the year 2021, the Sericulture department distributed 5001.5 ounces of silkworm seed among 5130 farmers after Chawki rearing.

Recording a bumper harvest, this year the district produced 155151 KG cocoon and the farmers earned an amount of Rs. 4.49 crore.

Mulberry silkworm is a mono-phagus as it feeds on only mulberry leaves. Mulberry is a hardy plant which can be grown in a wide range of climatic conditions. For rearing of silkworms, the propagation and plantation of mulberry trees is very necessary. In Udhampur district the department has 15 mul-



Farmers selling cocoon in auction.

berry nurseries for production of mulberry plants. The department is providing improved varieties of mulberry plants to the farmers free of cost and at their doorstep. In the year 2020-21, 60300 Mulberry trees were distributed among the farmers and this year it targets to provide 76300 plants to the farmers free of cost.

Helping the farmers with technological intervention, in the year 2020-2021 the Department distributed 80 Rearing Appliances (Kits) in different Zones of the District, while in the Year 2021-22, it targets to cover 50 beneficiaries under the Scheme. In addition, the Department also distributes Chawki Reared worms to the

farmers for rearing. The technical staff of the Department provides guidance to the rearers during the Rearing period. They are advised to maintain proper hygiene in the rearing room by using the disinfectants (provided by the department free of cost), to maintain temperature and humidity as per the stage of the worms.

Marketing of Cocoons is organised by the Directorate of Sericulture, J&K. Market Calendar is published and buyers/rearers are intimated well before the start of markets. Most of the Buyers participating in the markets are from West-Bengal, Karnataka and local buyers from Kashmir, Jammu and Udhampur. Cocoons are marketed by way of Open Auction

Market system and the highest bidder is entitled to purchase the lot from the seller i.e Cocoon Growers. All the transactions in the market are made through DBT. This year approximately 4000 rearers sold their cocoons in Cocoon Auction Market Udhampur. In this regard, the progressive rearers get a handsome amount by selling their crop. Though it is a short duration crop the top cocoon growers earn approximately Rs. 0.5 lakh annually from sericulture department.

Similarly, the Sericulture Department conducts awareness camps from time to time to acquaint the cocoon growers with latest technological information. Department also conducts study tours within UT and outside.

3-day virtual lecturer on career opportunities for humanities graduates concludes at GDCW Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The 3-Day virtual Lecture series on Career Opportunities for Graduates in Humanities concluded on Wednesday here at Government Degree College for Women, Udhampur.

The Lecture Series was organised by the Career Counselling Cell of the College under the supervision of Convenor, Prof. Jugal Kishore.

Principal of the College Prof. Minu Mahajan was the Chief Guest at the valedictory function of the series which was inaugurated by him on Jan 17, 2022.

The Principal of the College congratulated the Career Counselling Cell of the college for organising the event and encouraged them to organise more such events in future also. He advised the students to

reap the benefits of such Career oriented Lectures and keep themselves abreast with the ever-changing job market scenario available to the graduates in Humanities.

The series witnessed 10 lectures delivered by 10 different resource persons covering ten subjects viz. Education, History, Computer Applications, Urdu, English, Hindi, Geography, Music, Dogri, Mathematics spanning over five sessions with two sessions per day each comprising of 2 lectures.

A.K. Raina, Associate Professor in Hindi, Dr. Mool Raj, Assistant Professor in Urdu, Dr. Mohan Galgotra, Assistant Professor in Education, Yash Paul, Assistant Professor in History, Prof. Paramjit Singh, Assistant Professor in Computer Applications, Dr. Sumit Sharma, Assistant Professor in English, Pooja Bharti, Assistant Professor in Geography, Yash Kumar Assistant Professor in Music, Neeru Anand, Assistant Professor in Dogri, and Jugal Kishore, Assistant Professor in Mathematics were the 10 resource persons and the sessions were chaired by Arun Gupta, Librarian, Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma, Assistant Professor in

Physics, Bini Kumar, Assistant Professor in Commerce, Jugal Kishore Assistant Professor in Mathematics in turns.

All resource Persons through their interactive lectures exposed the students to the various Career opportunities available to the students after graduation in their respective subjects.

Over 550 students participated in the different lectures in different subjects held in three-day lecture series clearing their doubts through live interaction with the speakers thereby making the counselling endeavour an intended success.

GDC Thannamandi organises COVID-19 vaccination drive

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THANNAMANDI: Keeping in view the upsurge in Covid cases in last couple of weeks, GDC Thannamandi organised a COVID -19 vaccination drive in the college for the students of age group 15-18 years. The drive was conducted in collaboration with Community Health Centre, Thannamandi. The vaccination team headed by Dr. Ghulam Chowdhary reached college campus and students were vaccinated during this drive. Utmost attention was paid to COVID Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) and COVID SOP's during the drive.

After conclusion of the drive, the Principal of the college, Prof.(Dr.) Javaid Ahmed Qazi thanked medical team and the college staff for success of this drive and also made an appeal to all the unvaccinated students to get themselves vaccinated against COVID 19 at an earliest to protect themselves and their loved ones from this deadly disease.

BDC Chairman distributes oxygen concentrator in different COVID care centres



BDC Chairman Arun Kumar Sharma and others during the event at Sunderbani.

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SUNDERBANI: Chairman of Block Development Council (BDC) Sunderbani Arun Kumar Sharma distributed oxygen concentrator to different COVID care centres in Sunderbani & Beripattan

tehsil.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman said "we always want to care the public from different diseases. He said "we keep the budget from BDC fund for this purpose few months ago and also distributed

oxymeter to COVID care Centres.

Sarpanch Lok Nath Suden, Sarpanch Mohan Singh, Gurnam Singh, Mirza Sherbaaz, Panch Nareish Kumar Prasher, Panch Sansar Chand and were also present.

Pritum Spiritual Foundation provides wheelchair to specially-abled person

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POONCH: Continuing its aiding mission Pritum Spiritual Foundation Poonch provided a wheelchair to a poor, needy specifically abled person on Wednesday at Poonch.

Founder and Chairman of the trust has said that, "trust is working for the upliftment of downtrodden people of the society". He said that the main aim of the foundation is to help those who are helpless. Reportedly, an executive member of the trust Priyanka Singh along with member Mohd Aslam and Payal Sharma identified a helpless and needy person in Poonch town and provided a wheelchair to him.



Wheelchair being provided to a needy at Poonch.

BJP's commitment to ensure overall development: Johala

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SAMBA: District Development Council (DDC) Ramgarh Member, Sarabjit Singh Johal has reiterated the BJP Government's commitment to ensure overall development of all areas especially in the rural belts. He said this after kick starting development work of lanes and drains at Panchayat Trindia, Village Bandhral of Ramgarh here today. The development work that commenced in the presence of prominent people of the area is estimated to be completed at a cost of Rs. 4.5 lakh.

The DDC member took the opportunity of the occasion to take stock of various problems and issues con-

fronting the people of the area. During the interaction, the people highlighted their difficulties pertaining to power supply, dilapidated roads and sanitation related problems. After giving a patient hearing to them Sarabjit Singh assured to get their issues resolved at the earliest by taking up the same with the concerned authorities.

While addressing the gathering on the occasion, the DDC Member said that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) believes in 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas' as a result of which the party has been progressing by leaps and bounds with each passing day. He said that it is the ground performance of the party and its gov-

ernment at the Centre especially in terms of development that speaks for itself. The DDC member said the BJP Govt is committed to overall development of every area and urged the people to ensure proactive participation by themselves monitoring the works in their respective areas. He said the execution of work initiated today will be completed with no compromise on the quality so that these lanes and drains sustain for long thus benefitting people living in the area.

Johal assured the people of the village that he will leave no stone unturned in the overall development of the village transforming it into a model village.

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