

Gear-up for elections, expand party base: Shakti

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BASOHLI: Shakti Raj Parihar, Ex Minister and former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA has asked the party workers and activists to expand the party base at booth level and gear up for the upcoming Assembly elections.
The senior BJP leader stated this while chairing BJP Shakti Kendra Pramukhs' meet here on Saturday. He was accompanied by Jewan Lal Pahari Zila BJP President and Col Mahan Singh (Retd) District Development Council (DDC) Kathua Chairman.



Former BJP MLA, Shakti Raj Parihar and others during a meeting.

Parihar emphasized on strengthening the party organization and expanding party base in the region. He asserted that party workers should always remain pre-

pared for the elections as the same could be announced anytime after completion of the delimitation process. Stressing upon the importance of Sashakt Mandal and proactive booth functioning, Parihar desired that all the organization posts must be filled at Mandal level and a minimum 100 youth should be shortlisted

for every booth. He asked the party workers to make an appeal to the supporters to ensure micro donations and involve themselves for forthcoming party foundation day celebrations which will be held right upto the booth level. He directed the party cadre to personally remain present with people to listen to PM Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat on 30th January 2022. Col Mahan Singh asserted that LG led UT administration stands fully committed to the development of tourism infrastructure in the hilly region of Kathua.

GDC Ramnagar organises online lecture on 'Email Phishing Attacks'

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RAMNAGAR: IQAC team in collaboration with Department of Computer Applications of GDC Ramnagar organized an online lecture on 'Online Phishing Attacks' as part of Cyber Jagrookta Mission of the Government. It was organized under the patronage of Dr. Udhey Bhanu, Principal GDC Ramnagar and guidance of Prof. Suresh Kumar Dogra, HOD Physics. At the outset, Dr. Udhey exhorted the participants to spread the awareness about the online fraud in their family and localities.

Prof. Aditya Sharma, College Nodal Officer of Cyber Jagrookta cell and resource person for today's lecture, introduced the participants to the Email Phishing Attacks and their consequences. Prof. Brinder Kumar, Convener IQAC, concluded the session by highlighting important points of the session. The proceedings were coordinated by Rudrika Kalsotra, Organizing Secretary of the event. Among others who were present in the session included Dr. Hari Singh, Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed, Dr. Mohd Riaz, Dr. Monica and Parveen Sharma.

Army installs solar dryer machine at Budhal



Womenfolk along with solar dryer machine installed by Army.

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RAJOURI: Women are an important part of the society and their contribution is essential towards its progress and prosperity. To provide an opportunity for self - employment to the women of the rural and backward areas of Budhal, Indian Army installed a Solar Dryer

Machine in the village. A training capsule was also conducted to enable the women to understand the functioning of the machine and ensure its optimal utilization. The machine which is simple to operate and maintain, would not only create employment opportunities, but also

strengthen the steps being taken for women empowerment in the region. Sarpanchs, Panchs and women who were present during the ceremony, expressed their sincere gratitude towards the Indian Army for this initiative and assured that they would make maximum use of this facility.

DDC Rajouri reviews functioning of FCS&CA Department

Asks for intensifying market checking to curb unfair trade practices

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Saturday reviewed the functioning of the Food Civil Supplies and Consumers Affairs Department here at a meeting of the concerned officers. The meeting was attended by Assistant Director FCS&CA, Arief Lone and Tehsil Supply Officers. The meeting held a detailed discussion on stock, supply position, distribution system, grievance redressing system and other related matters. At the outset, the Assistant Director FCS&CA informed the meeting that sufficient



DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

stock of wheat, rice, LPG, petrol, diesel and other essential commodities are available in the district. He also informed that the department supplying ration through ten food stores and

473 fair price shops. The meeting was further informed that the ration cards of all the NFSA and Non-NFSA beneficiaries of the district have been linked with the Aadhar.

Reviewing the implementation of the electronic public distribution system, it was appraised that 90 per cent ration in the district is being distributed among the beneficiaries through electronic distribution system except for some far-flung areas where the internet connectivity is poor. The AD FCS&CA also appraised that the Department also organises consumers awareness programs to highlight various aspects of the Consumer Rights Act which influences the day to day lives of Consumers. Speaking at the meeting, the DDC asked the officers

to serve the consumers in a better and a professional manner so that they don't face any difficulty. To ensure that quality ration free from adulteration is distributed among the consumers, it was decided in the meeting that the concerned authorities from the Legal Meteorology Department shall conduct regular checking of the fair price shops and lift the ration samples for quality management purposes. To curb the overpricing, hoarding and profiteering, he directed the concerned officers to conduct regular market checking to curb malpractices in the district.

DDC Chairman Rajouri holds public outreach camp at Panchayat Dhara Sawala of Doongi

'Focus being laid on equitable development of all areas'

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RAJOURI: To redress the public grievances at doorsteps of the people, District Development Council Chairman Rajouri, Naseem Liyaqat on Saturday held a public outreach camp at Panchayat Dhara Sawala of block Doongi.

BDC Chairperson Doongi, Raiz Chowdhury; Sarpanch Doongi Bharanna, Vipan Dutta; Sarpanch Dhara Sawla, Fahren Akhter; Sarpanch Nambla, panches and public from all sections of the society attended the event with due adherence to COVID 19 protocols. The public and their representatives put forth numerous issues and demands of their respective areas. Specific issues included release of pending payments of SBM and MGNREGA, construction of internal roads,



DDC Chairman Rajouri, Naseem Liyaqat chairing a public outreach camp.

sanctioning of pension cases, check on unscheduled curtailments, inflated electricity bills, land for KV school to be transferred etc. Other issues included a separate medical block for Doongi, 108 ambulance, early start of work on GDC Doongi building, sanctioning of additional hand-pumps besides other related issues were projected during the program. Addressing the participants,

the District Development Council Chairperson said that the council is making untiring efforts to redress the genuine concerns of the public and sought the active cooperation of all the stakeholders in this regard. He also said that the District Development Council is presently at the inception stage and effective measures are being taken to strengthen it for the inclusive, all-round and substantial development of all the areas of the district and much emphasis is being laid to push every sector to take the UT to newer heights and new levels of prosperity. While replying to the issue of water scarcity, he said that the Government has launched an ambitious program called Jal Jeevan Mission and all the households of the district would be provided functional tapped water connections with the implementation of the program on ground. Regarding the shortage of electrical poles, the DDC Chairman informed that a barbed wire scheme has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs 56 crores for Rajouri district and the scheme is in tendering stage. He asked the

Sarpanch, BDC Chairman start work at Shekh-e-Chak cremation ground

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R S PURA: Tarsem Singh Saroch, Chairman Block Development Council (BDC) Suchetgarh and Surjit Chaudhary, Sarpanch of Panchayat Shekh-e-Chak and Co-Convenor of BJP Panchayati Raj Cell, on Saturday jointly started development work at the crematorium located at village Shekh-e-Chak. Surjit said he decided to start the work of boundary wall of the cremation ground out of the Panchayat fund. Apart from this, other development works of the crematorium will also be completed with the Panchayat funds, he



Chairman BDC Suchetgarh, Tarsem Singh Saroch starting development work at cremation ground.

added. Surjit expressed his profound gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra

Modi led government for continuously providing funds for the developmental works at Panchayat level. Panch Praveen Chaudhary, Devraj Chaudhary and former Sarpanch Swaran Lal were also present.

Basohli SVEP Model fast empowering rural economy 1,075 females, 478 males avail benefit through SHG mode

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KATHUA: As the urban landscape across India is abuzz with startup ecosystem, the rural milieu is also blossoming with entrepreneur culture through Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) under Deendayal Antodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM). Kathua is the first district in Jammu and Kashmir where SVEP was rolled out in the year 2016. The scheme envisages helping the rural poor to come out of poverty by setting up small enterprises and providing support till the enterprises stabilize.

The scheme focuses on creating avenues for sustainable livelihood and self-employment by providing financial assistance and training in business management of soft skills, while creating local community cadres for promotion of enterprises. The Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme in block Basohli of district Kathua has been a key contributor in uplifting the socio-economic condition of the inhabitants and so far 1075 females and 478 males have availed the scheme by opening new startups in trade, industry and service sector and treaded towards becoming self reliant. The programme has also brought a qualitative atmosphere of making efforts with the handholding of DAY-NRLM thus lowering down the

dependence on government jobs, besides enabling beneficiaries to provide employment opportunities to others. The implementation of the programme in block Basohli has provided avenues of employment to 1372 beneficiaries from general categories, 23 from OBC, 119 from SC, 31 from ST and 8 beneficiaries from Minority class which depicts that the benefit of the SVEP has been derived by every section of the society. Another key aspect of SVEP loans is that it works through the domain of Self Help Groups and applicants must be members of the SHG to get a corpus of loan to set up the business. Under the Programme the beneficiaries have started Karyana shops, Commercial Automobiles, Dhaba, Boutique, Beauty Parlor, Bakery etc paving way for prosperity in the lives of rural families through the ambit of self help groups which in turn also strengthen the resolve of supporting Self Help Group especially women folks who always remained active in prospering rural economies. The programme has received overwhelming response and as against the funds available to the tune of Rs.2.5 Cr, an expenditure of Rs. 2.93 Cr has been incurred by way of disbursing loans to entrepreneurs. The amount of Rs.43.39 lakh received as interest is also being utilised to extend benefit to more number of beneficiaries.

GDC Doongi conducts poster making competition

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RAJOURI: Environmental Science Department of Shaheed Ghanisham Govt. Degree College (GDC) Doongi organized a poster making competition on "recycling the waste". The activity was conducted by Palak Preet Kour, Department of Environmental Sciences. Shilpa Sharma from B.A sem Ist secured first position, second position was secured by Honey Bala and third position was shared by Rukhsana Kossar and Neha Sharma. The activity was organized under the supervision of the Principal of the College, Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad, who encouraged the students to participate in these kinds of activities. Dr. Ashyana Koser, Department of Urdu, Iqbal Rasool, Department of Education and Sapna Sharma Department of Hindi were the judges of the competition. The others present were Dr. Sajad Ahmed Dar, Prof. Samina Khan and Dr. Mohammed Khaliq. Prof. Zaheer Abass, Convener Eco-club presented the vote of thanks.

640 vaccinated, 4,203 samples collected in Ramban

Enforcement teams recover Rs 40,200 fine from violators

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RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh the Health Department on Saturday administered vaccine doses to 640 people including 421 children in the 15-17 years age group in the district. 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. 40,200 taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs. 85, 91, 450. 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 4203 samples including 761 RT-PCR and 3442 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 640 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

Reasi Admn retrieves 590 Kanals 13 Marlas prime land

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REASI: District Administration Reasi on Saturday retrieved 590 Kanal 13 Marlas prime land in continuation of its anti-encroachment drive. On the direction of Deputy Commissioner, Charandeep Singh, an anti-encroachment

drive was carried out in different tehsils and 590 kanal 13 Marla state land, which includes 169 kanal 02 marlas bearing khasra no. 291/34, 292/34 in village Baldhanoo and 217 kanals 18 marlas bearing khasra no. 775/745/733/503/1 in village Jij of Tehsil Thakrakote, and 203 kanal 13 marlas in village Talwara of Tehsil Reasi. under the illegal possession of encroachers was retrieved by the revenue department. Pertinent to mention here that Deputy Commissioner Reasi has already issued strict instructions for carrying out anti encroachment drives and to retrieve state land illegally occupied in different Tehsils of District Reasi & to make this drive a regular affair of the department.

'Padhe Bharat-100 days reading campaign' witnesses huge participation of students

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KATHUA: Under the aegis of GOI's PADHE BHARAT- BADHE BHARAT programme, School Education Department Kathua has launched a campaign, 'Padhe Bharat- 100 Day Reading Campaign' which witnessed huge participation of students and teachers. This campaign is specifically aimed at promotion of joyful learning with a focus on reading & writing at a younger age in a stress-free environment. The program was launched by union education minister of India, Dharmendra Pradhan at the national level and consequently by Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma for the Jammu division schools and is being supervised by Chief Education Officer Kathua Prakash Lal Thapa in the District Kathua schools. The programme is scheduled to hold various activities till 10th April, 2022. Under the PADHE BHARAT 100 Day Reading campaign, the week between January 17, 2022 to January 22, 2022 was scheduled for reading & reciting poetry of choice at primary & middle levels along-with story reading & role play as the protagonist of the story but with a different & self-imagined climax. Similarly the activities have been planned on weekly basis for the 100 days. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation by both the teaching & student communities of district Kathua. Scores of teachers & students of different schools participated in the prescribed activities via mix modes though it was largely attended by the participants through virtual mode, owing to the ongoing pandemic & restrictions.

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ADDC Rajouri interacts with PRIs at Panjgrain

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RAJOURI: Additional District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Pawan Kumar on Saturday visited Block Panjgrain and met with the PRI members to discuss the developmental activities being carried out in the Block. Seeking information about manday generation, he urged the PRIs to motivate people to work under MGNREGA and ensure that yearly target in this regard is achieved. Calling for strict adherence to COVID protocols, he asked them to generate mass awareness among the public about the importance of following COVID Appropriate behaviour to



ADDC Rajouri, Pawan Kumar during visit to Block Panjgrain to meet PRI members.

avert the third wave in the district. Talking about various welfare schemes and programs launched by the Government for the welfare of the general public, the ADDC appealed to the PRIs to educate the masses about the

benefits of these initiatives. Highlighting the special drives being carried out in the district for enrollment of the beneficiaries under SEHAT and E Shram portal, he appealed to the public to come forward to register under the schemes.

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