

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri reviews functioning of Parisha, interacts with inmates

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat conducted a comprehensive visit to Nari Niketan (Parisha) on Saturday, meticulously assessing the facilities extended to the inmates. Notably, he celebrated Lohri with the inmates and distributed sports kits among them.

Engaging directly with the inmates, he sought firsthand insights into the quality of services provided by the authorities. Tehsil Social Welfare Officer Koteranka and staff of the Nari Niketan also accompanied the Deputy Commissioner



DC Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat presenting sports kit to inmates of Nari Niketan.

during his visit.

Emphasizing the commitment of the District Administration to the welfare of the inmates, Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash

Bhagat underscored a multi-faceted approach aimed at ensuring their well-being and educational enrichment. Expressing a dedication to safeguarding their rights

and promoting their welfare in the society, he articulated the ongoing efforts of the administration

During his interaction with the inmates, Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat conveyed a message of assurance, assuring them that the District administration is unwavering in its commitment to providing the best possible care and educational opportunities. He stressed the significance of creating an environment conducive to the overall development of the inmates

The Deputy Commissioner Rajouri heard the grievances of children and directed concerned officer for early

redressal. This directive was underscored with a clear objective: to eliminate any inconvenience faced by the inmates, thereby fostering an environment that aligns with their needs and rights.

This visit, marked by meticulous inspection and thoughtful interaction, stands as a testament to the dedication of the District Administration Rajouri towards upholding the well-being and rights of the inmates at Nari Niketan. It also served as a poignant reminder of the importance of connecting with and supporting those who require assistance within our community.

Chairman DDC inspects NABARD funded Road Project in Thuba Village

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DODA: Dhananter Singh Kotwal, Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Doda paid a crucial visit to Thuba village.

The primary focus of the visit was to assess the progress of the ongoing Thuba Dhamunda road project, sanctioned under NABARD.

During the inspection, Chairman Kotwal diligently examined the construction work on the road and expressed his satisfaction over the advancements made so far.

Emphasizing the DDC's unwavering commitment to timely project completion, he reiterated the importance of accelerating development initiatives in the Doda district.

The visit served a dual pur-



DDC Doda during visit to Thuba village.

pose of evaluating the infrastructure progress in the region and fostering direct interaction with the local community. The Chairman Kotwal engaged with the people of Thuba village, gaining valuable insights into their needs and concerns. This community-oriented approach ensures that development projects

align closely with the requirements and aspirations of the residents. As the Doda district continues its pursuit towards comprehensive development, Chairman Kotwal's visit stands as a testament to the DDC's dedication to enhance the region's infrastructure and fostering a meaningful connection with the community.

SCCU distributes blankets among needy



Club members along with needy people.

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UDHAMPUR: 'Senior Citizens' Club Udhampur (SCCU) on occasion of Lohri festival organized a program on the platform of the Club and distributed blankets to the needy people drawn from across the society. The inmates of Divyang Ashram also participated in the occasion. The distribu-

tion of the blankets was followed by the distribution of sweets on the occasion. Large number of people from the society joined the club in celebrations of the Lohri. Speaking on the occasion President of the Club Mr. Mahadeep Singh Jamwal said that Senior Citizens' Club celebrate all the national festivals on its

platform with participation of especially abled persons of Divyang Ashram, and bring on its platform those who are living in oblivion because of certain reasons. On this occasion the Lohri Club has managed such people from across the society and locations who are not economically sound to celebrate Lohri and provided them blankets for providing them relief in this chilly winter. Club also distributed Lohri related sweets. Mr. Jamwal gave a message to the society to celebrate festivals with those who are not in a position to celebrate. A visit to their homes, a visit to old age homes, destitute centers, orphanages are actually the places where you can extend happiness with the inmates on such festivals.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: IEC Van traverses through various Panchayats in Rajouri District

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RAJOURI: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) is strategically transforming Rajouri district by extending its reach to underserved areas and ensuring the effective execution of government programs and enhancing the quality of life the residents.

Central to this endeavor is an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) van, a dynamic mobile platform designed to effectively communicate and create awareness about the diverse initiatives undertaken as part of the Yatra. The van plays a piv-



People participating in Yatra at Rajouri.

otal role in engaging with local communities, imparting crucial knowledge, and empowering residents to avail themselves of the benefits offered by government schemes.

The VBSY has recorded

notable success in the implementation of various government schemes in Rajouri District. These schemes, crafted to elevate living standards and provide essential services, have been executed with exceptional efficiency on the ground. Consequently, the community has experi-

enced tangible improvements and witnessed positive changes in their daily lives.

Today, the VBSY IEC vans traversed through the panchayats of Khamba, Bhawani-B, Garan, Rajal-B, Siot Lower, Siot Upper, Bakhar and Thandapani of block Nowshera, Seri as well as Lamberi. This strategic journey highlights the Yatra's commitment to reaching every corner of the district and ensuring that the benefits of government initiatives are felt at the grassroots level.

The impact of the Yatra is evident in enhanced access to healthcare, education, and basic amenities, contributing to the

overall progress of Rajouri District.

Meticulously planned and executed, this initiative aligns with the core objective of holistic development, leaving a lasting and positive impact on the community.

The VBSY symbolizes progress and collaboration, embodying the spirit of Viksit Bharat Sankalp. By bringing government schemes to the grassroots level and ensuring comprehensive coverage, it has created a platform for empowerment and upliftment. This transformative journey in Rajouri District stands as an exemplary model of effective governance, community engagement, and collective determination to build a better and prosperous India.

ICAR-ATARI, Zone-1 releases KVK Reasi Publication, felicitates innovative farmer

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REASI: A publication on 'Natural Farming-Challenges and Opportunities' of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) released by the dignitaries during the Foundation Day of ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana, Zone-1 held recently at ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana campus, Punjab. KVK, Reasi is working under the stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N Tripathi and under the guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J. The event was attended by the agricultural scientists from the states/UTs of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Overview of the event was presented by the Director, ICAR-ATARI (Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute), Ludhiana,



Director, ICAR-ATARI Ludhiana, Dr.Parvender Sheoron honouring a farmer.

Dr.Parvender Sheoron. He highlighted the achievements of KVKs and encouraged the scientists for their strenuous efforts to serve the farming community. Sr.Scientist & Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi, of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J), Dr. Banarsi Lal thanked Director, ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana and Director Extension, SKUAST-J for the encouragement, necessary guidelines and support. Director Extension congratulated

KVK, Reasi for releasing the publication during the event and encouraged KVK, Reasi scientists for their efforts on serving the farming community. During the event progressive farmer of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J),

Tilak Raj, resident of Sirah village of Reasi district (J&K) was bestowed upon with the 'Innovative Farmer Award' for taking a lead in the cultivation, product development and value addition of lemon grass

and agricultural/horticultural crops during the ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana Foundation Day. The award was presented by the ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana for his exceptional contribution and innovations in lemongrass farming. It is worthwhile to mention here that Tilak Raj has established lemon grass crop and horticultural crops units in his farm and inspiring the other farmers of the area for the cultivation of lemon grass, agricultural/horticultural crops production, organic and natural farming etc. He is also the President of FPO formed on

lemongrass by SKUAST-J. By observing successful results of Tilak Raj, many other farmers from other villages are also showing keen interest towards the cultivation of lemon grass, agricultural/ horticultural crops production, organic and natural farming, horticultural crops production etc. According to Dr.Banarsi Lal, Sr.Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi lemon grass is promoted by the KVK in the monkey affected areas of the district as this crop is not damaged by the monkeys and farmers can fetch more farm returns by growing it. He stressed on the value addition in lemon grass farming especially in the monkey affected areas of the district so as to increase the income of the farmers of hilly areas. Tilak Raj thanked Director Extension of SKUAST-J, Prof. Amrish Vaid for the timely and necessary guidelines on the scientific cultivation of lemon grass farming, horticultural crops production, organic and natural farming.

DIG Railway review security arrangements ahead of R-Day

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REASI: Haseeb-ur-Rehman (IPS) DIG Railway J&K; Jammu held a meeting with all GOs/SHOS/ IC PPs of GRP Katra in the office chamber of SSP GRP Katra in connection with security review of arrangements being made for the forthcoming Republic Day-2024. Worthy DIG Railway J&K interacted with all the participants and took stock of security arrangements being made in their areas of responsibility contrary to the present security scenario of the UT J&K. The objective of the meeting was to gear up



Haseeb-ur-Rehman DIG Railway J&K chairing a meeting.

the security grid of GRP Katra in view of the forthcoming Republic Day-2024 and constant threat perceptions by the ANEs to carry out strikes on security forces. He directed all the participants to brief the manpower

under their command and control to remain extra vigilant in their area of responsibility to thwart any nefarious designs of ANEs/ASEs. He directed all the officers to ensure Anti-Sabotage Check of Railway Stations, track and surroundings areas through security gadgets and sniffer dogs and patrolling at Railway tracks should be also intensified. At the end of the meeting worthy DIG Railway J&K exhorted upon the officers present in the meeting to maintain close liaison with the sister intelligence agencies RPF/PMF/District Police & local respectable in the

adjoining areas of the Railway Stations so as to avert any untoward incident. The Worthy DIG Railway J&K also greeted the officers/ officials on the auspicious occasion of Lohri festival.

DC Ramban reviews progress achieved under Tuberculosis Eradication programme

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RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Baseer ul Haq Choudhary on Saturday conducted an important meeting to assess the strides made in the district under Tuberculosis eradication program.

The Chief Medical Officer highlighted the progress recorded. He said nearly 92% of the targeted 14,000 tests have been completed, revealing a meager 2.2% prevalence of Tuberculosis, with detection of 290 positive cases.

Reflecting the proactive approach of the DC Baseer ul Haq, 17,000 individuals underwent tuberculosis screening during the Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

Panchayat-wise categorization showcased significant achievements, with 22 panchayats declared TB-free, 56 in the yellow zone (1-2 cases), and 22 in the red zone (5-6 cases).

Deputy Commissioner

issued a resounding directive for departmental collaboration, emphasizing the need to track even mild symptom cases.

A district-wide awareness campaign on tuberculosis symptoms was underscored, aiming for widespread knowledge.

Further, he urged the meticulous tracking of undetected cases and their subsequent treatment. Block Development Officers were tasked with supporting health officials in rural areas, while a stringent follow-up mechanism for patients post-

treatment, spanning at least six months, was mandated.

In a compassionate move, DC Ramban impressed for making awareness to promote "Nikshe Mitra," an initiative where individuals adopt TB patients, providing crucial assistance for recovery through the provision of a food basket. With these strategic measures, Ramban strides closer to its goal of becoming tuberculosis-free under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Baseer ul Haq Choudhary.

Cover Numbers for Haj aspirants forwarded to their login Ids, mobile numbers

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SRINAGAR: It is for information of all the Intending Haj Pilgrims of Haj 2024 who have applied for Haj that their Cover Numbers have been generated.

The Cover Numbers have been forwarded into their login ids and subsequently

forwarded into their mobile numbers mentioned in their Haj Application Forms.

Any pilgrim who has not received the same, is requested to approach J&K Haj Committee personally or through contact numbers: 0194 2495365 or whatsapp: 9320689398.

Col Mahan urges youth to follow enlightened path shown by Vivekananda



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BASOHLI: Deputy Commissioner (DDC) Chairman, actively participated in the annual celebration of Vishavsthali Basohli. The vibrant event, held at TRC Basohli, brought together numerous schools from across Kathua and local artists/artisans to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

The colorful function witnessed the presence of notable dignitaries, including Darshan Thakur, BJP Pahadi Zila Leader, Prem Sagar Aziz, Ex Minister & Senior BJP Leader, DIG Shakti Pathak, founder & convener of Vishavsthali, and others.

Sanjiv Verma, Principal Secretary GAD, J&K UT, graced the day-long event as the Chief Guest in the late evening. He contributed to the festivities by distributing prizes to the enthusiastic participants, further emphasizing the commitment to recognizing and encouraging talent in the region.

The Principal Secretary also paid heartfelt tribute to the teachings and legacy of Swami Vivekananda during a special event commemorating the spiritual leader's birth anniversary. He emphasized the timeless relevance of Swami Vivekananda's teachings that continue to

inspire generations. He spoke passionately about the need to imbibe Vivekananda's principles of spirituality, tolerance, and service to humanity in today's fast-paced world.

Col Mahan Singh, DDC Chairman Kathua, highlighted Swami Vivekananda's profound impact on fostering a sense of national pride and unity, underscoring the importance of incorporating these values into contemporary life. He urged the youth to follow the enlightened path laid out by the revered spiritual leader.

Emphasizing the enduring relevance of Swami Vivekananda's philosophy, Col Mahan encouraged individuals to incorporate the principles of spirituality, self-discipline, and service into their lives. He highlighted the transformative power of Vivekananda's ideals, urging everyone to draw inspiration from his life and work.

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