

DC Rajouri approves 180 cases under PMVKSY, empowering Artisans across multiple trades

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat on Monday presided over a meeting to review the implementation of the flagship "PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana" in the district, a visionary scheme designed to uplift and empower traditional artisans.

The PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana holds immense significance in preserving and nurturing India's rich cultural heritage of traditional craftsmanship, providing crucial financial support to artisans and enabling them to pass on their age-old skills to future generations. Under this transformative initiative, eli-



DC Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat chairing a meeting.

gible artisans are granted financial assistance, technical training, and exposure to modern markets, thus ensuring the preservation of their livelihoods and our cultural heritage.

After a thorough scrutiny of the applications presented in the meeting, the DC approved 180 cases under the PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana. These cases represent a diverse range of trades. The

selection of beneficiaries has been meticulously carried out to ensure that deserving artisans from different backgrounds and trades receive the support they need to thrive.

The approval of these 180 cases is a testament to the commitment and dedication of District Administration towards empowering artisans in the Rajouri district. By providing financial support and technical training,

the PMVKSY scheme aims to uplift artisans, enhance their skills, and create opportunities for them to explore modern markets, thereby securing not only their livelihoods but also preserving our cultural heritage.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Om Prakash Bhagat emphasized the importance of a streamlined application process, transparent fund distribution, and robust monitoring mechanisms. By ensuring effective implementation and monitoring, the district administration aims to ensure that the benefits of the Vishwakarma Yojana reach every eligible artisan in the Rajouri district, contributing to inclusive growth

and cultural enrichment.

The approval of these 180 cases marks a significant milestone in the implementation of the Vishwakarma Yojana in the Rajouri district. It is a testament to the dedication and tireless efforts of the concerned officers and stakeholders involved in ensuring that deserving artisans receive the support they need to thrive.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; General Manager DIC, Ashwini Sharma; Lead District Manager JK Bank, Sanjeev Bhasin; Principal ITI Rajouri, Ujwal Mahajan; Project Officer DIC, Abid Hussain and other concerned officers.

SSP Samba inaugurates cyber cell at district police headquarters

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SAMBA: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Samba, Benam Tosh on Monday inaugurated Cyber Cell established at District Police Headquarters Samba to effectively deal with increasing cybercrime cases.

The cyber cell was opened in the presence of Additional SSP Samba Surinder Choudhary, all SDPOs, all SHOs, IC PPs and other police officers & officials.

Cyber Cell shall deal with cybercrimes like online cyber frauds, financial frauds, social media frauds and all other types of cyber frauds. The cyber cell shall also deal with online cyber complaints received through National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCCRP).



SSP Samba, Benam Tosh inaugurating cyber cell.

The cyber team Samba manning newly established cyber cell shall also train subordinate staff and Investigating Officers of Police Stations in district Samba and assist them in dealing with cybercrime cases.

Benam Tosh advised the general public of district Samba to

stay alert while doing any activity on the internet and not to share personal credentials, bank details, OTP to any unknown person/Internet user.

SSP further requested the netizens to follow safety tips so that cyber frauds may be prevented.

Administration goes tough against illegal mining in Reasi

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REASI: In a relentless pursuit to combat illegal mining, the Geology and Mining Department Reasi, under the proactive guidance of District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, executed a series of raids targeting unauthorized excavation and mineral dumping in the district.

During last three months the department took strin-

gent action by chalking 31 and seizing 26 vehicles involved in illegal mining activities including seven tractors, eight dumper and six JCBs.

Further the demarcation of three mining sites has resulted in fine of Rs. 36,94,910. The demarcation exercise is still continuing and the District Collector has warned the lessees to ensure adherence to the norms.

He emphasized the dis-

trict's commitment to preserving its natural resources and ensuring sustainable mining of minor minerals as per laid norms and practises.

DDC Mahajan urged the public to report any suspicious mining activities on dedicated District control Room Number 01991-245639, 94198-39557 and assured that stringent action will be taken against those found violating mining regulations.

Training on 'Quality Control, Value Addition and Marketing of Milk Products' begins at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: Under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) B. N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu and Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Soodan, Dean, Faculty of Dairy Technology of SKUAST-Jammu, a four-day awareness cum training programme on quality control, value addition and marketing of milk products is being organized under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) from January 29 to



SKUAST-J officials along with trainees.

February 1, 2024 at R. S. Pura campus of SKUAST-

Jammu. Dr. Sunil Kumar, Head of

the Division of Dairy Technology and the Coordinator of this training programme emphasized on the importance of value addition, milk processing, brand development, and modernization of machinery and technological interventions to keep up with the modern era.

He gave special thanks to his team of Co-coordinators [Dr. Arvind Kumar (Division of LPT), Dr. Z. F. Bhat (Division of LPT), Dr. Pranav Kumar (Division of

VAHEE), Dr. Sabahu Noor (Division of DC), Dr. Jasleen Kaur (Division of DM), Dr. Mehnaza Manzoor (Division of DM) and Dr. Amita Salaria (Division of DT)].

The aim for organizing this awareness cum training programme is that it will help in the overall development and capacity building of the women engaged in the dairy sector in the border area of Suketgarh in R. S. Pura of Jammu.

Student Exchange Programme by EBSB concludes at SMVDU



SMVDU faculty along with students during the programme.

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KATRA: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) concluded the student exchange program under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM).

The university hosted students from the Academy of Maritime Education and Training, Chennai, Tamil Nadu from 21st January 2024 onwards.

The visitors were in awe of the most beautiful university of Jammu and Kashmir, located on the foothills of the Trikuta Mountains.

The five-day journey unfolded a tapestry of diverse cultural, religious, and scenic experiences, creating lasting memories for the participants.

The journey commenced with a visit to the Holy Shrine of Shiv Khori, set-

ting the tone for the spiritual and cultural exploration that followed.

On the second day, the group ventured to Sanasar, enjoying the exhilarating water ride, adding a touch of adventure to the expedition.

Day three, included visits to Jammu's iconic landmarks, such as Amar Mahal and Raghunath Temple, followed by a delightful lunch at

Amritsari Kulcha Hut.

On the fourth day, the group explored Jhajar Kotli, relishing a delectable lunch, before heading to the holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi in the evening.

On the penultimate day, a comprehensive tour of the SMVDU campus was organized.

The final day, i.e., Republic Day featured a flag hoisting ceremony and

a cultural event where AMET students showcased the rich culture of South India.

The AMET faculty expressed heartfelt gratitude for the warm hospitality extended by SMVDU.

The felicitation for the AMET faculty and a vote of thanks by SMVDU's Nodal Officer, Mr. Sumanta Sarathi Sharma, marked the conclusion of the event. As the bus dropped them at Katra Railway Station that evening, participants carried back cherished memories, strengthened cultural bonds, and a sense of gratitude for the well-organized and culturally enriching EBSB at SMVDU.

The Vice Chancellor congratulated the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat team and their initiative.

Investiture ceremony held at SKPA Udhampur



Garib Dass, ADGP, Director SKPA Udhampur and other officers during the event.

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UDHAMPUR: An investiture ceremony was held at SKPA Udhampur in which Garib Dass, ADGP, Director SKPA Udhampur alongwith Ashish Gupta, DySP, AD(Ty/R&D) decorated nine officers/officials with the DGP's Medal, who have been awarded with DGP's Medal/ Commendation Certificates in the year 2022

and also Commendation Certificates were handed over to them.

While interacting with the recipients, Garib Dass said, the award of medals is the result of hard work, dedications and sincerity towards ones assigned duties and selection out of many for the same is a matter of pride for concerned officers/officials and their families.

He wished them best of luck for future service endeavours.

The DGP's Commendation Certificates and Medals were awarded to Inspector Rohit Gupta, Inspector Vishal Manhas, ASI(M) Manish Kumar, HC Balbir Singh, HC Melisha Devi, Sgts. Sudershan Kumar, Sgts(M) Jugal Kumar and Sgts. Raghbir Singh of SKPA Udhampur.

GDC Udhampur organises interacting session on 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'

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UDHAMPUR: NSS Unit of GDC Udhampur organised interacting session on "Pariksha Pe Charcha" for the students and teachers under the patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of NSS PO Prof. Sanjeet Singh in the conference hall.

This year 7th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha was live telecasted across all schools, colleges and universities from town hall at Bharat Mandapam, ITPO, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. "Pariksha Pe Charcha" is an annual event driven by Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bring together students, parents, teachers and the society to foster an environment where the unique individuality of each child is celebrated, encouraged and allowed to express itself fully. The idea behind this initiative is to take away the stress and nervousness of young students who are to appear in the term end examinations of colleges and universities and other competitive exams. The PM in his address encouraged the students to set

small goals and strive to achieve them. PM Modi also stressed on the significance of regular writing practice. He also suggested that competition and challenges acts as inspiration in life but competition must be healthy. PM Modi recommended few minutes of deep breathing exercises in order to reduce nervousness before exams. The event was attended by Prof. Babu Lal Thakur, Prof. Mohinder Pal, Prof. Suresh Kumar Dogra, Prof. Rajni Kumari, Prof. Shivi Mehra, Prof.(Dr.) Jagjeet Singh, Prof. Sanjeet Singh, Prof. Anoksha Sharma and other staff members.

Vidya Bharti organises mock test at BVMS Nainsu



Students appearing in mock test at BVMS Nainsu.

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UDHAMPUR: Vidya Bharti organized an all round test of students of classes IV to class X here at Bhartiya Vidya Mandir School Nainsu Udhampur on Monday.

This exam was conducted

to increase the level of mental development of children. Particular examination was OMR based sheets which help the students to appear these types of exam in future.

Parents of students appreciated the efforts of school to

conduct such type of examination.

In examination, Imam Chand Mittal (Treasurer Management Committee Member of BVM HS Udhampur) was present. Examination was conducted under the supervision of the Principal of the school, Remu Sharma.

Principal thanked the invigilators and present in the school. She added that these types of examinations shall conduct in future also by Vidya Bharti to enable the students to appear in all kinds of examinations to perform well in the coming times.

DC hands over SRO-43 Appointment Orders to beneficiaries at Doda

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, on Monday handed over appointment orders to eligible candidates under SRO-43/1994 here at his office chamber.

The orders have been issued by the General Administrative Department (GAD) on January 25, 2024, in death harness cases.

In the presence of Deputy Commissioner Doda, Dr. Ravi Kumar Bharti, the appointments of candidates have been predominantly ordered

across three departments viz Health and Medical Education, Sheep Husbandry and Animal Husbandry. Thirteen appointees hailing from different parts of the district received their appointment orders directly from the Deputy Commissioner. After presenting the appointment orders, the Deputy Commissioner urged the recipients to carry out their duties with honesty and dedication towards society. This initiative aims to empower eligible candidates and contribute to the welfare of the district.

National Road Safety Month 2024 awareness program held at Kahara-Doda

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DODA: To promote road safety, an awareness programme was on Monday conducted for vehicle operators here in Kahara area. The event held as part of the National Road Safety Month 2024 and under the direction of Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh and guidance of ARTO Doda Rajesh Gupta.

The programme featured informative sessions on safe driving practices, the significance of wearing seat belts and helmets, and the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Additionally, the participants were briefed on the need for regular vehicle maintenance and the significance of proper documentation while operating vehicles.

During the campaign, Inspector MVD Doda Robin Parihar emphasized the importance of this Road Safety Month and aware the drivers, public about road safety measures, appealed to follow the road safety norms. Officials from MVD Doda led the initiative, emphasizing the critical role of vehicle operators in ensuring road safety. They urged the participants to become ambassadors for responsible driving and to prioritize the safety of themselves and others on the road.

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DC Poonch inspects pace of road construction works in Block Bufliaz



DC Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary inspecting road works.

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary on Monday inspected progress of work on ongoing road projects in Block Bufliaz. He was accompanied by SDM Surankote Rizwan Asgar and XEN PWD Division Surankote Shokat

Choudhary and Concerned JE.

The purpose of the inspection was to assess the progress of the projects, assess the adherence to quality standards, and address any challenges that may hinder the timely completion of the vital infrastructure development.

The Deputy Commissioner inspected pace of progress on four roads in Bufliaz Sub-Division viz; Donar to Sawnee under NABARD RIDF XXVIII, Drogian to Mal Kholianwali gali, Km 9th to Mohalla Dandi Mal under NABARD REDIFF XXVIII and Mastandhara to Mohalla Dogian Hariwala. The locals raised certain issues and sought the intervention of the Deputy Commissioner. Taking cognizance, he resolved the issues on the spot. The locals hailed the DC's action.

He also assured the locals that the administration is committed to address their concerns and urged the officers to continue working with the same dedication and commitment.