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STATE TIMES

DC discusses Action Plan to Foster Tourism in Kishtwar

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav spearheaded a pivotal meeting with key stakeholders from the tourism sector on Saturday.

The focus was to deliberate on strategies and modalities to formulate proposals for the Challenge Based Destination Development initiative, as directed by the Ministry of Tourism's Swadesh Darshan Division.

The meeting witnessed the participation of CEO Kishtwar Development Authority, Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma, DFO Marwah Vijay Kumar, Wildlife Warden Chenab Division Kishtwar Majid Bashir, Hoteliers, Social Media Influencers and other stakeholders. Dr. Yadav highlighted the imperative nature of the proposals sought under specific thematic categories aligned with the scheme guidelines. Stressing on the significance of these proposals, he emphasized that each District Management Organization, under District Collectors, can submit a single proposal focusing on thematic categories such as Spiritual Tourism, Culture and Heritage, Vibrant



Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav chairing a meeting.

Village Programme, Eco-Tourism, and Amrit Dharohar sites.

Following an extensive deliberation on the guidelines and application formats, Dr. Yadav urged members to collaborate and prepare a comprehensive proposal adhering to the application format. The goal is to finalize this proposal within a strict timeline of 05 days for subsequent submission to higher authorities. Additionally, the meeting covered diverse topics concerning the augmentation of tourism potential within the district. Valuable insights and suggestions were shared by attendees to fortify the district's tourism landscape. Of note, media influencers and vloggers were encouraged to create engaging video content on social media platforms, amplifying Kishtwar's tourism allure. Moreover, the district's tourism website underwent a comprehensive review during the session.

This meeting marks a pivotal step towards leveraging Kishtwar's tourism potential, fostering collaboration among stakeholders, and laying the groundwork for robust and sustainable tourism development in the region.

Amit Shah to visit Jammu on Jan 9

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah is likely to visit Jammu on January 9. He will chair a high-level meeting to review the security situation in the twin border districts of Rajouri, Poonch, and other parts of UT.

During his visit, Amit Shah will visit the forward areas and take stock of the anti-militancy operations in the area. He will meet top Commanders and senior local officers of the administration to discuss the steps required to curb the menace of militancy from the border areas, media reports said. Additionally, Home Minister is also likely to chair a meeting of top BJP leaders in Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, Union Home Minister on January 2 had chaired a review meeting, in New Delhi, on the security situation of the Union Territory of JK.

2750 developmental works taken up across Doda District

STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda Harvinder Singh chaired an important meeting in the conference hall of Doda to meticulously review the progress of various developmental activities.



DDC Doda Harvinder Singh chairing a meeting.

These activities, falling under schemes such as District/UT Capex, CSS, NABARD, ABDP, and APDP, were examined thoroughly. The Chief Planning Officer and the Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) of Doda presented a detailed overview of the

Marwah Forest Department constructs camping site, Trekking Route from Watsar to Kachamnaag Temple

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: Marwah Forest Division, under UT CAPEX Budget for 2023-24, has successfully constructed a Forest Trekking route from Watsar to Kachamnaag ATemple. This 2km trek route, initiated under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav and supervised by DFO Marwah Vijay Kumar, offers a captivating journey along the Kishtwar Chhatroo Synthan Road. The development project also includes a Camping Site, strategically created by the Forest Department to enrich the trekking experience. The site boasts a Wooden Shelter shed and Wooden Benches, providing comfort and convenience for trekkers amidst nature's embrace. To mark the inauguration of this thrilling trekking route, a trekking event is scheduled by the Forest Department on January 11, 2024. Interested participants keen on exploring this picturesque route are encouraged to get in touch with Irshaad Giri, Forester, Synthan Forest Block. This initiative underscores the commitment of Marwah Forest Division towards promoting ecotourism and fostering an enchanting experience for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers.

ongoing projects across the line departments, including PHE, PWD, JKPDCL, Irrigation, Agriculture, Education, Health, Municipal Councils, Forest, ICDS, Youth Services and Sports, RDD, and GDC. It was reported that out of 2820 approved works, 2750 have taken off, with an expenditure of 40 percent already allocated under the capex budget for the current year.

The meeting primarily aimed at assessing the implementation and progress of the aforementioned schemes, also including discussions on the Aspirational Bloek Development Plan and the Aspirational Panchayat Development Plan. Harvinder Singh stressed the necessity of proper planning, execution, and

DE&CC Samba organises career counselling programme

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: District Employment & Counselling Centre Samba (Model Career Centre Samba) organised a career counselling program here today.

The event, inaugurated by Director Employment J&K, Nisar Ahmed Wani, aimed to aware the youth about career opportunities other than government jobs like jobs in the private sector, government sponsored self employment schemes and various skilling/ up-skilling programs being conducted by the government to enhance the employability of the youth.

Assistant Director Employment Samba, Sulakshna Thakur presented a brief overview of the activities and schemes being implemented by DECC Samba for welfare of unemployed youth. She informed that as on date 51 youth have been provided self employment loans under Mission Youth schemes, while 65 others have been provided skill training for the trade of Accounts Executive and Mutual Funds and 73 candidates have been placed in private

Havan performed at Srinagar temple after over 3 decades

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A havan was performed at a temple in Srinagar on Saturday for the first time since the eruption of militancy in Kashmir more than three decades ago, officials said.

The over-300-year-old temple had been closed for several years due to the prevailing situation, they said.

The havan and a grand puja were performed at the Anandeshwar Bhairavnath temple located in Maisuma locality of the city on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Lord Bhairavnath, they said.

Hira Lal, a member of the temple trust, said, "Havan and puja were organised at the temple after around 32 years because the temple was closed for several years due to the prevailing situation."

Lal said the police, civil administration and the local residents extended full support for the havan.

More than 150 people were invited to the temple on the occasion, he said.

After the havan and puja, prasad was distributed among devotees and CRPF jawans deployed there.

monitoring to achieve the intended outcomes. He emphasized the need for effective inter-departmental coordination and urged the officials to proactively address any impediments to progress. Additionally, Singh directed all Bloek Development Officers (BDOs) to provide accurate figures of the work completed under the capex budget and to expedite the progress of projects lagging behind, aiming for at least 75 percent completion within the stipulated time.

Furthermore, the meeting functioned as a platform to deliberate on challenges and propose improvements. Singh encouraged all stakeholders to collaborate

Cleanliness drive conducted in Udhampur District under Swachhta Abhiyan

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: The District Administration Udhampur on Saturday orchestrated a comprehensive cleanliness cum sanitation drive across all Municipal wards and Blocks, aiming to heighten awareness about cleanliness. The initiative is being executed under the vigilant supervision of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai.

The drive, led by Additional District Development Commissioner Ghan Sham Singh, featured the active participation of Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, various departmental officers/ officials, and stakeholders. Commencing with a spirited march from Domail Chowk to Slathia Chowk Udhampur, the drive sought to instill a sense of responsibility towards cleanliness.

Emphasizing the vital role of cleanliness and personal hygiene, the ADDC urged participants to uphold cleanliness in their surroundings and inspire others to do the same.

Additionally, he advocated for abandoning the use of polythene, promoting hygiene practices, and safeguarding water resources to preserve the dis-

towards the successful implementation of the schemes, emphasizing the efficient and timely utilization of funds to prevent any lapses.

He also urged BDOs to regularly visit aspirational blocks and panchayats to ensure the availability of proper facilities and to help elevate the standard of living in these areas. The meeting saw the attendance of prominent officials, including ADDC Doda Pran Singh, CPO Doda Suresh Sharma, ACD Doda Phulail Singh, and representatives from various departments, highlighting the collective effort required for the holistic development of Doda.

PCPG meeting held at Village Baspur Bangla

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna along with SHO Police Station RS Pura conducted a PCPG meeting at village Baspur Bangla, R.S Pura. Various Sarpanches, Panches, Shopkeepers, Senior citizens, locals and other prominent persons participated in the meeting.

A discussion took place regarding drugs, theft cases, mining and other related issues. SDPO RS Pura Jammu also briefed

them to inform the nearby PS/ PP if any information

Ranvijay reviews ongoing works at Shri Ranbireswar Temple

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ranvijay Singh, Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, today conducted a comprehensive review of the ongoing restoration work at the revered Shri Ranbireswar Temple in Jammu today.

Accompanied by the Trust's Secretary, Ashok Kumar Sharma, and Additional Secretary, Varinder Singh Jamwal, the Trustee's visit aimed to assess the progress and ensure the timely completion of the restoration project.

During this visit, Secretary Ashok Kumar Sharma provided a comprehensive briefing to the Trustee about the

SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna during PCPG meeting.

progress and initiatives concerning various temples and heritage sites falling under the purview of the Trust.

Expressing his commitment to the preservation and enhancement of the cultural and religious heritage, Trustee Ranvijay Singh provided necessary directions to the officials overseeing the restoration efforts. Emphasizing the significance of the Shri Ranbireswar Temple, he underscored its status as a prominent ancient Temple in Jammu, attracting a large number of daily visitors and witnessing heightened footfall during the annual Shivratri Mela.

Ranvijay Singh stressed the importance of com-

pleting the ongoing works before the upcoming Shivratri Mela, ensuring that the temple remains an inviting and serene space for devotees. He expressed confidence in the dedicated efforts of the Trust and its officials to provide all necessary facilities to the visiting devotees, aligning with the organization's commitment to creating a seamless and spiritually enriching experience.

The Shri Ranbireswar Temple holds immense cultural and religious significance, and the J&K Dharmarth Trust remains steadfast in its dedication to preserving and nurturing this heritage.

regarding drug trafficking is received to them. Other important issues discussed were regarding poor conditions of roads, theft cases, employment of the local youths etc. and various other important issues.

During the PCPG meeting, they were also advised to be vigilant in context with the upcoming republic day celebrations, and report matters to the police regarding, any drug consignment, detection of tunnels, arms

Jandrah Panchayat records unprecedented development with over Rs 17 cr funds in 5 yrs

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: With Panchayats in Jammu and Kashmir completing their five-year term next week, there has been a complete turnaround on account of building infrastructure, overall development and ensuring 100 percent saturation in providing benefits of all centrally-sponsored schemes to the natives of Panchayat Halqa Jandrah in block Dansal of Jammu district for the period.

The inclusive development in Panchayat Jandrah, being represented by the president of All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) Anil Sharma during the last five years, is the testimony to the vibrancy in grassroots level institutions in the Union Territory and it is a role model for other Panchayats and their representatives to follow.

The Panchayat has also attained distinction of being a corruption-free and Open Defecation Free (ODF) Panchayat in Jammu district where the accountability and transparency have turned out to be a major hallmark of

and ammunitions, since the area is adjacent to the international border.

SDPO RS Pura Jammu flanked by SHO RS Pura gave a patient hearing to the public and assured them of addressing the genuine demands in shortest possible time. Also people were encouraged to come forward in sharing information related to crime in their area.

Later SHO PS RS Pura thanked the participants.

Faith, inclusive development & success remain 3 key mantras of our efforts: Anil Sharma

the system. While presenting his report card, the AJKPC president said that Jandrah Panchayat was the only grassroots level institution in Jammu and Kashmir where projects worth over Rs 17 Crore were initiated and executed during the last five years.

"Efforts have been made to uplift the living standards of people in the village by ensuring quality infrastructure, roads, water supply and electricity, apart from ensuring 100 percent saturation in providing benefits of all centrally-sponsored schemes to local people of Jandrah," Sharma said, adding "the projects, which were hanging in limbo for the past several years, were taken up and completed with the active support of the people".

The AJKPC chief said, "The entire area used to face the problem of drinking water and an initiative was taken to ensure regular water supply. We managed to bring water supply schemes, including PHE and NABARD, worth Rs 8.5 crore in the last five years that has helped us to settle the drinking water shortage problem once for all"

NCC Cadets carry out Plastic Free Tawi Campaign in collaboration with local civic bodies at Nagrota

STATE TIMES NEWS
NAGROTA: In a remarkable display of community collaboration, the National Cadet Corps have undertaken a significant Socially Useful and Productive initiative. The focus of this endeavour is the Cleaning of Tawi River Banks in Nagrota, with a specific emphasis on removing plastic waste materials.



NCC cadets carrying out plastic free Tawi campaign.

540 NCC Cadets and Staff of 2J&K BN NCC of Jammu Group (JK&L Dte) participated in the cleanup drive.

The Sarpanch of Panchayat Dhok Wazira, Raman Wazir, Puran Chand, Naib Sarpanch, Lambardars Rattan Singh and Kulwant Singh, 41 Civilians and employees of Bloek Development Nagrota extended their wholehearted

support to this noble cause. Alongside the cleanup plastic activity, awareness programs are being conducted to educate the community about the long-term consequences of plastic pollution.

A total of approx. 700 kg plastic was collected and properly disposed to Garbage dumping site at Kot

Bhalwal. The "Plastic Free Tawi Campaign" signifies the power of collaborative action between youth organizations, local leadership, and community members. This initiative is not just about cleaning the riverbanks; it's a symbol of collective responsibility towards our water Bodies.

The local Sarpanch said, "Under Prime Minister Awas Yojna (PMAY) (Grameen), we managed to get 78 cases of providing cemented houses to poor and needy people approved with an estimated cost of Rs 1.014 crore. Similarly, we brought funds worth Rs 81 lakh under 13th and 14th Finance Commissions for overall development and creating infrastructure in the Panchayat. We also made an expenditure of Rs 62 lakh under PRI Capex budget for raising infrastructure in Jandrah Panchayat".

"With our initiatives, we have been able to construct six ponds in the village under Integrated Watershed Management Program (IWMP) with an estimated cost of Rs 50 lakh. Besides, we also expended funds worth Rs 12.5 lakh under CD Panchayat category," Sharma said.