

Implementation of welfare schemes: LG’s directions reviewed in Poonch

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POONCH: To review the progress and implementation of various Government-sponsored beneficiary schemes and extension of benefits to the targeted lot, the District Development Commissioner (DDC), Poonch, Inder Jeet chaired a meeting of Officers of all line Departments here in the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting reviewed in detail the implementation of LG directions and Government-sponsored schemes including Apki zameen Apki Nigrani- platform Yougta se Rojgar Mahotsav, Janta ki scheme, one person one golden card, har ghar nal se jal, berojgar se sewa rojgarhar kaam ki shuruat, har gaon swachh gaon, har gaon hariyali, har gaon dastak.

In view of the fresh threat of covid-19 pandemic, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Chief Medical Officer to submit daily report about containment measures. He also directed to continuation Nasha Mukat and Swachh Gaon



DDC Inder Jeet chairing a meeting at Poonch.

the campaigns.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the General Manager, DIC to consolidate the pendency of sponsored cases with the different Bank branches and submit the report of the same to this office in every week.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the EO Municipality to keep the city neat and clean by ensuring daily cleanliness operations and scientific disposal of waste.

Further, the Deputy Commissioner asked the ACD to submit the proposal for establishment of 315 PDs before December 15 after conducting the Gram Sabha in all 229 Panchayats.

The DDC said this is a collective responsibility of all of us to make sure that no eligible beneficiary is left behind. He stressed on the Officers to take comprehensive measures to reach out to all eligible beneficiaries. He asked the concerned district officers to submit daily progress report.

The DDC directed the CMO to organise awareness cum distribution camps in all Panchayats for registration of beneficiaries and issuing Golden Card under one person one Golden Card scheme.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the concerned that to dig waste collection pits under MGNREGA

where there was no public objection for disposal of biodegradable waste.

Under Har Gaon Hariyali scheme, the Deputy Commissioner set a target of 50,000 plantation for RDD and One lakh for Forest department.

The Jal Shakti department was asked to achieve the target of functional household tap water connections under Har Ghar Nal se Jal.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Poonch, Abdul Sattar, ADC, Dr. Basharat Hussain; ACD, Rajesh Lakhani, ACR, Zaheer Ahmed Kaifi, Gen. Manager, DIC, Dr. Zakir Hussain, ALC/AD, labour & Employment, Abid Hussain Shah, District Treasury Officer, Ab. Rashid Dounstam, CMO, Dr. G.A. Malik, EO Municipality, Mushtaq Hussain, ACP, Shafiq Mir, PO, Jaffar Abbas, XEn PDD, Irshad Hussain, XEn Jal Shakti, Rajesh Sethi, XEn, R&B, Mohd. Parviat, XEn REW, Hans Raj, Vikas Sharma from bank besides other concerned officers.

Col Mahan vows support to farmers against ‘unjustified’ anti-encroachment drive

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KATHUA: DDC Chairman Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) on Tuesday led hundreds of farmers to the DC Office and submitted a memorandum seeking insulation for the tiller community in the ongoing anti-encroachment drive initiated by Kathua Administration terming the same to be arbitrary and unjustified.

Others who accompanied Col Mahan include DDC members Karan Atri, Dr. Shaveta Singh and Sushma Devi, Gopal Mahajan, BJP District President, Rajesh Mehta, Sarpanch Sunita, Inderjit Sharma and Mohd Sharif.

Earlier people from Kathua, Hiranagar, Basohli and Billawar besides senior BJP leaders of the District approached DDC Chairman Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) and apprised him about anti-encroachment drive being run by Kathua Administration whereby people are issued notices to vacate land chunks held by them for last 30 to 70 years.

They told the DDC Chairman that their livelihood depends on these small chunks of land as they have paid taxes for the same and governments in the past have entered their names in Girdwaris and other revenue records but now the administration is hell-bent to snatch away their only source of livelihood. After going through the plight of farmers, the DDC Chairman assured that he will take care



DDC Chairman Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) submitting memorandum to DC Kathua Rahul Yadav.

of the issue and no poor soul would be harassed over the issue. He vowed to take up the matter with concerned quarters in the government. Following this, a memorandum addressed to LG Manoj Sinha was prepared and consequently submitted to DC Kathua Rahul Yadav to forward the same to LG Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) put forth people's point and asked the DC to ensure the poor farmers are not harassed.

It is pertinent to mention that there are large numbers of poor people/farmers who are cultivating the State lands in District Kathua for decades and they have paid levy to the then governments for the use of the above said land and the then government has entered the mutation/Girdawari of these people/farmers in the revenue records. Now the Kathua Administration has started the anti-encroachment drive against these people/farmers which is unjustified.

Col Mahan said that by snatching land chunks from these farmers the government will snatch livelihood of people which should not be the case as the government is a welfare state and it should provide succor to people and not take away the source of their livelihood.

The DDC Chairman also said that West Pakistani Refugees who are living here since 1947, and the government has allotted the lands to these people, also the GoI has given them the rights and also allotted the Domicile Certificates, are also forcibly asked by the revenue officials to vacate their lands.

The DDC Chairman has appealed to LG Sinha to intervene and ask the revenue officials/Kathua Administration not to interfere in the peaceful possession of land of the poor people/farmers, especially when the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has committed to uplift the tillers and poor people across the country.

DC Reasi chairs meeting of District Level Armed Forces Flag Day Committee

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Charandeep Singh chaired a meeting of District Level Armed Forces Flag Day Committee on Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by Dy.SP Mumtaz Ali, GM DIC Gurdev Kumar, DTO Liakat Khan, DIO Rajinder Kr Digra, ZSWO Col. Sukhbir Singh Asla, Tehsildar HQ Suresh Singh along with other district officers.

On this occasion, Charandeep Singh said that 7th December is observed as the Armed Forces Flag Day



DC Reasi Charandeep Singh chairing a meeting.

throughout the country to commemorate this day as an honour to the soldiers, sailors and airmen of India who valiantly safeguarded the country's honour.

The DC emphasized that Armed Forces Flag Day remind all of us to express our gratitude as well as appreciation to the military personnel of India and to

acknowledge those who layed their lives for Mother India.

Charandeep Singh said that need of the hour is to increase the contribution through various means like token Flags and car stickers. He further said that involvement of NCC, NSS, Youth Clubs and other Volunteers is of prime importance to celebrate Armed Forces Flag Day.

It was decided that wide publicity shall be given for generating donations.

It was emphasized that the funds so collected is used for the welfare of Defence

Personnel.

DC asked that the Zila Sanik Welfare Officer shall provide/share the Online Link and QR code for the online contribution on this Flag Day. He also invited Ex-servicemen / War Veterans on the eve of Flag day to make the day more memorable to his office.

He further said that there should be a contribution box in all offices of district Reasi.

DC directed District Treasury Officer to ensure the contribution of Flag Day from all the employees of District Reasi.

Cluster programme for farmers organised

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AKHNOOR: Suresh Sharma, member District Development Council, conducted the organic cluster program on behalf of the Agriculture Department Akhnoor in village Ghadgal of Block Maira Mandrian and dedicated the maize thresher machine costs Rs 50,000 to the Panchayat Maira Mandrian.

Suresh Sharma while addressing the farmers and people said, "this is a good initiative from the Department of Agriculture, we can get many benefits by doing organic farming. We use urea fertilizers, medicines and other disinfectant things, which directly affects our health, which causes diseases like BP, sugar, through organic farming, we can avoid all these things by preparing our own manure." Suresh



Seeds and other agri products being given to farmers.

Sharma said, "a lot of farmers can get benefits in this cluster, the period of this cluster will be about 3 years, in which free of cost pesticides, fertilizers and other things will be provided from time to time by the Agriculture Department".

SADO Akhnoor Surender Bhatt, Mandal President Dr. Ram Lal, Sarpanch Rashpal Sharma, Sarpanch Tarlochan Dutt,

AEO Yogesh Mehta, AEO Garu Ram, AEA Ramlal Sharma and AEA Jatinder Singh, Gen. Sectt. Chanchal Singh, Naib Sarpanch Om Parkash, Naib Sarpanch Uttam Singh, Panch Puran Chand, Skinder Lal, Ajay Kumar, Laxman Dass, Chaman Lal and officers of Agriculture Department were present on all the farmers.

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REASI: In order to honour the supreme sacrifice offered by the Valiant Special Police Officer (SPO) while fighting against terrorists, Government Primary School Lower Mendi is dedicated in the name of Martyr SPO Abdul Rashid.

In a simple and impressive ceremony Shailender Singh Senior Superintendent of Police Reasi visited remote hill top village Mendi and dedicated the school in the name of the Martyr. Shailender also instituted a photograph of martyr Abdul Rashid in the School.

SPO Abdul Rashid born to late Abdul Rehman and Fatima Begum in far flung village Mendi of Chassana area on March 2, 1979. He got his primary education from Government Primary School lower Mendi



SSP Reasi Shailender Singh and others during school renaming ceremony.

Chassana and Govt High school Balmatkote.

He joined J&K Police during a period of Peak terrorism in Mahore-Chassana area on April 5, 2001. He attained Martyrdom while fighting against Anti national terrorists in an encounter in Channakote Mahore on 26/27-12-2001 while eliminating the two dreaded militants.

Fatima Begum mother of the Martyr also joined on

the occasion despite her old age and weakness and blessed the officers with her prayers for this initiative while remembering the Martyr with wet eyes.

Speaking on the occasion SSP conveyed that SPO Abdul Rashid was very helpful and popular among his colleagues. He was very courageous and brave policeman who volunteered himself to be the part of search party on that day

Doda Admn bids adieu to ADDC on superannuation

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DODA: District Administration Doda on Tuesday bid warm adieu to Additional District Development Commissioner Mohammad Hanief Malik on his superannuation.

While recalling the unmatched and exemplary services of the outgoing ADDC, all those present hailed his calibre and administrative skills as an officer. They said the services of the officer will be remembered for years by the Administration as well as by the people.

The ADDC also expressed gratitude to the staff of the district administration for extending unconditional support during his services in different capacities and asked them to serve the people with utmost sincerity.

The staff wished the ADDC best of luck and also prayed for his sound health and happiness for the upcoming countless times.

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ADC Doda chairs maiden meeting of Mentor Secretaries of Youth Clubs

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DODA: Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda Dr R K Bharti on Tuesday chaired the maiden meeting of the designated Mentor Secretaries of Youth Clubs here at the conference hall of DC office Doda.

The ADC apprised the participants about the district level initiative under which a young gazetted officer has been nominated as the Mentor Secretaries for the Youth Clubs to implement the unique initiative of the Govt of UT of J&K at grassroots level.

While underscoring the mandate of the Mentor Secretaries, the ADC asked them to initially submit the names of desirous



ADC Doda Dr R K Bharti chairing a meeting.

youth who want to avail benefits under Berozgar se Swarozgar program. He said the programme aims to ensure coverage of youth of the district

under self employment schemes of different nature being implemented by the government departments.

In addition to this, he asked

JKTJAC holds meeting, many teachers join committee

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BANIHAL: A special meeting was organised by Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) Unit of Banihal on Tuesday which was organised under the leadership of UT Vice President Aftab Malik and District President Ramban Harilal Nag where in UT President Vinod Sharma, UT Chairman Saleem Sagar, UT Senior Vice Chairman Reyazur-Rahman, UT Chief Press and Media Secretary Sukesh Khajuria, Azamat Iqbal (pub. Sec.) and Mohd Ashraf (State Sec) were the special guests and invitees. The meeting was attended by a large number of teachers of Zone Banihal.

Speaking on the occasion Vinod raised various burning issues of the teaching fraternity including inclusion of 5 years RET Period for seniority benefits, comprehensive transfer policy for teachers appointed under RET scheme, transition of posts of teachers Grade II/III into substantive posts as per Govt. order. He appealed the Principal Secretary School Education to resolve the issues for the welfare of the teachers appointed under ReT Scheme.

Saleem Sagar while speaking on the occasion urged LG administration to provide old pension

scheme in favour of NPS employees of the UT so that their post retirement life not be in trouble. On the occasion many teachers joined the hand of JKTJAC and assured to work with full dedication for the betterment of the teachers. Those also spoke on the occasion were Parshant Sharma, Khazan Singh, Javed Ahmed Bali UT Publicity Secretary, District Chairman Baseer Ahmed Wani, District Sr. Vice President Dilbagh Singh, Distt. Vice President Joginder Singh Manhas, District Advisor Surjeet Singh, Das Raj District finance secretary, Ashraf Katoch district Chief Coordinator, Bhem Singh district coordinator cultural wing, Farooq Lone ZP Khari, Gh Nabi Tantray ZP Banihal, Murtaza Farooq ZP Khari, Pardeep Singh Manhas Zonal Vice President Ramban, Rajesh Singh Gouria Zonal Vice President Batote, More Hussain Zonal Vice President Ukhlral, Pardeep Singh Executive member Ramban, Sharing Ram Sharma Zonal Executive member Ramban, Behar Singh Gouria Zonal Executive member Ramban, Man Singh Zonal Executive Member Banihal, Mohd Iqbal Draboo executive member Banihal, Jhangeer Ahmed executive member Banihal, Azad Katoch executive member Ukhlral.

SSP rewards 243 officials for excellence

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KATHUA: An impressive reward ceremony was organized at IRP 19th Battalion Headquarters Kathua to felicitate and give away cash rewards along with commendation certificates to the officials for outstanding performance in which SSP Benam Tosh Commandant flanked by Deputy Commandant SP Santokh Raj, Deputy SP Kuldeep Raj and Deputy SP Deepak Tufchi honoured the excellent officials and presented rewards & certificates.

243 outstanding officers and Jawans in terms of dedication to duties on various fronts were conferred with cash rewards and Commendation Certificates at the grand reward ceremony with the underlying objective of inspiring all the officials to exhibit more dedication, devotion and commitment while performing

Government duties.

SSP Benam Tosh bestowed all praises on recipients of cash rewards and commendation certificates and said that their performance had been rated as outstanding because they were displaying exemplary devotion and commitment to duties amid toughest challenges posed by Covid-19 and moreover no complaints had been received against them from any quarters. CO congratulated all the recipients of rewards and their families for excellences in professional police work.

Regarding people-friendly approach, SSP Benam Tosh impressed upon all the officers and Jawans to treat all law abiding civil persons as VIPs and pay them due respect whether performing hard round-the-clock duties at Lakhanpur, Samba-Kathua stretch of national highway, in Kathua city or in Bani, Billawar, Basohli,

Hiranagar, Nagri, & Samba district. "Police officials should behave with public in highly civilized educated manner in 21st century and should ensure that dignity of the civilians is always upheld while dealing with law breakers, miscreants & terrorists with iron hands", Benam Tosh advised.

The Commandant further assured that all the officers and officials who perform duties with honesty and discipline will be handsomely rewarded and decorated in days to come.

Deputy CO, Adjutant, Quartermaster and Company Commanders also spoke on the occasion, thanked the Commandant for sanctioning rewards so generously and congratulated the officials who received the commendation certificates & cash rewards as a token of recognition of their outstanding performance.

Army organises medical & veterinary camp

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RAJOURI: Army organised a medical and veterinary camp for the village populace and their livestock in remote area of Rajouri. In remote area challenge are further aggravated due to the limited road connectivity, requiring villagers to commute long distances to avail basic medical and veterinary facilities. This medical and veterinary camp was a joint effort by the Indian Army medical team, along with a medical team from Rajouri community health centre, Civil Health Department. Medicines were provided to the patients during the medical camp. Gynecologist doctor Nisha Chadgal, Pediatrician doctor Mohammed Abays, exam-

ined and provide healing touch to the old aged patients. Veterinary doctor Intaz, animal husbandry, Rajouri provided requisite consultation, vaccination and medicines for the livestock. A total strength of 350 villagers and 60 animals from the village and other far flung adjoining areas visited to avail medical and veterinary treatment provided during the camp. The genuine efforts taken up by the Indian Army to organise the medical and veterinary camp were appreciated by the villagers. Such an endeavour by the Indian Army to reach out to the residents of remote areas will go a long way in developing and strengthening of trust between Jawan and people.