

Providing safe drinking water Govt's priority: Col Mahan

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KATHUA: District Development Council (DDC) Kathua Chairman, Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) has said that providing safe and adequate drinking water is among the Govt's top priorities and it stands fully committed to achieve the target of "Ghar Ghar Jal, Ghar Ghar Nal" very soon. He stated this while addressing a gathering after kick-starting drilling of bore wells for hand pumps in Basohli DDC Constituency on Sunday.

The DDC Chairman said that more than 400 new hand pumps at a cost of Rs. 12 crore are being installed in District Kathua out of District Capex budget and each hand pump involves an average expenditure of Rs. 3 lakh. Around 100 hand pumps are being installed



DDC Kathua Chairman, Col Mahan Singh starting drilling work of bore-wells for hand pumps in Basohli.

in Basohli Assembly Constituency, he added. He informed that there are already more than 1600 hand pumps in District Kathua and that the additional 400 hand pumps will go a long way in improving the availability of drinking water in this region, especially in Kandi and semi hilly areas.

Col Mahan Singh said that Rs. 186 crore has been allocated in the current financial year under Capex budget plan under 'Jal Jeevan Mission' (JJM). He said that the Jal Jeevan Mission is envi-

sioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India.

The DDC Chairman asserted that the implementation of JJM is undoubtedly going to overcome the existing shortage of drinking water. Moreover, there is also a need to focus more on efficient ways of water usage harvesting, conservation and recycling, he added.

Asserting that after air drinking water is the second essential succour for survival of plants and animals, he said that he along with the party cadre shall leave no stone unturned in ensuring that PM Modi's commitment to provide "Ghar Ghar Jal, Ghar Ghar Nal" gets fulfilled at the earliest.

The National Lok Adalat was held under the Chairmanship of Pr. District and Sessions Judge, Y.P. Kotwal.

BATCHES STARTING ON 20 DEC

NDA, CDS, AFCAT WRITTEN JKP SI, ARMY GD WRITTEN SSB INTERVIEW COACHING
(2948 JOINED FORCES IN 5 YRS) AT BRIGADIER JAMWAL'S
LAKSHYA DEFENCE ACADEMY, JAMMU
CONTACT: 9797519939 GOVT REGISTERED WITH GSTIN

NOTICE

I, Sham Lal S/o Devi Sharhan R/o H.No 169, Sector-2, Size 30x60 Upper Roop Nagar, Jammu have applying for transfer of house in my name after the death of my father Sh. Devi Sharhan S/o Kirpa Ram. Objection if any may be conveyed to JDA Jammu within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE

I, Mohd Farid S/o Mohd Gafoor R/o Treru Tehsil Teryath District Rajouri have lost my passport while I was traveling from Moghla to Treru bearing Passport No. T11610. Now I am applying for duplicate of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to Passport Office Jammu within 7 days.

DLSA Kishtwar organises National Lok Adalat

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KISHTWAR: District Legal Services Authority Kishtwar organised a National Lok Adalat for amicable settlement of all category of cases except non-compoundable, here the other day.

The National Lok Adalat was held under the Chairmanship of Pr. District

presided over by Y.P. Sharma (CJM) and assisted by Mahajabeen Akther (Munsif/JMIC).

The Third bench was presided over by Amit Kumar (ALC) and assisted by Imraan Wani (Secretary DLSA).

The second bench was

told. An amount of Rs. 1,49,60,325 was settled between the parties and an amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- was recovered as fine from the violators.

Chairman District Legal Services Authority expressed his gratitude and thanks to all the concerned who made this Lok Adalat a success.

Udhampur City FC launches new jersey



Udhampur City FC teams and officials during launch of new jersey.

Civil Defence organises five days training camp in HPS



Principal HPS, Gaurav Charak presenting trophy to a winner.

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SAMBA: Deputy Controller Civil Defence, Samba organised a five days training camp in Humanity Public School (HPS), Bassi Kalan, here.

Civil Defence Team provided theoretical and practical knowledge to the students and staff members through lectures and mock drills.

The programme was informative as it was based

on self protection against the natural calamities such as earthquake & floods. Knowledge of First-Aid and protection against road accidents and fire accidents was also given to the students and the staff members.

The programme was started with the welcome address by the Principal of the School, Gaurav Charak. A seminar was also organised on the topic 'Contribution of

Female Freedom Fighters' - Rani Laxmi Bhai, Aruna Asif Ali and Annie Basant on eve of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Students Megha, Samiksha, Deyani, Sonia & Pariksha participated in the seminar and were given mementos and certificates for their outstanding performance.

Vikas Gupta, DIG Home Guards, Civil Defence, SDRF, Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion who enlightened the students on the importance of this training programme.

Keshav Raj Sharma, Incharge Higher Secondary Wing presented the vote of thanks. The programme was organised under the close supervision of Deputy Controller Tejinder Kour, SDRF, Samba. Vice-Principal of the School Anku Charak was also present on the occasion.

Heritage School outshines in NHPC painting competition

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JAMMU: The Ministry of Power, Government of India allocated NHPC to conduct a state level painting competition in the UT of Jammu.

Various schools from UT of J&K participated in the mega event in which Heritageans outshone and brought laurels to school. Atharv Dabgotra of IX-D excelled and stood first in the competition and

won a cash prize of Rs. 50000. Pranav Singh of VI-D has won Rs. 7500 as consolation prize.

The Principal of the School, Akash Pradhan congratulated students for their extraordinary performances and boosted their morale by saying, "Your talent and impressive painting skills will bring you loads of success in the future."



Heritage School faculty felicitating winner students.

Forest Deptt Ramban intensifies plantation drive under Har Gaon Hariyali campaign

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RAMBAN: Forest Division Ramban on Sunday conducted a series of plantation drives here at Panchayat Chamalwas Lower B & Upper A, Drama, Ind and Eidgah Chareel under Har Gaon Hariyali campaign aimed at improving green cover in the district.

Plantation drives were launched at Panchayat level in collaboration with PRIs and the general public to achieve the motive of green J&K.

DFO Ramban, Dr. Rajan Singh, Tehsildar Banihal Intiyah Ahmed, Sarpanch Chamalwas Muneeb Ahmed, Range Officers, local officers and PRIs attended the drive in their respective areas.

The DFO Ramban sought the cooperation of the locals and PRIs in protection and conservation of the forests. He also sensitized the public regarding One Beat Guard One Village Programme, JK Green Drive- Har Gaon Hariyali and also sought the help from PRIs, NGOs and the general public to make the programme a success.

The DFO said that all Panchayats of the district will be covered by Forest and Social Forest Departments under Flagship Programme Har Gaon Hariyali. Plants and seed balls were also distributed among the locals.

A similar plantation drive, under JK Green Drive, was conducted in Panchayat Drama, Rajgarh which was attended by DDC Councilor Rajgarh Mohammad Shafi, officers and officials of department and locals.

GDC Bhadarwah celebrates International Mountain Day

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BHADARWAH: The Department of Environmental Sciences, Govt. Degree College (PG) Bhaderwah organized one day trekking cum awareness programme to celebrate International Mountain Day under the theme "Sustainable Mountain Tourism".

The trekking was conducted on the trekking route from Chinote Morth to Shankhoja (Malotha) and back traversing through dense tract of temperate deodar and kail forest area.

The main aim of celebrating this occasion was to increase the awareness about value and need of protection of mighty mountains and preserve its natural heritage. It is to highlight that it plays an important role in attracting visitors in hill destinations like Bhaderwah.

A total of 30 students of GDC Bhaderwah of Environmental Sciences; 14 trainees of forest department; officials of forest department, faculty members of GDC Bhaderwah (Dr. Abdul Rouf Bhat, Sunil Singh, Tariq Ahmad, Rafiq Ahmad and Shamsher Singh) enthusiastically participated under the overall supervision of Prof. Anuradha Sharma, HOD Dept. of Environmental Sciences and Dr. Javid Manzoor, Lecturer in Environmental Sciences in the trekking. Fiaz Ahmed, an official from forest department, highlighted the contribution of mountain in socio-economic development, environmental sustainability and in the overall promotion of well-being of society.

A detailed overview of majestic Himalayan peaks in Bhaderwah like Kaplas and receding of glaciers like Sunbai was discussed. Overall, the trekking was enjoyed by all participants and was successful in the accomplishment of its aim and objective. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Prof. Anuradha Sharma, HOD Dept. of Environmental Sciences.

Army organises mega cultural show

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POONCH: As an endeavour to outreach to the Awaam of border areas of Poonch district, Indian Army organised a cultural mega show called 'Ek Shaam Poonch ke Aawaam ke Naam' on Sunday at Gulpur, district Poonch (J&K). The aim of the event was to provide the local population an opportunity to move out of their daily routine and enjoy the day with their family and friends and reap the benefits of peace in the area.

The event included multiple activities such as inter Panchayat Tug-of-War (Rassa Kassi) competition, individual native games of Gatti and Budar and various entertaining games for children and ladies along with medical and veterinary camp. For all visitors, various food stalls were also placed along with light lunch provided by Indian Army. The event started

with paying tribute to Late General Bipin Rawat and ten other members of Indian Armed Forces family whom we lost on 08 Dec 2021 in helicopter crash. The highlight of the event was the vibrant cultural programme 'Mauseeqi' in which performances in folk languages to include Gojri, Pahadi and Punjabi languages were rendered. The performance by local troupe was mesmerizing and thoroughly enjoyed by people. The successful conduct of the mega cultural event, the first of its kind since Independence is one of the dividends of prevalent peace and harmony in Poonch district and demonstrates Indian Army's resolve to outreach Awaam of remote areas and to bring positive changes in their life. The overwhelming response from local populace further firms in the bonding between Awaam and Indian Army.

The aim of organising such programs on the benefits of sports motivate youth to take part in sports and games to improve their sense of responsibility, the ability to express themselves, their self-confidence and to avoid bad habits like drugs, smoking etc.

Horticulture Deptt holds mega awareness, training camp at Budgam

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SRINAGAR: Department of Horticulture on Sunday organised a 6th mega awareness cum training camp at Town Hall Charisharief, District Budgam to reach out to the farmers. Director General Horticulture, Kashmir Ajaz Ahmad Bhat was the Chief Guest of the function. Block Development Council (BDC) Chairperson Nagam, Pakerpora, Charisharief, DDC member Pakerpora, Nagam, Municipal Council Chairperson Charisharief along with PRIs attended the camp. President Fruit Grower Association, Bashir Ahmad Bashir and Adil Chowdhary Representative tribal population and progressive orchardists also participated in the camp. The main purpose of the training/awareness camp was to aware the farmers about the different departmental schemes in vogue, particularly newly launched Modified High Density Plantation Scheme. At the outset of function Chief Horticulture Officer Budgam, Javed Ahmad Bhat, welcomed the Director General and other participants to the camp. He highlighted the present scenario of the Horticulture sector in the district and apprised participants about various developmental schemes including Modified High-Density Plantation Scheme.

Addressing the gathering, Director General Horticulture, elaborated in detail about the incentives available under the various central and UT sponsored schemes of the department viz. MIDH, PMDP, SMAM, PMKSY and CAPEX besides urged the farmers to come forward and avail the benefits under these schemes. He also assured that special focus will be given on creating irrigation facilities as the demand for the same was put forward by public representatives. Regarding the modified High-Density Plantation Scheme, He encouraged the farmers of the area, particularly marginal and small farmers, to come forward and take advantage of the newly launched Scheme. He further added that shifting to High Density Plantation is the only way forward to increase the production and productivity

and to compete with the international market. He also gave on spot instructions to the Chief Horticulture Officer to give wide publicity to all schemes particularly the Modified High-Density Scheme by holding awareness camp at village and block levels.

At the end DG thanked all the participants and said more such camps will be held in the area. The Director General then distributed Packing Shed/machinery authorizations among the farmers. DG also issued authorization for setting up of the Walnut De-hulling Unit. School Uniform, books and other stationery items were also distributed by DG Horticulture among the students belonging to the economically weaker section of the society.

Info Deptt condoles with AAO Rukhsana Akhtar

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SRINAGAR: Joint Director Information, Kashmir Division, Inam Ul Haq Siddiqui on Sunday expressed heartfelt grief and sorrow over the demise of father of Assistant Accounts Officer, Rukhsana Akhtar, who passed away on Saturday. In this regard, a condolence meeting was held in the office chamber of Joint Director Information Kashmir at Drabu House, Rambagh. Expressing solidarity, the Joint Director extended his deepest condolences to Assistant Accounts Officer, Rukhsana Akhtar on the demise of his father. He prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss. Besides, Mohammad Aslam Khan, Assistant Director (PR), Javed Ahmad Rather, Assistant Director (Advt.) and other officers and officials of the department also offered condolence to the bereaved family and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

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KULGAM: In order to review implementation of various ongoing forest development activities, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Dr. Mohit Gera, on Sunday visited several forest areas in district Kulgam.

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