

DIET organises three-day training camp



A resource person expressing views during the programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: Three day training programme for DDOs/HOIs of District Udhampur regarding JK PAYSYS, BEAMS, GeM Portal and CPIS concluded on Thursday at GHSS Boys Udhampur.

Programme was under the supervision of Arvin Kumar Koul, CEO Udhampur, who

is also holding the charge of Principal DIET Udhampur while in-charge DIET K.C Khajuria presided over the Training Program. On the first day, the training program was attended by the DDOs/HOIs of Higher Secondary Schools along with their dealing Assistants. On the second day the training was attended by the

ZEOs/Headmasters of Jib, Udhampur and Tikri Zones and their dealing Assistants. The third day, the training was attended by the Headmasters of Dudu, kulwanta, Ramnagar and Majalta,Babey, Pancheri, Chenani and Ghordi Zones. Speaking on the occasion CEO Koul gave his valuable views on various topics

regarding JK PAYSYS, BEAMS, GeM Portal and CPIS. He said that in the changing world of technology and also to make the system transparent 'we have to change and adapt ourselves according to the technology. These technologies will give a boost to the work culture in the department. He asked the DDOs/HOIs to focus on the work culture in their schools and also ensure the punctuality of employees. While Shiv Kumar DIET incharge, Navneet Singh, Incharge District Budget Team Sanjeev Sharma I/C PFMS/GeM and Rajeev Janwal I/C JKCPIS/BEAMS/PAYSYS gave their valuable suggestions and important tips to the HOIs and their dealing Assistants.

Poonch: DLC clears 27 FRA claims

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH: District Level Committee on Forest Rights Act on Thursday cleared 27 claims here at its meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Inder Jeet.

The De also reviewed the proceeding/disposal of FRA claims at SDLCs/ FRC level.

The committee approved the all the claims put before it after thorough scrutiny extending community forest rights benefits to 89 souls. The meeting was appraised that a total of 157 claims have been approved till date providing community forest rights benefits to 571 persons. The Deputy Commissioner also directed the SDLCs to expedite the disposal of FRA claims pending at their level. He further directed to provide full support to FRCs for disposal of the pending cases within one week. The meeting was attended by DDC Member Mendhar A, Mian Farooq Ahmed; DDC Member, Surankote B, Shah Nawaz Chowdhary; Divisional Forest Officer(T), Suresh Manda; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Zaheer Ahmed Kaifi; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Shafiq Mir; District Tribal Welfare Officer; Shakeel Ahmed Malik; Headquarter Assistant, Jahangir Hussain, besides other concerned officers.

Govt Polytechnic College students visit NHPC Dulhasti Power Station



Students along with Dulhasti officials during the visit.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KISHTWAR: NHPC Dulhasti Power Station is organising various programs under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav time to time. In this sequence, visit of 5th semester students of Electrical Engineering Department of Government Polytechnic College, Kishtwar to the power house of Dulhasti Power Station was organised on Thursday. The officials of NHPC guided the students on their visit to control room, machine gallery and various other components of the power house and also gave detailed information about the electricity generation and power house operation.

On this occasion, Rajan Jairath, General Manager (In-Charge), Dulhasti Power Station addressed the students at the Conference Hall of Power House. In his address, he made the stu-

dents aware about the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and also informed about the contribution being made by Dulhasti Power Station in the development of the local area and the country under the Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme along with power generation. He wished the students all the best and wished them for a brighter future. At the conclusion of the program, Rajan Jairath, General Manager (In-Charge) encouraged the students and teachers by presenting them mementos. The teachers of Government Polytechnic College, Kishtwar thanked Rajan Jairath, General Manager (In-Charge) and NHPC for organizing the visit.

Rajan Jairath has recently assumed the charge of General Manager (In-Charge) / Head of Power Station (HOP) of Dulhasti

Power Station, NHPC. Shri Rajan Jairath is the 22nd Head of Power Station (HOP) of Dulhasti Power Station. Earlier, Rajan Jairath was working as General Manager (Civil) at NHPC Uri-II Power Station, Baramulla.

On this occasion, Surendra Kumar Mishra, General Manager (Electrical), Gursharan Singh, Deputy General Manager (Electrical), Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Senior Manager (Electrical), Ashok Kumar Dhanwal, Senior Manager (HR), Amarjeet Singh, Senior Manager (Electrical), Manoj Kumar, Senior Manager (Mechanical) and teachers of Government Polytechnic College, Kishtwar, Sanjay Gupta, Dheeraj Prakash Shan, Karishma Parihar and other teachers along with officers and employees of Dulhasti Power Station were present.

Block Dwas: 3Public Outreach Programmes organised

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SAMBA: To address the public grievances, district administration Samba organised weekly block divas meetings in Ghagwal, Samba and Bari Brahmana Blocks, here the other day.

The Nodal Officers of respective blocks held the meetings to the get first-hand account of the public grievances and redressed the same. The public dele-

gations and individuals from adjoining Panchayats apprised the Nodal officers about the problems. They demanded provision of piped drinking water, maintenance & construction of new rural roads, coverage of left out families under BPL/APL ration, increase in the ambit of social security schemes, upgrading of the infrastructure of trauma hospital, regular power

supply to the households. The delegations also included BDC Chairpersons Ghagwal block, Bari-Brahmana block and Samba block.

In Ghagwala total of 35 locals participated and appraised Administration of their demands. The officials issues 54 domicile certificates, 19 category certificates, 44 revenue extracts, on spot registration for aadhar seeding,

Sehat Ayushman cards, Scholarships Schemes and 03 KCC cards. Similar camps were also organised at sub division Vijaypur and Tehsil Samba. A total of 10 grievances were also disposed during block divas. IEC activities under Apni Zameen Apni Nigrani, Panchayat Darpan, beams Empowerment and other schemes were also carried out.

Daily-wage Safaikarmacharis of MCB seek regularisation, appeal LG to implement MWA

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BHADARWAH: To press their demands, Daily wagers in different Municipal Committees of Chenab Valley continues their strike.

Poor sanitation hits different towns of Chenab Valley as Safai Karamcharis union working in Municipal Committees of Banihal, Ramban, Doda, Bhadarwah, Thathri and Kishtwar continue their strike to demand regularisation and implementation of MWA. Mounds of stinking and spreading garbage have piled up in many areas of Chenab Valley as a strike by the municipality workers continued for the fourth day on Thursday. Contractual and daily wage Safai Karamchari and other staff of MCB (Municipal Committee Bhadarwah), who are on the strike in support of their demands to regularise their services held a



Safaikaramcharis staging protest at Bhadarwah.

strong protest here at Pasri Bus Stand. They also appeal to LG to personally intervene into the matter. Even after passing of several years, a number of safai karamcharis and sewermen working on contract basis are still waiting for regularisation of their jobs. Notably, a number of safai karamcharis have been demanding regularisation of jobs for a long time, but to no avail. Protesting employees of MCB said that they need reg-

ularisation of their jobs for a secure future for them and their families. A group of the protesting contractual employees said that we are underpaid but we work for equal hours as regular employees. The government must increase our salaries and regularise our jobs.

They said that the safai Karamcharis, sewermen and other daily wage staff had been working in the MCB for the past several years,

but their jobs were not being regularised despite repeated assurances.

Mohd Ishaq, General Secretary Safai Karamcharis Union Bhadarwah said that our monthly income is very low and it is hard to meet the daily needs. The government should take necessary measures for the welfare of safai karamcharis, sewermen and other dailywage staff.

Another employee Sajid Malik said that even after putting our extra efforts, we are not being considered as important part of department. "we should be regularised on priority basis and minimum wages act (MWA) should be implemented in J&K by the Lieutenant Governor," Malik added.

Protesting employees appealed LG to personally intervene into their matter, so that they can live a respectful life.

Others who spoke on the occasion Mohd Ayaz, Brijesh Yogi, Sanjay Kumar, Nageena Begum, Arun Kumar ,Basharat Ganai, Mohd Ishaq and others.

ADC Bhadarwah Rakesh Kumar said that we have taken up the matter with higher authorities to resolve the issue at the earliest.

Kumar said that I have also talked to authorities about maintenance of sanitization of the town as due to strike of employees, there is mounting uncollected garbage in different areas.

It is notable that sanitation sector is the worst hit leaving the major towns of Chenab Valley to deal with mounting uncollected garbage.

Residents and shopkeepers within MC limits expressed their resentment against the unpleasant situation, concerned about outbreak of disease.

Ramban Admn organises Youth Cultural Festival to welcome 2022

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMBAN: District Administration, Ramban on Thursday organized Youth Cultural Festival Ramban to welcome the New year here at Conference hall. The event was live streamed on social media for the public to avoid rush at the venue as per the Covid protocols.Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam was the Chief Guest, while President, Municipal Council Sunita Sumbria and ADC Harbans Sharma were the guests of honour. Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that this youth engagement Programme has been hosted to provide a platform to budding as well as renowned Singers, Dancers and Poets at the district level. The programme was organized by the Department of Information and Public Relations in collaboration with Election and Education under the guidance of Dy.DEO Lal Chand, while ACD Zameer Rishu and other officers, public representatives and youth of different areas attended the function. Artists including Ronak Singh, Neha Rakwal, Menisha Mehra, Mudassar Mir, Zai ul Haq, Kishore, Jiwan Lal, Gohar Bali, Divya Bharti enthralled the audience by singing Hindi, Kashmiri, Punjabi, Pogli, Himachaly, Gojri and Dogri. Flute Artist Gardari Lal compelled the spectators to dance on his flute tune. The Deputy Commissioner assured the people that the Youth Cultural Festival would be organized on a regular basis.

Establishment of Pasteurised Compost Plant takes Mushroom cultivation to new heights in Udhampur



Agri Dept Officials taking stock of mushroom cultivation units.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: When one talks about good Governance, there seems to be many areas where the UT Administration is making major headway: One of the sectors where the Government seems to touch the doorsteps of the common masses is promotion of Mushroom Cultivation under the Mushroom Development Scheme.

Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Udhampur facilitated the establishment of first of its kind Pasteurized Compost Plant this year. The plant which was started in the year 2012-2013 was made functional after a gap of 10 Years by incurring Rs 37.60 Lakh.

The functioning of the plant

has enabled the growers to get pasteurized compost which was earlier imported to the district from Himachal or Punjab.

After Government intervention & proper projection & its viability, the plant is providing readymade pasteurized compost not only to the growers of the district but also to the adjoining districts. With the functioning of the unit, the district is moving not only towards self-sufficiency in mushroom produce but also providing self-employment avenues to the youth.

"Surplus cultivation of Mushrooms will boost the economy, which is being achieved by bridging the gap of resources which the districts like Udhampur were deprived

earlier, said a Farmer.

The farm experts also believe that the diversification of farming by including activities like value -addition and cultivation of Mushrooms will greatly help to achieve the Prime Minister's Vision of doubling the farmers' income.

Vimla Devi (women entrepreneur) of Dandyal Udhampur and many others have started earning good returns by taking the benefit of Mushroom Cultivation Development Scheme. Vimla Devi laid about 50 pasteurized compost bags which she get on subsidized rates from DCTC Udhampur and earned Rs. 6000, while there are more than 40 days left & hopefully she will earn Rs. 18000 to Rs. 20000/- with C:B Ratio of

3:30 or 4 (approx). This much of income is expected by Vimla Devi after investing just Rs 2500.

This venture will not double but increase the farmers' income by manifolds. i.e 4 times.

As per the department, Mushroom production in the district has risen from 33500 compost bags in 2018 to about 50000 bags up to 2021-22. From the production point of view, it rose from 752 Qtls. to 1075 Qtls. during the year 2021-22. Talking about the Mushroom Corridor Project, Chief Agriculture Officer Udhampur said that preparation of pasteurized compost at DCTC Mushroom complex with the capacity of 1100 bags has already been started. He said post inauguration, 22 growers of the District have been provided compost bags on subsidy basis under Capex budget and the department has set a target of covering more 65 growers this season.

"Our production target for the current season has now been increased to 33 Qtls. The main aim of this unit is to benefit the small growers and rope in maximum young entrepreneurs" he said.

BGSBU placed in band ‘Promising’ in ARIIA 2021

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: The Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University has been placed among 56 out of 438 State Universities in Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021- an initiative of the Ministry of Education.

BGSBU Rajouri has been placed in band ' Promising' in the category of Government and Government aided Universities in Atal ranking on

Innovation Achievements, ARIIA 2021. Other State Universities placed in this category Included University of Kashmir and University of Jammu.

On the occasion Prof. Akbar Masood , Vice Chancellor of the University congratulated the BGSBU fraternity on this academic feat and said that it is a great achievement for us that BGSB University has been placed in band 'Promising' in the category of Government and Government aided

Universities in Atal ranking of institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA), 2021.

Atal ranking of institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) systematically ranks the educational institutions and Universities on innovation related indicators.ARIIA considers all major indicators which are globally used to rank most innovative education institutions and universities in the world.

DDC Poonch reviews arrangements for Gurgurab



DDC Poonch, Inder Jeet chairing a meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH: District Development Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet on Thursday convened a meeting to review the arrangements for Gurgurab (Prakash Diwas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji) .The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Poonch, Rohit Baskotra; ADC Poonch, Dr. Bashrat Hussain; CMO Poonch, Dr G.A Malik, Executive Engineers of different

departments, CEO Municipality, AD Food.

The civil society members included religious heads including President DGPC Poonch, Narinder Singh; President SDS, Satish Sasan; Khatib Imam Mufti, Farooq Ahmed Misbai; Advocate, Mohammad Zaman, Taj Mir and others.

In the meeting, religious heads and prominent citizens raised various issues related to the arrangement of Gurgurab. They appealed

to the administration to ensure drinking water, power supply, sanitation, security arrangement etc. during the celebration.

The DDC directed the Executive Engineers from Jal Shakti and Power Development Departments for ensuring uninterrupted water and power supply to all Gurudwaras on the Parkash Diwas day.

The DDC also directed the Municipal authorities to maintain cleanliness around the main Gurdwaras. He also directed them to carry out the necessary repairs of the street lights.

The DDC urged the religious organizations to cooperate with District Administration and follow all necessary SOPs and guidelines for COVID-19 control.

Doda Admn notifies 4 new minor mineral blocks

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: District Administration Doda has identified 4 new minor blocks in Sub division Thathri and Tehsil Mohalla.

In this regard, Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Sharma today chaired the meeting of District Level Single Window Committee to discuss the title verification and NOC status for the same. Threadbare discussion was held with regard to identification criteria of the blocks, title verification, NOC status, employment generation, site plan besides other important aspects.

The DDC directed the District Mineral Officer to Geo tag the locations of all the four minor mineral blocks on the site plans duly attested by the respective Tehsildars. He directed the DMO to identify all potential sites of mining to curb illegal mining.

The DMO informed that extraction on three

blocks will be done manually which will provide employment avenues to the locals, while on one of the sites extraction would be done in a mechanical manner for which a patch of state land has to be provided to the bidder for access to the site.

The DC directed the ACR to check the feasibility so that the alignment shall be proposed exclusively through state land. He further directed all the members to submit NOCs to the ACR Office by next Thursday positively for the timely auction of the sites. The meeting was attended by ADC Doda, ACR Doda, DFO Doda, DFO Bhaderwah, DMO, Ex En PDD, Ex En Irrigation Doda, Ex En Irrigation Bhaderwah, AD Fisheries, DMO Doda, besides officers from Soil Conservation department, Agriculture, Wildlife, Horticulture were also present during the meeting.