

District Advisory Committee reviews implementation of PC & PNDT Act



DC Udhampur Kritika Jyotsna chairing a meeting.

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Kritika Jyotsna reviewed the implementation of PC & PNDT Act and Clinical Registration & Regulation Act, 2010 here at the District Advisory Committee meeting held in the Mini Conference Hall DC office.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mohammad Syed Khan; Chief Medical Officer, Dr Vijay Basnotra; District Social Welfare Officer, Kanika Gupta; DySp HQ, Sahil Mahajan and other members of the Committee attended the meeting.

At the onset, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Vijay Basnotra gave a brief account of the agenda of meeting and put before the Committee petitions seeking the fresh registration of the Private

Ultrasound centres.

Threadbare discussions were held on various issues which includes registration & renewal of ultrasound centres, enforcement of pre-conception and prenatal diagnostic techniques Act and Clinical establishment Act, Regulation of GCC, Labs and Clinics, Offences and penalties, Provision of registration, Inspection, mechanism for monitoring and implementation of PC&PNDT Act, holding of IEC activities for general awareness etc.

The CMO was asked to grant provisional registration to clinical establishments after fulfilling the requisite formalities. The DC asked the CMO to conduct inspection of the registered /unregistered clinical establishments and impose fines/penalties to the defaulters as prescribed in the clinical establishment act.

The CMO was directed to deal with the unregistered clinical establishments as per the provisions of the act and quackery should not be allowed at all since it poses danger to the human lives and their well being. Concerned officers were directed to conduct frequent inspections by the District appropriate Authority of all the ultrasound clinics especially in far off places/areas and check whether all these institutions abide by the rules and provisions of the central Act and take strict action against defaulters if found.

The DC said that the inspecting team should include a representative from the police department.

For approval of registration of the Ultrasound centres, the DC directed that photographs /videography of the premises of the centres and its surroundings should be presented before the members of the Advisory committee. The DC also directed for proper record maintenance of antenatal cases at all the Ultrasound centres in the entire district.

Thakur Sabha Bani celebrates Bhagavad Gita Jayanti

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BANI: Thakur Sabha Bani celebrated Bhagavad Gita Jayanti and distributed Bhagwat Geeta among the students in a function held at Bani.

The programme was organized under the supervision of Senior Founder Member Bindraban Ban, Sarpanch Sitti in which Thakur Sabha Ajab Singh (Retd.Range officer), General Secretary ; Lekh Raj Sundram Media Incharge Thakur Sabha Bani, Sarpanch Gatti Sushil, Roshan Manhas Sarpsneh Chandan and Jaswant Singh Naib Sarpanch Bani were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Sarpanch Bindraban highlighted the significance of

the day. He threw light on the teachings of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita. He said that the Holy Book is touching every aspect of life. He said Bhagavad Gita teaches how to live a simple, pure and meaningful life as well as how to become a Karamyogi. He said Gita is full of philosophy and it is a reply to all problems in life provided we follow its teachings.

The Sarpanch said Gita shows how a human being can get freedom from bondages of life and attain salvation. He said Bhagavad Gita touches every aspect of life and spirituality and one who studies it in real sense and follows its teachings will automatically get freed from the bondages of life.

PMFME scheme transforms fortune of Rohit Slaria of Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Rohit Slaria, owner of Udhampur based Slaria Spices, has come a long way since he availed benefits of the union government's flagship scheme PMFME (Prime Minister's Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises scheme). He misses no opportunity to tell other unemployed youth of Udhampur district to become

Atamnirbhar by availing long listed benefits of the flagship scheme.

Rohit Slaria, a B.Com graduate took a bank loan of Rs 12 lakh under PMFME scheme to start his venture.

The Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing Udhampur, the District Nodal Agency for Udhampur district, provided due hand holding to Rohit Slaria.

Black-topping work of Tarodian village road commences

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AKHNOOR: BJP leader and member District Development Council Jammu Suresh Sharma inaugurated the work of laying blacktopping on the road of Tarodian village of Panchayat Nardi of Maira Mandrain block of Chhamb Assembly Constituency.

Keeping this pending demand of the people in mind, the work of laying blacktopping on this road was started.

Addressing the people, Suresh Sharma said that in the coming days, it will be our endeavor to ensure that all the roads in the area are paved. So that people can be facilitated to come and go. In the coming days, new projects of roads will change the picture of the area.

Apart from this, Suresh



Member DDC Pandit Suresh Sharma inaugurating road work.

Sharma said that many welfare schemes are currently being run across the country by the Modi government, whose people are getting full benefits. Suresh Sharma said that our efforts are going on day and night for the betterment and progress of the area so that people can get all the basic facilities. On this occasion, BDC Maira Mandrain Sushma Devi,

JE Rakesh Kumar, BJP Mandal President Dr. Ram Lal Sharma, Sarpanch Nisha Malhotra Mahila moreha Distt. President Reeta verma , SC, Moreha Mandal President Puran Chand, Naib Sarpanch Keval Kumar Panch Bodh Raj, Panch Sonia Devi, Booth President Sitaram, Jagga Ram, Ashok Kumar, and other dignitaries were present.

Vidwan Peravali Nanda featured in GLDM GDC Hiranagar's Manthan lecture series

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HIRANAGAR: Department of Music Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Govt. Degree College Hiranagar organised 26th online lecture series of Manthan. Manthan is an online lecture series on the subject of music spanning from Jammu and Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

The lecture series began from the month of June 2022 and is held every Saturday of every week. The lectures are organised under the aegis of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and Azadi Ka AmritMahotsav @75. The Topic of today's lecture was Introduction, Basic Practices and Techniques in Carnatic Music. The resource person

for the lecture was Vidwan Peravali Nanda Kumar from Andhra Pradesh and the position of the Chief Guest was occupied by Dr. Pragyakhanna, the Principal of the College. Dr. Pragyakhanna in her address highly appreciated the idea of the series of lectures pertaining to the subject of music every week.

The resource person for the lecturePeravali Nanda Kumar is an A grade artist of All India Radioand well known musician of South India. He has performed in many prestigious festivals in India and abroad. He has received many titles and awards. He has performed with many renowned musicians of India. He in his lecture explained in detail

about the basic techniques and practices in Carnatic Music.. He briefed in detail about the tala system of Carnatic music. He also explained many forms of Carnatic music .

The programme began with a welcome address presented by Dr. Bharat Bhushan Head, Department of Music of the college. On the occasion of completion of the 26th lecture of Manthan, he thanked all the resource persons of the series who had already given the lectures in the series. He also said that after the completion of the series a compiled book of all the proceedings and articles from all the lectures will be published. The work and initiative

would be a contribution to the knowledge and literature in the field of music which would further strengthen the institution at large. The project is encouraged and inspired by the worthy Principal of the college Dr. Pragyakhanna.

The webinar was attended by the students, teachers and music lovers from across the nation. Many participants discussed and shared their views about the series. Those who attended the lecture were Prof Lokesh Joshi from Punjab, Dr. Sanjay Kalotra and Prof. Yash Kumar from GCWUdhampur College,Dr. Nishtha Sharma from Govt. MAM College, Jammu, Prof. Sujat Khan, Dr. Rajesh

Sharma, Dr. DavinderKour, Prof. Manjot Singh, Prof. Neha Bhagat, Dr. Anil Dogra, Prof.Nidhi ,Dr.Sukhdeep Singh Sasan,DrUshaRani, Dr JyotiRani, Dr. Arun K u m a r , Prof.VikramJamwal,Dr. MukeshKumar and Dr. Ravinder Singh from Govt. GLDM Degree College, Hiranagar. At the end of the lecture Dr. Bharat Bhushan presented the formal vote of thanks.The programme was organised together withDepartment of Sociology and the Department of Physical Education and Sports in consultation and support of D. r. P r a g y a K h a n n a , Principal of the college.



Rohit Slaria, owner of Udhampur-based Slaria Spices.

The department facilitated installation of state of the art machinery enabling Rohit to run his business successfully and also generating employment for five youth. His two brands "VIMAL" for spices and "SWADLAY" for pickles have become a household name in Udhampur.

Rohit plans to export his products to other parts of the UT and outside the UT.

The Department of Horticulture Planning and

Marketing sponsored his visit to Indian International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan New Delhi where his "Tea Masala", "Kashmiri Masala Tikki" and Amla candies were sold like hot cakes.

Facilities like free space at the stall and free accommodation during his stay at New Delhi were provided by the department.

Area Marketing Officer Udhampur-Reasi informed that the Department of

Horticulture Planning and Marketing is providing complete hand holding to all PM FME beneficiaries and helping them in getting marketing linkages.

Currently a buyer seller meet is being organised by the department at Kolkata where two beneficiaries are sponsored to travel by air to participate in the meet with lodging facilities.

It was informed that the department, in collaboration with the J&K Export Trade Promotion Council and APEDA shall, shortly help Udhampur PMFME beneficiaries to export their products outside India.

Rohit Slaria, alongwith few other beneficiaries, are going to participate in five day Punjab Trade Fair at Amritsar starting from 8th of December 2022.

DDC Chairman lays foundation stone of flood protection works along Guptganga temple

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BHADERVAH: District Development Council Chairman Doda, Dhanantar Singh Kotwal, on Sunday laid the foundation stone of flood protection work along Guptganga temple.

DDC Vice Chairperson, Sangeeta Bhagat; DDC

West, Yudhvir Singh; BDC Chairman, Omi Chand; Superintending Engineer, Anil Gupta; Executive Engineer Jal Shakti and Executive Engineer flood control, besides religious leaders headed by the local Mahant were also present.

The work will be execut-

ed by Irrigation and Flood Control department with an estimated cost of Rs 0.52 cr.

The DDC chairman directed the executing authorities to complete the work within the stipulated time period without compromising the quality of work.

DRAC approves 34 rent cases at Doda

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DODA: The District Rent Assessment Committee, today approved 34 rent cases for the buildings hired by the government departments here at its meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan.

In all 37 cases of rent were presented for Rent Assessment against which 34 were approved, while 3 others were deferred and authorities were asked to route them through the proper channel.

The rent cases which were discussed in the Committee and approved were pertaining to buildings taken on rent by



DC Vishesh Paul Mahajan chairing DRAC meeting.

Police, Army, Social Welfare, Education, GMC, Health, FCS&CA, Fire and Emergency, Animal Husbandry, JKPC, Legal Metrology, NYK, Horticulture and Agriculture departments.

The Committee discussed the fixation of rent of the hired structures and the DC directed the

Committee to conduct the title verification of all the fresh assessments within 7 days.

The meeting was attended by SSP Doda, CPO Doda, ACR Doda, CMO Doda, Dy Director Employment, CAO, ADSWO, CEO Doda, CAO, AD FCS&CA, CAHO Doda, CDPO Bhagwah, representatives of Fire and Emergency, Legal Metrology, Army and PWD.

Series of activities organised under Jan Abhiyan Shehri across 3 MCs of District Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: As part of Jan Abhiyan Shehri launched ahead of My Town My Pride 2.0 program, an awareness programme was conducted in Udhampur Township by Labour, Social Welfare, District Urban Development Agency, NULM, JKEDI, District Employment and Counselling Centre, JKWDC, Agriculture, KVIB, Tourism, Floriculture, Municipal Council and Housing depart-

ments. Officers and officials of concerned departments made the people aware about the different government schemes.

At Chennai, a series of sports activities were organised by the local MC in the Government Higher Secondary School. The President MC Chenani motivated the youth to work hard to achieve their career goals and also be part of the clean and green J&K campaign. They were also informed about the Self employment schemes.

A mega sanitation drive was conducted by the Municipal Committee Ramban to mobilize the civil society and students to keep the city clean and green. Under the Save Water campaign, the MC Ramban conducted a cleanliness drive around the water bodies of the town. A plantation drive was also conducted with the help of social forestry in the vicinity of Ramban town.

JKTJAC holds monthly meeting, demands resolution of issues

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UDHAMPUR: Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKT-JAC) held monthly meeting at Udhampur on Sunday under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and District President Lekh Raj Parihar.

The meeting was attended by the JKTJAC representatives from all the zones of the district.

While speaking on the occasion Vinod Sharma raised the genuine issues of the teaching fraternity and sought the attention of the LG administration for the resolution of the same.

Demanding provision of comprehensive transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme , he said that these teachers

have been working in the same schools for last more than 20 years. He said that even High Court and CAT has issued directions that after their regularisation as General Line Teachers ReT teachers be transferred within the district but still they are not considered for transfer and thus making suffer thousands of these teachers including females. He also demanded implementation of Old Pension in favour of NPS employees of the UT as NPS scheme is not employee friendly .

Other demands raised in the meeting were allocation of substantive posts to the teachers Grade II as per their seniority, consideration of mutual transfer cases of 3rd teachers, ReTs

appointed under Order No. 635 , ReTs appointed under clear vacancies like that of Teachers Grade II/III; filling posts of ZEOs/Principals/Headmasters in headless zones/schools of the UT; DPC of teachers to masters as same hasn't been done since 2014 thereby leading stagnation, regularisation of ReTs who have completed 5 years ReT period and conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/III, Regularisation of Headmasters as same hasn't been done since 2012 , Conversion of headteachers posts into non plan posts of masters to resolve the salary issue of the masters, Provision of release of more than two years

arrears of Teachers/ masters as same couldn't be released in the last financial year as permission in this regard was awaited from the finance department;

Others who also spoke on the occasion were Sham Sharma, Sukesh Khajuria, Ashok Seth, Pritam Goswami,, Shamsher Singh, Ajay Thakur, Suresh Sharma, Vijay Sadhotra, Satpal Sharma, Sandeep Sharma, Vipin Raina, Anil Sharma, Swarn Singh, Parshant Sharma, Amit Gupta ,Binder Kumar, , Sudesh Kumar, Romesh Kumar, Jai Parkash, Vinod Kumar ,Jagdish Sharma, Ramesh Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Beerbajan , Anuradha Sharma and others.



Officials during the programme at Kathua.

youth, skills, self-employment, good governance, and ULBs along with "Nasha Mukta and Rozgar Yukt J&K".

The District Administration Kathua had made a well knit plan to achieve maximum numbers of deliverables by involving the key stake-

holders ensuring the active participation of ULBs and engaging them in identifying the eligible and deserving beneficiaries.

During the Seven day outreach campaign a total of 156 awareness camps were held for saturation of all schemes viz PMAY-

U, DAY-NUPM, SVANidhi, AMRIT2.0 and SBM-U

Under Door to Door awareness campaign under Single Use Plastic a total of 1956 household, commercial units covered across 6 Municipalities in the district. Besides 155 CSC camps were also organised to provide e-services to the urban populace in Kathua district

Under one of the key deliverable identified for Jan Abhiyan Shehri, a total of 134 people were

provided Self Employment during the campaigns with the active participation of Departments and Banks

During the five days of the campaign a total of 3533 Land Passbooks were also issued to the land owners besides 1201 Golden Cards were also given to the beneficiaries.

The campaign witnessed overwhelming response from the people who turned up in large numbers in Awareness camps and other activities.

Series of activities held across district Ramban as part of Jan Abhiyan Shehari



Officials interacting with public during the programme.

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RAMBAN: Jan Abhiyan activities being held in all three municipalities of district Ramban witnessed huge public participation on the last day of the week-long campaign launched as a precursor to 'My Town My Pride' phase-2.

President, MC, Sunita Sumbria attended an awareness camp organized by the Municipal Council, Ramban at Maitra Park which was attended by the Councillors, Prominent Citizens, officers of line departments and the general public.

Similarly, Municipal Committee Banihal organized My Town My

Pride programmes where officers of line departments sensitized the people about various developmental, social, and job-oriented schemes of their respective sectors.

Municipal Committee Batote sensitized the people about the City Livelihood Plan during an awareness programme attended by the President, Ravinder Singh, officers of line departments and general public.

The officers of line departments sensitized the participants about the schemes of their respective departments, besides encouraging the youth to take benefit of various government schemes.

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