

Certificate Course on Integrated Nutrient Management for input dealers concludes in KVK Kathua

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KATHUA: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kathua working under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu organized the valedictory programme for 15 days certificate course on Integrated Nutrient Management for input dealers under the Patronage of Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu. The Chief Guest of the programme was Dr. U. S. Gautam, Deputy Director General, Agricultural Extension, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Dr. Gautam, in his address congratulated the participants for successful completion of the certificate course. Dr. Gautam advocated for the transition of agricul-



Dr. U. S. Gautam, Deputy Director General, ICAR handing over certificate to a participant.

ture into a business enterprise to optimize returns, while also highlighting the crucial role of women in agriculture. Dr. Puranjan Das, Former Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension) at ICAR, emphasized the significance of group formation, adopting a cluster approach, and certifying organic produce at the FPO level to enhance farmer welfare. Director Atari Zone I, Dr. Parvinder Sheoran emphasized the necessity of

focusing on profitability enhancement, promoting agribusiness enterprises, and implementing traceability concepts within KVKs. Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. Anrishi Vaid appreciated the efforts of KVK, Kathua in uplifting farmers of the district. Dr Vishal Mahajan, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Kathua and team welcomed Chief Guest and other dignitaries and gave a brief overview about KVK activi-

ties. Balraj Singh, Dy. Secy, ICAR, DARE was also present on the occasion. The 33 participants were registered for the programme on Integrated Nutrient Management in which majority of the participant were youth and women. Shakti Devi, President of SHG also put her views during the programme.

An exhibition by different SHGs working in Kathua under the technical support of KVK Kathua was also organized on the occasion. The proceedings of the programme were carried out by Dr Anamika Jamwal. Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat, Dr. Vishal Sharma, Dr. Ajay Kumar, Vijay Singh, Neeraj Singh, Sushant Sharma, Amit Kumar and Pankaj Mehra helped in the smooth conduct of the programme.

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RAJOURI: Dr. Sunil Gupta DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua holding additional charge of Rajouri-Poonch Range held an introductory cum familiarization meet with all GOs & SHOs of District Rajouri. The purpose of the meeting was to brief and sensitize the officer regarding the Challenges in the RP Range and to prepare them for their better performance in these testing times.

The meeting was attended by Amritpal Singh SSP Rajouri, Musadiq Majid Basu SP Hqrs Rajouri, Mohd Rafi Giri ASP Nowshera, Anurag Daru-Probationer, Ashwani Kumar DySP Hqrs Rajouri, Shammii Kumar, Tussif Ahmed SDPO Manjakote, Khalid Ahmed SDPO Thanamandi, Jaswant Singh SDPO Nowshera, Afrat Hussain-DySP DAR



Dr. Sunil Gupta DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua chairing a meeting at DPL Rajouri.

Rajouri, Nawaz Ahmed DySP Traffic, Parvez Alam SO RPHQ & Sunil Kumar Dhar Pvt. Sec. to DIG RP Range and all SHOs of District Rajouri.

After a brief introduction of the participants/newly posted officers, were asked to acquire knowledge regarding deployment and available equipment, resources in the field so as to achieve success in their assigned tasks as the current security scenario of

the Range is the buzzword at the top level.

Starting from Border Infiltration to Drug Smuggling, they were briefed about the modus operandi of such anti national activities and elements. A detail presentation was made by the DIG Rajouri followed by threadbare discussion with regard to finalization of Zero Terro Plan & Area Domination Plan in the District.

Elaborating on the day-to-day challenges, the participants were informed about Bovine Smuggling, Land and Sand mafia- & the ways to tackle these challenges. A sense of camaraderie and bonhomie is to be developed to make the things happened in the latest interest of public.

The Cyber Crime and the investigation of such cases were discussed threadbare. The need to upgrade knowledge and skills regarding cyber and forensics was emphasized. The participants were briefed about the healthy Police- Public relations and youth engagement programme in the Range.

SSP Rajouri Amritpal Singh thanked the DIG Dr. Sunil Gupta-IPS for sparing his valuable time for imparting quality policing knowledge to the officers.

SSP Reasi takes round of Katra town, visits police station



SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma during visit to Katra town.

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REASI: SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma on Wednesday visited Police Station Katra and also took round of Katra town to assess the preparedness for upcoming VVIP visits and forthcoming celebrations in the holy town. SSP Reasi also held an

introductory meeting with the staff of Police Station Katra. SSP urged upon the officers and officials to work with dedication and enthusiasm and ensured that effective working system is in place. SSP stressed the need for teamwork and directed every

officer to exhibit dedication, professionalism and to ensure effective measures to enhance the safety and security of pilgrims and general public. SSP Reasi also directed that safety and security of the holy shrine and pilgrims visiting there should be amongst the top priorities of the Police. During this interaction, SSP had productive discussions with the officials and staff members of the police station, exchanging valuable insights and addressing any existing concerns like welfare of jawans , infrastructure etc . She also stressed upon the efforts to ensure the overall safety and security of the region.

ESM, civil community outreach organised on Nowshera Day by White Knight Corps

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NOWSHERA: Army, White Knight Corps Celebrated 76th 'Nowshera Day' commemorating the supreme sacrifice of Nk Jadunath Singh, PVC in Battle of Nowshera. It was the fiercest battle in 1947-48 Indo-Pak War in Naushera Sector of Rajouri District in Jammu & Kashmir. The Battle of Naushera is unique wherein the residents fought along-with Army with little disregard to their own life or property to save the Motherland. As a tribute to locals contribution, the event was celebrated with residents, ESM and Civil administration authorities.

Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva, GOC 16 Corps, Maj Gen Gaurav Rishi, GOC 25 Inf



Army officials along with children and prominent persons.

Div, civil and military officials laid wreaths at Veer Bhoomi in remembrance of Nk Jadunath Singh, PVC who made supreme sacrifice in service to the nation. The event was followed by a cultural fest by schools of Nowshera. GOC White Knight Corps awarded the

school children and the teachers for their enthusiasm and active participation. He also interacted with people of Nowshera & ESMs, wherein he felicitated decorated soldiers, Veer Naris and Veterans from Nowshera town and nearby border villages.

DC Udhampur holds public outreach programme

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai visited Block Chanunta where she attended a weekly Block Diwas meeting at Panchayat Panjgrain, listening to public issues and demands.

Additional District Development Commissioner Ghan Sham Singh, Sub Divisional Magistrate Ramnagar Rafiq Ahmad Jaral, Assistant Commissioner Development Dr. Ranjeet Singh Kotwal and other officers, along with the general public of adjoining panchayats participated in the weekly Block Diwas program.

The general public of the area presented their demands and issues, seeking maintenance of local roads, provision for a new bus service from Udhampur to Nagrota

Panj Grain, upgradation of High School Nagrota Panj Grain to a Higher Secondary Level, Construction of a foot-bridge over local nallah at Saroiyan Grat, establishment of health centers with government buildings, construction of a road for Simti Village and construction of a boundary wall for GHS Nagrota.

Responding to the demands, the DC addressed many grievances on the spot by giving directions to officers of concerned departments.

The remaining demands were recommended to the concerned quarters for addressing them as per budgetary provisions.

The DC urged the youth of the area to register themselves under the Vishwakarma scheme to avail the benefits of the government scheme.

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SAMBA: All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS), under the leadership of Ch Manmohan Singh, extended full support to the family members of Gharjeet Choudhary during the challenging time as their son battles for recovery after a tragic accident.

In this regard, a delegation of the Sabha headed by Ch Manmohan Singh, President AIJMS, J&K and former Mayor on Wednesday visited the residence of Gharjeet Choudhary in village Nandpur, Ramgarh, to offer assistance and express solidarity.

Pertinent to mention here that Gharjeet Choudhary has been on a ventilator and fighting for his life for the past 10 days in a hospital in Ludhiana.

Ch Manmohan Singh, along with other members of the delegation, met with



Ch Manmohan Singh, President AIJMS, J&K and others at the residence of Gharjeet Choudhary in village Nandpur.

family members of Gharjeet Choudhary to inquire about his well-being. Recognizing the financial strain faced by the family due to the extensive medical treatment required, Ch Manmohan Singh provided immediate assistance of Rs 75000 which was contributed by the visiting members and pledged more support from the Jat Maha Sabha.

Ch Manmohan Singh conveyed sympathizes and

urged the parents of Gharjeet Choudhary to have faith on God during this difficult period. He emphasized the importance of community solidarity and appealed to members of the Jat community to join hands in supporting the Choudhary family.

"We stand with Gharjeet Choudhary and his family in this hour of crisis. Our priority is to ensure that they receive the necessary assis-

tance and resources for the treatment and recovery of their son. The Jat Maha Sabha is committed to provide unwavering support to the Choudhary family, and we urge the community to rally together to offer assistance in any way possible," he added.

Ch Manmohan Singh reiterated the Sabha's commitment to stand by the Choudhary family until their son's full recovery and return home. He assured the parents of Gharjeet Choudhary that the Sabha would spare no effort in securing the required resources and support for their son's treatment, adding that money doesn't matter to save the precious life of our community youth.

Ch Manmohan Singh emphasized that the Jat Maha Sabha will always stand with every single fami-

ly of the Jat community and emphasized that no one will be allowed to die due to lack of financial resources while undergoing medical treatment.

Among those who contributed the finance assistance and visited the house of Gharjeet Choudhary include Col Shiv Choudhary, Avtar Krishan from Kathua, Sunil Choudhary (CA), Sardar Ranjeet Singh Goldi, Sarpanch Jagdish Bhatti, Vijay Choudhary (LIC), Ram Pal Choudhary (Gangyal), Rashpal Choudhary (Chak Slaria), Ex Sarpanch Prem Pal (Barota), Surinder Singh Bajwa, Bachan Singh Master, Kala Choudhary (Apna Vihar), Surjeet Choudhary (Nanak Nagar), Darshan Lal (Paloura), Kashmir Singh (Ramgarh), SatPal Choudhary (Kathua) and Darshan Lal (Kathua).

Rakesh Goswami appointed as President of Team Bani

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BANI: Rakesh Goswami has been appointed as the President of Team Bani Cooperative Ltd., a significant development for the welfare-driven organization serving Tehsil Bani in District Kathua. The decision was made in the presence of Ravinder Suri, Chairman of Team Bani, along with all members of the cooperative.

Team Bani Cooperative Ltd. has a longstanding commitment to serving the community, and Rakesh Goswami's appointment reflects the organization's dedication to furthering its mission. With the consensus of all members, Rakesh Goswami has been entrusted with the responsibility to lead the cooperative towards continued success in its efforts for societal welfare.

Expressing satisfaction with the decision, Ravinder Suri and all members of Team Bani expressed confidence in Rakesh Goswami's capabilities and dedication to social activism.

Rakesh Goswami, known for his contributions to the community, has pledged to work diligently and honestly for the betterment of society. "I am honored to have been chosen as the President of Team Bani Cooperative Ltd.," said Rakesh Goswami.

"I am committed to working collaboratively with all members, ensuring transparency and inclusivity in our endeavors. Together, we will strive to elevate our mission to new heights of success."

Commissioner Secretary GAD exhorts youth to start local production based production units

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RAMBAN: Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Sanjeev Verma, on Wednesday chaired a mega public outreach programme at Tringla panchayat of Batote block to assess public issues and concerns.

"These public grievances redressal camps are primarily focused on facilitating direct engagement of administration with the community to address their concerns", maintained the Commissioner Secretary while appealing the common masses to actively participate in such programmes to get their issues addressed.

The event, being organized by the district administration under the supervision of



Com Secy, GAD Sanjeev Verma addressing gathering.

Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, was aimed to provide a platform for locals to highlight their issues and seek resolutions.

The camp was among others attended by DDC Chairperson, Dr. Shamshad Shan, along with DDC members, prominent citizens and a large gathering of general public besides senior officers including Chief Engineer PWD, Mohit Majan, PO, ICDS, Jahangir Hashmir, ADC Harbans Lal Sharma, ASP, Gaurav Marjan and others.

Sanjeev Verma underscored the importance of such initiatives, highlighting their role in ensuring equitable access to government schemes and developmental projects. He sought proactive engagement from the community to propel the district's development trajectory.

Commissioner Secretary asked the Deputy

Commissioner to intensify efforts to boost economical activities and provide more employment opportunities to SHGs, especially youth. He also directed the district administration to plan development of bus stand, shopping complex and Tourism Reception Centre in Batote.

Advising youth to start local production based production units for generating job opportunities, the Commissioner Secretary directed the district administration to erect Hats alongside NH-44 to facilitate FPOs. He also asked to identify land for establishment of an indoor stadium. He directed the concerned to formulate a FPO for buying wool from sheep breeders.

Acknowledging the district's potential for growth, Sanjeev Verma emphasized the significance of sectors like Horticulture and Agriculture promising concerted efforts for their

enhancement. He assured the public of the administration's commitment towards resolving issues promptly and in a result-oriented manner.

During the event, various concerns were raised ranging from infrastructure development to employment opportunities.

The Commissioner Secretary instructed the officers to address these issues promptly, emphasizing a time-bound approach for effective resolution.

Local representatives highlighted key demands such as Sub Division status for Batote, infrastructure improvements and employment opportunities. They also expressed community's gratitude for recent initiatives like land allotments and improved healthcare facilities.

In response to civil issues raised, the Commissioner Secretary reassured the public of swift action, promising to prioritize the development of Batote based on valuable feedback received. The event also featured stalls set up by various departments to educate the public about their schemes and services.

Additionally, a health

camp organized by the Health Department provided essential services to the attendees.

PRIs led by Dr. Shamshad Shan highlighted various issues including Bus Stand for Batote, conduct of tourism activities at Baglihar dam, shift of administrative control of 6 panchayats of block Batote and Rajgarh from Doda, construction of Overhead bridge on NH-44 at identified locations, market linkage to local produces.

They also projected demands including rejuvenation of business opportunities in Batote market, construction of roads, replacement of wooden torn-out poles, proper implementation of JJM projects, development of indoor stadium, augmentation of Health and Education infrastructure, opening of Bank branches and ATMs, Cable Car for farming activities and execution of Gondola project.

Later, the Commissioner Secretary inaugurated a Plastic Waste Management Shed worth Rs 10 lakh and a Foot Bridge costing Rs. 4.10 Lakh constructed by RDD which will benefit 200 households of three panchayats.

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat conducted a tour of the town and inspected the progress of work on developmental projects. He also visited different areas to identify a suitable site for the multistory parking project.

He conducted an extensive tour of different sites and asked the concerned officer from PWD (R&B) to prepare the DPR for the parking facility at the earliest.

Meanwhile, the DC visited the Vedanta Ashram Bridge and asked the concerned officer to amicably resolve the issue impeding the construc-



DC Om Prakash Bhagat during tour of Rajouri town.

tion of the bridge.

While inspecting the progress on the circular road, he asked the concerned to expedite the progress and ensure that the project is completed at the earliest.

Among the others, SE Hydraulics, Devi Dayal, Tehsildar Rajouri, Varinder Sharma; EXEN PWD(R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan EO MC Rajouri; JEE, Anshul Garg were present.

Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin 2.0: Chairperson DDC Kishtwar flags off Hooper Tippers under 14th FC

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KISHTWAR: Chairperson District Development Council, Kishtwar, Pooja Thakur, flagged off three Hooper Tippers under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin 2.0. The Machines have been purchased under the 14th Finance Commission Savings. Among prominent persons present in the program included ACP Zakir Hussain Wani, DPO, Tariq Suharwardhy, BDO Sumit Singh, BDO Trigam, BDO Thakraie, AE Mechanical Division Kishtwar Umar Mushtaq, and staff from the RDD Department.

It's noteworthy that District Kishtwar has procured a total of 08 Hooper Tippers, all of which have been allocated to the 13 blocks of the district. The DDC Chairperson highlighted the importance of the vehicles and appealed to the general public to make optimum use of these hopper tippers. She also urged the public to make it a habit to pay user charges to the department so that the areas are cleaned on a regular basis.

Besides, the public has been requested to make segregation of Dry and Wet Waste at source a habit to help sanitary workers clean the area on a daily basis.

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