

NYK Rajouri organises district youth convention & cultural programme

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RAJOURI: Nehru Yuva Kendra Rajouri under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India organised District Youth Convention and Cultural Programme here at PWD Dak Bangalow, Rajouri.

The event started with the welcome address by District Youth Officer Nitin Hangloo. He welcomed the guests and briefed the participants about the objectives of organising such events.

The Chief Guest of the programme was Chowdhary Naseem Liaquat (Chairman District Development Council) and the Guest of Honour was Chowdhary Mohd. Aslam (SSP Rajouri). Vikas Dhar SDM Thanamandi, Mehmood Khan Tehsildar Rajouri, Arif Jatt Chairman Municipal Council, Bharat Bhushan Vaid Vice Chairman Municipal Council, Dr. Naseem Malik, Dr. Supriya Gupta NSS Programme Officers, Dr. Zakir Malik Writer, Rekha Bali Assistant Director District Employment and



SSP Rajouri Chowdhary Mohd. Aslam speaking during the event.

Counselling Center, Vikrant Sharma State level Resource Person NYKS J&K, Sonam Sharma, President Progressive Youth Club, Mohd Farooq President Dodason Bala Youth Club attended the program as Special Guests.

The event was also attended by the nominees from the District Social Welfare Office, Health and Medical Education Department.

The event marked the start with the huge variety of various competitions in the genres of dance, dramatics, music, fine arts etc.

Chief Guest, Chowdhary Naseem Liaquat while addressing gave much impor-

tance to the need for arranging such a programme. He encouraged the participants for their laudable performances.

Mohd. Aslam SSP Rajouri in his motivational address said that drug abuse is a self destructive pattern of using a substance that causes distress and problems. He added, there are different types of treatment for drug abuse but the best is to prevent it. Vikas Dhar SDM Thanamandi inspired the young generation to partake in the process of all round development and also stressed on the need for preserving our mother tongue and culture.

Arif Jatt Chairman Municipal Council assured the audience that they will provide platform to the young performers at their level best. He reiterated the faith in the new generation and hoped that they would keep up the spirit in the future.

Bharat Bhushan Vice Chairman Municipal Council after witness the performances said that there is no dearth of talent in our district and there is a high potential in terms of young artists.

Nitin Hangloo DY0, in his address congratulated the participants for their special performances and also thanked the media for evincing interest in covering the event. Vikrant Sharma National Youth Awardee, in his message told the youth that his aim is to see youth participation in all Nation Building Activities and Social Work. He further said that youth should start selecting their role models and work towards becoming an example themselves.

The event witnessed the

mesmerising concert of the young and talented singers with their magical voice made the hearts of many skip a beat. The awesome performances of all the participants gave audiences some of the best moments of their lives.

The cultural item performers were Sahil Mehra, Kirti Vaid, Sajid Wani, Ashish Waseem, Manav Bali, Rajesh Sharma, Rajesh Sharma, Ankush, Rahul Chandan.

The sound system was provided by Jammu and Kashmir Academics of Arts Culture and Languages. The cultural event was followed by the prize distribution ceremony where participants were awarded and recognised with certificates. IEC material was also distributed among the audience. Media persons were also honoured.

Srishti Vaid performed as Stage Secretary. The Mega Cultural Event was organised under the supervision of DY0, Sh. Nitin Hangloo and was cordially managed by all the National Youth Volunteers of District Rajouri.

IRP 24th Bn organises painting competition



Officials of IRP 24 Bn along with faculty of GMS Vishal Rajulian Zone Jib.

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UDHAMPUR: As part of the celebration of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav under Civic Action Programme" to pay glorious tributes to all the martyrs and freedom fighters, Indian Reserve Police 24th Battalion Udhampur organized a painting competition on Thursday under the supervision of SSP Commandant IRP 24th Bn Anil Magotra, in the premises of Government Middle School Vishal Rajulian Zone Jib of District Udhampur.

The programme was presided over by Deepak Digra, SP Deputy. Commandant, IRP-24th Battalion and attended by Ajay Kumar Dubey, Dy SP IRP 24th Bn & Sham Lal

Zonal Educational Officer, Zone Jib, Head Master, Kawa High School, Head Master of the host school, Anju Kumari Inspector Sunil Kumar, IRP-24th Bn and other officers/officials of IRP 24th battalion besides staff members and students.

While addressing the gathering, SP said that this painting competition has been organized to pay glorious tribute to those great souls who fought for the independence of this great nation and laid down their lives to protect its sovereignty and integrity. It's a high time to tell our younger generation about the values and sacrifices made by founding fathers of this great nation. This event is an endeavour

on the part of IRP-24TH Bn to inculcate these values in our younger generation, he added.

As many as 65 students of Government Middle School Vishal Rajulian, Udhampur participated in the painting competition.

In the competition, Under Primary category, Anvi Dubey of class 5th clinched first position while Kritti Lasotra and Preeti Devi bagged 2nd and 3rd position respectively. Meanwhile, Under Middle category, Abhi Kumar class 7th adjudged first position wherein Shivani and Radhika got 2nd and 3rd position. Abida parveen, Shashi Devi and Sangeeta Jamwal acted as judges on the occasion.

DC Doda reviews performance of RDD; directs to accelerate pace of works

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DODA: District Development Commissioner Doda Vikas Sharma on Thursday chaired a meeting to review the performance of the Rural Development department. The DC reviewed the progress under schemes like MGNREGA, PMAY, AWAS plus, IHHL, etc being implemented by the Rural Development Department in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Doda Pran Singh, CPO Doda Parshotam Kumar, ACD Doda Philaal Singh, ACP Doda Ashfaq Khanji, DIO Doda, Ex En REW Doda and BDO Bhaderwah.

The DC reviewed block wise performance under MGNREGA in respect of percentage of Bill generation, completion status of work percentage of PDs generated, status of timely payment, geo tagging of pending works, delay compensation status, social audit, and percentage of expenditure in agriculture and allied works.

The DC directed the concerned to enhance the percentage of bill generation under MGNREGA so that the portal shows the exact figure of works completed in the district. He also instructed to speed up the uploading of PDs generation on designated portal and geo tagging of the remaining works. He emphasized sticking to the timeline envisaged in the Act.

The DC, while reviewing PMAY, entrusted ACD to set the timelines for completion of all pending works, Block wise.

He also took stock of AWAS plus status and directed the BDOs to prepare a genuine list of left out eligible beneficiaries so that the matter was taken up with concerned authorities.

On the issue of AWAS plus beneficiaries of Bhaderwah Block, which are also enlisted in the PMAY Urban portal, the DC directed the ACD to remove the double entries of the beneficiaries at one of the portals. The DC further directed the RDD Officials to accelerate the pace of work in their respective areas, adopt innovative methods for effective implementation of schemes, and involve people in the development process.

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DLSA Udhampur extends helping hand to blast victims



Secy DLSA , Rajni Sharma (Sub-judge) interacting with an injured.

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UDHAMPUR: In view of Yesterdays Blast incident at Slathia chowk in Udhampur on the call of family member of injured in blast, on the directions of Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Y P Bournay, Secretary DLSA , Rajni Sharma (Sub-judge) visited at District Hospital Udhampur on Thursday to inquire about the wel-

fare of injured admitted there and also redress the problem being faced by injured and their family members .

During the interaction with DLSA Secretary, wife of one injured Raja Ram shows her helpless to shift her husband to home as she is not having single penny to arrange vehicle or purchase medicines . Same was the case with other patients. Taking

strong note of it Secretary DLSA put up matter with Superintendent hospital and directed him to arrange vehicle for the injured being shifted to Ramnagar and Jammu for specialized treatment. She also directed him to provide medicine to injured available in the hospital .

Showing human face proved to be a beacon of hope for injured, Secretary DLSA gave rupees five thousands to from her personal pockets for getting meals and medicine not available in the hospital . Meanwhile Secretary DLSA assured injured that she had already taken up matter with local administration and they will get compensation shortly.

Plantation drive organised in GDC Nowshera



Social activist Vinod Sharma along with faculty planting a sapling.

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NOWSHERA: Social activist Vinod Sharma organised a plantation drive in GDC Nowshera in which large number of saplings was planted by him along with Principal of the College Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma.

While speaking on the occasion, Principal of the College imparted awareness among the students about the afforestation and also moti-

vated them to plant more and more trees to conserve nature.

While speaking on this occasion, social activist Vinod Sharma emphasised on the need of involvement of young generation in the preservation of environment and ecosystem. He also laid emphasis on conservation of nature and natural resources in order to ensure transformation of legacy to future generations.

CJM Ramban invites people to settle pending cases in National Lok Adalat on March 12

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RAMBAN: As directed by National Legal Services Authority and J&K, District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) Ramban, under the supervision of the Chairman DLSA (Principal and district Session Judge), , Haq Nawaz Zargar, is going to organize a National Lok Adalat on March 12 with due adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour.

While speaking to the media persons at a press conference, here today, the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sub-Judge, Ramban, Anjum Ara said Pre-Lok Adalat sessions are being conducted smoothly in the District Court Complex Ramban. She said that the aim of the Lok Adalats is to reduce the pendency of disputes at pre-litigation and

post-litigation stages.

While urging the people, especially residing in far flung areas to register their pending Post litigations and Pre-litigations cases for settlement of the same in the National Lok Adalat, the CJM said that DLSA Ramban is focusing on to provide speedy justice to people, especially those from inaccessible and far flung areas of the district. She appealed all stakeholders to sensitize the people about the benefit of National Lok Adalat

The CJM also informed that the National Lok Adalat will be held in the Court Complex Ramban besides other courts of the district on March 12 to hear and settle pre-litigation and post-litigation to reduce the pendency in the courts.

"The Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Ramban, Principal and District Sessions Judge Ramban has exhorted all the litigants to settle his/her dispute/Case in the proposed National Lok Adalat amicably through conciliation and mediation for which he/she shall approach to the concerned Court and get fixed his/her case in the National Lok Adalat" she said.

Except serious crime cases, all other cases including Criminal Compoundable Offences; NI Act cases under Section 138; Money Recovery cases; MACT cases; Labour disputes cases; Electricity and Water Bills, Matrimonial disputes , Revenue cases, Other civil cases will be heard in the National Lok Adalat etc.

DEC discusses District Environment Plan

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RAJOURI: District Environment Committee (DEC) on Thursday discussed and reviewed the activities incorporated in the Environment Plan here at its meeting chaired by District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal.

Officers present in the meeting included DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh; DFO Nowshera, Neelima; ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; ACD, Vijay Kumar; ACP, Abdul Rashid Kohli; DO PCB, Anupam Kaul; DMO, Mohd Naseeb; MS DH, Dr Mehmood; EO Municipalities and other concerned officers.

The plan is aimed at improving overall parameters of environment in the district by taking up widespread plantation, take measures to curb use of plastic/ polythene, improve the mechanism for

disposal of solid waste and hospital waste, promotion of community participation and mass awareness, strengthening Green Clubs, soil and moisture conservation, water conservation, measures aimed at curbing air and water pollution and set up an effective grievance redress mechanism.

Detailed discussions were held on methods and plans for solid waste management, biomedical waste management, plastic waste management, pollution abatement in non-attainment areas, restoration of identified polluted river stretches and industrial waste management.

Other points included domestic sewage management, mining activities management, hazardous waste management, e-waste management, water quality management, air quality and

noise pollution management and restoration of water bodies was held in the meeting.

Discussing the solid waste management efforts, the meeting was informed that material recovery facilities (MRF) are being established in all the municipal areas of the district, while the land for setting up the solid waste management plants in all urban areas has also been identified.

Regarding biomedical waste management measures, it was apprised that the DPRs for STP and ETP for catering to 193 Health care facilities have been submitted to the concerned authorities for necessary action at their end.

Reviewing the plastic waste management, the DDC asked the concerned officers to educate the public about the ill effects of single use plastic and motivate them to adopt eco-friendly alternatives to polythene.

Regarding mining activities management, he asked the concerned officers to ensure

that only scientific mining is done in the river beds and take stern action against the violators of the mining norms.

The committee also decided to carry out a plantation drive in each village with maximum public participation to enhance the green cover of the district.

Similarly, a threadbare discussion on other points was also held.

The meeting also held deliberations on steps taken to control water and air pollution, implementation of new technologies to reduce the waste and pollution, besides preservation of water bodies, awareness on usage of dust bins, door to door collection of waste material and management of mining activities in the district.

He also asked the officers of all line departments to work in tandem and put in extra efforts for devising a suitable environmental plan besides making the protection and preservation of the environment an integral part of our development plan.

524 vaccinated, 2,477 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: The Health Department on Thursday administered COVID vaccine doses to 524 persons including 379 children in the 15-17 years age group in the district.

Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol, the Enforcement teams fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs. 33,500 taking the total amount fined since

April 1, 2021 to Rs. 97, 51, 950. The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr. Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 2477 samples including 642 RT-PCR and 1835 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 524 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

Women job-card holders, meritorious girl students felicitated in Dacchan

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KISHTWAR: On the eve of the iconic week celebration under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Additional District Development Commissioner Kishtwar Sham Lal on Thursday presided over a public meet organised by Rural Development Department here at Sounder Dachhan. He was accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Zakir Hussain Wani; Chief Horticulture officer Mushtaq Ahmed Wani; Chief Agriculture Officer S K Bhagat; Tehsildar Dachhan, BDO concern, XEn PMGSY besides other concerned officers.

BDC chairman Daehhan Ravi Kumar, local PRIs and prominent citizens also took part in the public meeting. The Public meet deliberated on various aspects and bottlenecks faced in the effective implementation of the resettlement and rehabilitation (R&R) plan of Pakal Dul Hydroelectric Power Projects. The ADDC stressed on the locals and PRIs to work in a collaborative manner to chalk out the work plan of RR for the area. Meanwhile, the Department Heads of Agriculture and allied sectors and Department of labour and employment imparted awareness to locals about various beneficiary schemes including

PM-SYM etc. During the programme the district Administration also felicitated the Women Job Card holders, mates and meritorious girl students of the area to commemorate the International Women's week. Later, ADDC also interacted with the members of Self Help Groups (UMEED) and discussed many issues with them. During interaction, ADDC was informed that presently there are 140 SHGs in the block Dachhan covering 1200 families. He asked heads of the agriculture and allied key departments to work in tandem with SHGs to disseminate awareness about the beneficiary oriented schemes so that their socio-economic upliftment is ensured. The ADDC Kishtwar also inspected PMGSY road and took stock of the ongoing execution work on Ikhalal to Lopara road. He directed the XEn PMGSY and contractor agency to mobilise the resources to complete the project in a stipulated time frame.

Laying special thrust on the quality of work, he directed the BDO and Tehsildar to monitor the MGNREGA, 14th FC ADP work regularly and submit the report on a daily basis to his office. En-route, the ADDC Kishtwar sensitised the drivers and the commuters to follow the traffic rules, while plying on the roads.