

SMPB organises stakeholders' meet cum workshop at Bhadarwah

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BHADARWAH: To boost the cultivation of medicinal plants in district Doda, Regional Cum Facilitation Centre Northern Region II (R C F C N R - I I) , NMPB(National Medicinal Plants Board) of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture, Science and Technology Kashmir (SKUAST-K) in collaboration with State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB) J&K organised a stakeholders meet cum workshop on 'Medicinal Plant Cultivation: opportunities and challenges'. The event was organised at Dak Bungalow Bhadarwah on Saturday, in which large number of stakeholders including progressive farmers participated. The programme was hosted by Dr Mudassir Ahmed Dar, Dy Director Regional Cum Facilitation Centre Northern Region II, NMPB, in which



Dr Mudassir Ahmed Dar, Dy Director Regional Cum Facilitation Centre Northern Region II, NMPB and others during the programme.

CEO BDA Navdeep Wazir was the chief guest, while DFO Chander Shekhar was guest of honour. Dr Iftikhar Ahmed Malik Nodal officer Medicinal Plants District Doda coordinated the event. State Medicinal Plant Borad J&K, Nodal Officer Dr Waheed-ul-Hassan and Regional Director Regional Cum Facilitation Centre Northern Region II, NMPB Prof Sheikh Bilal Ahmed were special speakers on the occasion, who discussed the

benefits of medicinal plants in length and breadth, beside gave detailed information about it's cultivation and Marketing. While speaking on the occasion, Regional Director, Regional Cum Facilitation Centre Northern Region II, NMPB Prof Sheikh Bilal Ahmed urged upon small and marginal farmers of the area to switch from traditional farming towards more profitable Medicinal plants so that they can earn more from

their respective fields. The participants were imparted with basic technical know-how to grow Medicinal plants by the experts of State Medicinal Plant Board and Regional Cum Facilitation Centre Northern Region II, NMPB. Dr Iftikhar Ahmed Malik Nodal officer Medicinal Plants District Doda assured all the necessary support for upliftment of the farmers and unemployed youth of district Doda. Progressive farmers Touqeer Baghan and Rajat Raina were felicitated on the occasion for their successful cultivation of Medicinal plants Kuth and Burberry. Progressive farmers and entrepreneurs including Abdul Guffar Baghan were also present on the occasion, who highlighted various issues relating to cultivation of Medicinal plants in District Doda.

Ayushman health card registration camp held



People being registered during camp.

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UDHAMPUR: With the efforts of Councilor, Priti Khajuria, a three-day long camp was organised in Ward

No.1 in Udhampur in which about 230 beneficiaries living under Below Poverty Line (BPL) were registered under Ayushman Health

card. Priti along with team members of NFSA Data Source conducted the camp to get primary registration of 230 BPL card holders for availing the benefits of Ayushman Health Card scheme sponsored by GoI. She said "many a times rural and under privileged people remained victims as Govt. schemes doesn't reach to them timely". Priti said that in three days camp beneficiaries of BPL category shall be registered and their health cards will be distributed to them at their door steps.

VP DCC Jammu Rural resigns from Congress

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RS PURA: Ch. Mohan Singh, Vice President DCC, Jammu Rural on Saturday tendered his resignation to JKPC President GA Mir from the party's primary membership. Singh, who remained an active member of Congress party since 2008, shared his resignation letter on social media. Singh indicated in a letter to JKPC President that he is resigning from the Congress party's primary membership with immediate effect. "I hereby tender my resignation from the primary membership of the Indian National Congress [INC] with immediate effect," he wrote. Further on the cause of his resignation, he stated, "It is my belief that the INC is unable to realize and reflect the sentiments and aspirations of the people of Jammu & Kashmir." "I hereby tender my resignation from the primary membership of the Indian National Congress with immediate effect," the letter stated. "I thank you for providing me an opportunity to serve the nation, its people and the party ."The letter was followed by a confirmation that he will be starting a 'new chapter' in his political journey.

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BHADARWAH: A poetry session was organised on the occasion of "World Poetry Day" in the Department of Urdu, Government PG College, Bhadarwah on Saturday.

Several students of PG and UG participated in the event. On this occasion, the participants presented lyrics and poems of different poets , Jaffer Hussain Tabish and Asif Ataullah presented their poems.

Prof. Kuldeep Sharma Principal, Government Degree College, Bhadarwah

GDC Jindrah initiates three-day wall painting programme



Participants painting a wall.

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JINDRAH: The NSS unit of Government

Degree College (GDC) Jindrah initiated three-day wall painting program at Panchayat Jindrah. Prof. Rajshree Dhar, Principal, GDC Jindrah appreciated the move and applauded the efforts of the NSS team. Dr. Sunil Sharma, Program officer, NSS Unit of GDC Jindrah supervised the programme and Dr. Seema compiled and reported the event. The NSS volunteers today painted the walls of the college premises showcasing centre sponsored Abhiyaan and schemes. The themes which were reflected on the walls today were related to 'Save Girl Child', 'Swachhata Abhiyaan' and 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'. The whole Panchayat Jindrah will be covered in coming days.



Faculty along with students during the event.

was the chief guest, while Dr. Javed Iqbal Shah, Head Department of Urdu, presided over the function.

During his presidential

address, Dr. javed said that the way younger generation is getting involved in different bad activities is a matter of concern for parents as well as

SKUAST-J organises training programme on processing & preservation of seasonal fruits, vegetables



Director Research SKUAST-J, Prof. Pardeep Wali along with other officials and trainees.

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ARNIA: FSR centre, SKUAST-J organised 4 days Training Programme for a Group of Rural Women of village Shekhpur Block Arnia of Jammu District, on Processing and Preservation of Seasonal Fruits and Vegetables into Pickles from 22-25th March 2022 under SCSP programme of AICRP- IFS, (On Farm Research) ,with technical support of Division of Food Science and Technology.

Director Research

SKUAST-J, Prof. Pardeep Wali was the Chief Guest on valedictory function who emphasis on rural women empowerment through various value addition of locally available seasonal fruits & vegetables as an entrepreneurship for self sufficiency. Dr N. P Thakur brief about the activities of Farming System Research and On Farm Research Dr. A. K. Gupta brief about the training programme and the activities related to OFR. Dr. Anju Bhatt Prof.

& Head, FST explained the detail activities during the 4 days training programme under the capacity building by preparation, packaging & marketing of various local products like pickles of Mix vegetables, Anola, Jimikand, chilly, strawberry Chuteny, Apple Jam etc. Dr Jagmohan Singh, Dr Vijay Khajuria, Dr. P. Kumar, A.W Katoch, Dhreeaj Rajwal, Deepak Kumar and Dr. R.S. Boehalya ,Mohd Saleem also present during the valedictory function.

GDC Neeli Nallah organises national online faculty development programme

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UDHAMPUR: Government Degree College Neeli Nallah, Udhampur on Saturday organised a National Online Faculty Development Programme in Collaboration with Pandit Dean Dayal Energy University, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat on "Strategies for Scientific Research Publications". The event was held under the Patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kaur, Principal, GDC Neeli Nallah. The programme was started with a formal welcome, to the

resource persons of the event- Prof. (Dr.) Syed Shahabuddin and Prof. (Dr.) Rama Gaur from Department of Chemistry from reputed University, PDEU, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, by Prof. Shaista Yasmeen.

Further, first speaker of the event. Prof. Syed Shahabuddin, initiated his lecture through a power point presentation about importance of academic writing and to mentor participants in preparing research findings for publication in an

International journal. He also offered an opportunity for students and researchers to make them aware with the main content of research publication such as abstract writing, introduction, collection of material, research methods, results and conclusions.

Prof. Rama Gaur, second speaker of the event, focused on Article writing. She elaborated the participants about how to build up the article before submission, how to choose the right journal, how to submit a paper/article and

how to reply to the reviewer's comments. The concluding remarks of the programme was carried by Prof. Satinder Kaur, Principal. Prof. Satinder Kaur who emphasized on research at undergraduate level as effective teaching is the backbone for overall development of the students, faculty and nation as a whole. Prof. Shaista Yasmeen was the convener of the programme. The organizers of the programme were Prof. Swati Dutt and Dr. Radha Rani.

Newly elected DBA office bearers take oath

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UDHAMPUR: Newly elected office bearers of District Bar Association Udhampur (DBAU) on Saturday took oath amidst senior Bar members.

The oath ceremony was held in the premises of court complex in presence of Senior Bar Members. Those who took oath were Adv JD Slathia District President, Akhil Rajput - Secretary and Anoop Gupta -Treasurer of District Bar Association Udhampur. All newly elected members pledged to serve with honesty and sincerity. Besides this, Slathia further assured to incul-



Bar members after taking oath in Udhampur.

cate efforts and dedication towards overall welfare of Bar members. Advocate(s) Bharat Bushan Sharma, Vijay Kumar Gupta, Shashi Arora, Sunny Mahajan, Savtantar Dev Kotwal, Surinder Khajuria,

Mohd. Shafi, Rahul Jandyal, Rajesh Gupta, Vijay Laxmi, Yog Raj Sharma, GR Khajuria, Bhanu Partap Singh, Gulshan Kotwal and Anil Vijay were present on the occasion.

1,023 vaccinated, 1,564 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh, the Health Department on Saturday administered Covid vaccine doses to 1023 persons, including 322 children in the 15-17 years and 675 in 12-14 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. 16,200 taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs.100,47,850. 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 1564 samples including 521 RT-PCR and 1043 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 1023 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

Army upgrades link road at Samba's border village



Army officials and others during the inauguration ceremony.

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SAMBA: Mission First Brigade under the aegis of Gurj Division upgraded an 800 meters Link Road at border village of Sinki in Samba. The track which was in a dilapidated state was upgraded thus easing conveyance for villagers of these border villages, especially in rainy season. The up gradation work was undertaken as part of Border Area Development Program (BADP) wherein 800 meter stretch of track was upgraded. The inauguration event was attended by officials of Indian Army, BSF and RCC

along with the Block Development Officer Samba and Sarpanchs of Sinki and Sadoh village. Alongside the inauguration, the road was also officially handed over to the local administration by the army. While thanking the army for this initiative, the BDO Shalini Raina appreciated the development works undertaken by the army and also suggested that all agencies should work in close coordination with each other for holistic and progressive development of the area which will work towards betterment of lives of population in border villages of Samba.

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GDC Nowshera online workshop on 'Rural Entrepreneurship Development Programme'

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NOWSHERA: The Career Counselling Cell of GDC Nowshera in Collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education Ministry of Education organised an online workshop on the topic " Rural Entrepreneurship Development Programme" on Saturday . Principal of the College, Dr Surinder Kr. Sharma, was the Chief Guest

and Shivali Choudhary, J&K REDC, UT Coordinator was the resource person. The programme began with the welcome address by Prof. Rajat Bhardwaj, Convener, Career Counselling and Placement Cell, GDC Nowshera who outlined the purpose and structure of the event. Resource person, Shivali Choudhary, in her deliberations, made the students aware of the challenges of rural entrepreneurship, management, small scale manufacturing business ideas and various activities performed by villagers through innovative thinking. Vote of thanks presented by Asstt. Prof. Joginder Singh, Department of Physics. Faculty members who attended the workshop were Prof. Pooja Devi, Dr. Akhil Khajuria, Lect. Shivali Sharma, Prof. Monisha Bandhu, Lect. Sonika Devi, Lect. Kiran Bala and Prof. Inam-ul- Haq.

Social Workers of Special Cell Women Police Station call on DDC Chairperson

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UDHAMPUR: A deputa- tion led by Afia Nazir and Azra Praveen, Social Workers working at Special Cell Women Police Station on Saturday met Chairperson District Development Council, Udhampur Lal Chand in his Office Chamber.

They briefed him about the Special Cell for Women in the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and elaborated that these are being piloted under the Violence Free Home.

They informed that it is a Women Rights project supported by the National Commission for Women, GoI and implemented by Tata Institute of Social Sciences in collaboration with Social Welfare Department/ Women &

Child Development Department and Home Department (Police).

Saying that it is based on Special Cell for Women and Children approach, they further elaborated that the aim of this project was to strengthened Police system response to gender based violence in both public and private life, by empowering women to access all types of support and justice.

A total of 10 Special Cells are located in the Union Territory of J&K, 07 in Kashmir Division viz Srinagar, Budgam, Kulgam, Anantnag, Ganderbal, Baramulla and Kupwara and 3 in Jammu Division viz Jammu, Udhampur and Rajouri.

In Udhampur District, the Special Cell is functional from Women Police Station

and Afia Nazir and Azra Praveen are working as Social Workers at Special Cell.

Further, elaborating about their work, they briefed that the primary job of social worker in Special Cell for Women was Individual and group interventions to end violence against women - including Social casework processes, empowerment & behavioral change facilitation, referrals and pre- & during litigation support to women & child survivors of violence and their families, and engaging with men (respondents/perpetrators of violence, male family members) and with NGO & Governmental Departmental representatives in violated women & children's best interests (i.e. facilitating multi-agency

coordinated response), Planning, awareness-building and capacity-building in compliance with programmatic, strategic & financial management for the 'Violence Free Home - A Woman's Right' (Special Cells for Women) programme across the allotted district in which the Special Cell is functional, Networking & advocacy on issues of violence against women & children, and intervention in situations of violence as experienced and reported by women & children, with NGOs & Governmental Departments, at district & sub- district levels, Writing & compiling data and reports regularly for purposes of programme documentation, official record etc.