

Samoon emphasises imparting quality technical education



Prpl Secy, SDD, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon presenting memento to a trainee.

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RAJOURI: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, on Saturday visited ITI Rajouri where he inaugurated an Information and Communication Technology Laboratory and inspected various sections of the institute.

The lab has been established with an aim of providing better communication and information resources to the youth trainees.

During the event, Dr Samoon interacted with the trainees and emphasised the need for a special focus on providing quality technical education in the region.

Principal Secretary also highlighted the importance of integrating technology into every aspect of life to fast-track development and progress. The Information and Communication Technology lab is expected to bridge the gap between knowledge and access for the trainees, equip them with necessary technical skills, and open up new opportunities for their future, he maintained.

During his visit, he held interactions with the students and faculty members of the ITI and inspected classrooms and labs. While interacting with the students of the ITI, Samoon

encouraged them to make best use of the resources that have been made available to them during their training period. He stressed upon the faculty to impart quality training to the students and focus on practical-oriented courses.

Principal Secretary also interacted with the youth trainees identified during the 'Back to Village' program and discussed their aspirations. He also provided guidance on how to maximize their potential in terms of the knowledge and skills.

It is pertinent to mention here that 120 youth were identified for skill development in the district under B2V, out of which, sixty had been identified during B2V are undergoing training in ITI.

Later, Principal Secretary distributed certificates among the best trainees of the Industrial Training Institute and wished them good luck in their professional journey.

DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal; DO NRIIM, Rashid Sheikh; DO NRIIM, Javed Ul Sofi and other officers were present on the occasion.

Govt Degree College Purmandal organizes Rozgar Mela

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PURMANDA: Career counseling cell and NSS Unit of GDC Purmandal in collaboration with District Employment and Counseling Centre Samba organized one day Rozgar Mela for the students and locals of adjoining areas in the college premises. The mela was organized keeping in mind the need of the youth and to made them aware about different initiatives of Govt. of India especially employment opportunities available in UT of J&K with special reference to District Samba. The youth from nearby villages participated enthusiastically and also enquired about different career opportunities available for them. The officials from District Employment office Samba, J&K Bank, Jal Shakti Deptt., Agricultural and Horticulture Department were present on the occasion and elaborated in detail about all the

schemes like Mumkin Scheme, Tejaswini Scheme, Sahya Scheme, Scheme for Dental Professionals, Umeed Scheme, Rise together etc. Mr. Sunil Pandita, Joint Director, PD&MD also interacted with the students and other locals present there. Sarpanch Mandal (Katvalta) Mrs. Sapana Spolia while speaking on the occasion stressed upon different career opportunities available especially for girls.

The whole programme was organized under the patronage of worthy Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Raj Shree Dhar. In her address, she motivated the students to get benefited from these career opportunities which are made available to them by all the participating Departments.

The whole programme was co-ordinated by Prof. Shahima Akhter (Convener Career Counseling Cell), Prof. Mohd. Rafi (NSS PO) and Dr. Deepika Mehra (HOD Dogri).

Police organises medical camp at border villagers

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SAMBHA: Police under the supervision of SSP Samba Benam Tosh organised free medical camp at border village Rangoor in Ramgarh sector of Samba district where a large number of people / patients hailing from border villages got specialized treatment, check-up, counseling, medicines, daily-use medical equipments free of cost and ayushman cards preparation facility at their doorsteps.

Twelve renowned doctors of different streams including lady doctors provided services at the free medical camp organized by police with the assistance of medical department. SSP Samba Benam Tosh, CMO Samba VidhiBhatiyal, DDC member Anita Choudhary, DDC member Sarvjit Singh, Sarpanch Kali Dass, popular social activist Shiv Choudhary, Additional SP Samba Surinder Choudhary, SDPO Vijaypur Priyanka Kumari, Tehsildar Ramgarh Farooq Ahmad, BMO Ramgarh Lakhvinder Singh, SHO P/S Ramgarh Sudesh



SSP Samba Benam Tosh along with doctors during the camp.

Kumar, Lambardars and prominent citizens were present who spoke on the occasion.

In his address, Senior Superintendent of Police Samba Benam Tosh said that free medical camp has been organized by J&K police under CAP with the assistance of medical department at border village for the welfare of patients and check-up of people belonging to border villages at their doorsteps. He further told that police is going to rganizi several other sports activities, anti-drugs awareness seminars, debates and symposium under CAP at different places in Samba district. On behalf of J&K Police, SSP Samba thanked medical depart-

ment, especially CMO Samba and doctor's team for extending fullest possible assistance to Police in rganizing free medical camp at border village and wished speedy recovery to the patients suffering from different ailments.

Reasi Administration organises special grievance camp for POJK displaced in Bharakh

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REASI: District Administration Reasi organised a special grievance camp for displaced persons of Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK) at village Bharakh of Tehsil Pouni today. The camp received a massive turnout of participants.

The LG's Special Grievance Camp aimed to address issues faced by those displaced from POJK, create awareness about various Government schemes and provide necessary support and assistance.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Abdul Star was the chief guest during the event and highlighted the objective of the camp.

The POJK displaced raised various issues on the spot which the District Administration assured would be addressed in a timely manner. District officers from various departments disseminated information about government schemes including skill development, self-employment, social assistance, studies, sports, financial inclusion and Ayushman Bharat through stalls at the camp.

Training programme held for farmers & farm women on importance of millets

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SAMBHA: Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samba under the aegis of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu organised one day training programme for farmer/farm women on importance of millets on March 18, 2023 to mark the importance of Millets. On this occasion, Keshav Dutt Sharma, Chairman District Development Council Samba was the Chief Guest whereas Subash Bhagat Member DDC Samba was the Special Guest.

The programme was conducted under the directions of ICAR-Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare GoI to mark the importance of Millets. During the programme, more than 150 farmers from Samba district were participated. The live in web-casting of Prime Minister on International Conference on Millets was witnessed by all the participants.

Prof. Sanjay Khajuria, Chief Scientist &

Head KVK Samba threw a detail light on the various initiatives of KVK Samba in increasing the livelihood security of the farming community in the district. He also disclosed that various new initiatives will also be taken very soon for the betterment of the society and farmers particularly women from rural area. He also highlighted the importance of millets and the new area to be covered under millets during this year in order to boost the millet production in the district. Speaking on the occasion, Keshav Dutt Sharma appreciated the efforts of KVK Samba led by Prof. Sanjay Khajuria and his team for conducting such a Mega event for the farmers for the promotion of Millets in the District Samba. He urged upon the farming community to remain in touch with the KVK Samba for any technical help in order to boost their agriculture economy through cultivation of millets. Subash Bhagat, DDC Samba applauded the contributions of KVK

Samba and their efforts for the welfare of the farmers and highlighted that they are the ones who put your heart and soul into the soil to give life and food to all of us.

Dr. Amit Mahajan in his expert lecture urged upon the farmers to follow proper agronomical practices for increasing production of millets in District Samba. Dr. A.K. Sinha urged upon the farmers to go for farm mechanization so that the cost on labour can be minimized up to some extent.

Pritam Chand, Sarpanch Sanchal exhorted the farmers to avail the benefits of the various initiatives of the GOI for their economic upliftment.

A farmer-Scientist interaction was also held on the occasion. The proceedings of the programme was conducted by Dr. A.K. Sinha. Other who actively assisted and makes the event successful includes Bharat Bhushan Stenographer, Tajinder Singh, Pawandeep Singh and Satpaul of the KVK Samba.

J&K HWA thanks DC Rajouri for holding medical board camp for disables

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NOWSHERA: Vinod Sharma, social activist and Senior Vice President J&K Handicapped Welfare Association District Rajouri thanked Vikas Kundal DC Rajouri and Doctor Rajinder Sharma Chief Medical officer Rajouri for organizing a medical board camp at Sunderbani and Nowshera for issuing disability certificate to the pensioners for submission to Social Welfare department for verification purpose.

In these camps, around 450 certificates were



Senior Vice President J&K Handicapped Welfare Association District Rajouri, Vinod Sharma and others during the camp.

issued online to specially abled by board of doctor. Chandar Parkash BMO, Nowshera, Rohit kolhi

Counsellor and Ramesh Choudhary Serpanch were present on this occasion.

Agriculture Department organises awareness camp

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KISHTWAR: A farmer awareness camp was organised at panchayat Jawalapur, block Bounjwah on Saturday in which farmers were made aware about Kharif crops technical know-how and department schemes for farming community.

Kharif vegetable seeds were displayed for sale at 50% subsidies rate. More than 40 progressive farmers participated from various villages of block Bounjwah. J AEO Ajay Chand Sharma appraised them about soil health, KCC, organic farming and other schemes.

AEO Binoo Ampy Singh Sundyal thanked farmers for their participation and encouraged them to welcome upcoming Holistic Agriculture Development Program with enthusiasm.

PIB Jammu organises Rural Media Workshop 'Vartalap' at Rajouri

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RAJOURI: Press Information Bureau (PIB), Jammu today organized Media Workshop 'Vartalap' at district Rajouri aimed at building a direct interface between PIB and the journalists working at district and sub-district levels. The workshop, organized at Dak Bungalow, Rajouri was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri, Vikas Kundal in presence of Deputy Director, PIB Jammu, Ayushi Puri & Joint Director, CBC J&K, Ghulam Abbas.

In his inaugural address, Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri, Vikas Kundal appreciated the efforts of PIB Jammu for organizing the media workshop 'Vartalap' in district Rajouri which he termed as the best platform for a dialogue between media and the government. He said, media being the fourth pillar of



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal inaugurating workshop.

democracy acts as eyes and ears of the government and such coordination is essential to obtain necessary feedback and address the concerns regarding implementation of the schemes and programmes of the government at the ground level.

Deputy Director, Press Information Bureau, Jammu, Ayushi Puri in her address said, Media is the most powerful tool for dissemination of information. Besides focusing on inves-

tigative journalism, media should also focus on development journalism, she added. She later stressed on media ethics and code of conduct for journalists before reporting on various issues.

Joint Director, CBC J&K, Gh. Abbas said, the media units of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in Jammu and Kashmir are playing a pivotal role in the dissemination of information of the government schemes and programmes at the

grass root level through different programs organized throughout Jammu and Kashmir by PIB, CBC, AIR and DD.

Additional Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, Vivek Shekhar Sharma Speaking on the media sensitivity in border districts said, media in the border districts of J&K must cross check facts with proper analysis before publishing the news in print, electronic and digital media.

District Information Officer, Rajouri, Narinder Raina in his address highlighted the achievements of the district under various schemes and programmes of the government. He also stressed that media code of conduct for journalists must be taken in mind before reporting on an event.

Assistant Director, CAPD, Mohamad Arif Lone in his address said, media can play a vital role in consumer sensitization being the best

interface between the government and the citizens. Media must spread awareness regarding 'Consumer Protection Act' which deals with matters relating to violation of consumer's rights, unfair trade practices, misleading advertisements, and all those circumstances which are prejudicial to the consumer's rights.

Sheikh Mudasir Amin, Media & Communications Officer, PIB Jammu welcomed media and the guests and also presented vote of thanks.

The technical sessions were followed by interactive question-answer session in which journalists expressed their grievances, talked to the experts and cleared their doubts regarding various issues pertaining to them. The journalists also thanked PIB for organizing the workshop and expressed hope that more such workshops should be conducted in future.

Ensure uninterrupted power, supply of essentials during forthcoming month of Holy Ramadan: Sajjad

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BANIHAL: National Conference (NC) leader and district president Ramban Sajjad Shaheen has urged the LG lead administration to make all adequate arrangements including uninterrupted power and water supplies for ensuing holy month of Ramadan in district Ramban including Gool.

Shaheen also underlined the need for the constitution of special market checking squads to keep the check on profiteering, hoarding and black-marketing and also

asked the district and the local administration to ensure strict implementation of government approved rate list.

Shaheen further demanded that the district and Tehsil level authorities must ensure availability of essential commodities in the market including vegetables and poultry besides timely supply of gas, Kerosene, flour and sugar from the government depots to the consumers.

Shaheen further stressed on the need for uninterrupted power and water supply across the district particularly far flung areas of all the Tehsils of Banihal, Khari, Ramsao and Ukharhal besides Ramban, Gool, Batote, Sangaldan and other areas.

He asked PDD and PHE departments to direct their ground level staff to ensure that there is hassle-free water and electricity supply to the consumers during the holy month of Ramadan particularly during Sehri and Iftaar time.

Global Recycle Day celebrated at GDC Ghagwal



Faculty and students during the camp.

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SAMBHA: Keeping up with the celebration of Sustainable Development under G20, GDC Ghagwal organised an exhibition of recycled and biodegradable projects made by tge students of the college.

The students of semester II and semester IV, crafted and curated different kinds of biodegradable and recycled products for the exhibition under the G20 banner. They kept in mind the theme of sustainable development and made beautiful projects for display. Paper bags, purses, sand timer, a little doll house, a wishing well,

several wall hangings etc. were kept for display. The charm of the exhibition was also beautiful clay elephants made by our student.

Virtually joining us, the principal of the college, Dr. Sujata Slathia appreciated the great vision and efforts of the students and encouraged them to spread this use of recycled materials, and reusable products around their community. The students were guided thoroughly by our environmental science lecturer- Ms. Shivali Panjgotra.

Dr. Vani Awasthi, coordinator G20 of the college, helped the students in

organising the exhibition for everyone. The teaching faculty of the college also inspired the students with their pearls of wisdom. Prof. Ramzan Ali, Dr. Rajni Bala, Dr. Sushma Gupta, Dheeraj Bhagat were all present to appreciate the pupils' hard-work.

Dulhasti Power Station organises meeting on "Improvement in Vigilance Administration"

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KISHTWAR: Dulhasti Power Station on Saturday organised a meeting on "Improving Vigilance Administration" on the call of Central Vigilance Commission.

MK Kashyap, Group General Manager (In-Charge) Dulhasti Power Station attended the inaugural ceremony of the program and welcomed all participants of Dulhasti Power Station. Speaking on the occasion, he said that our power station is committed to sensitize the public about corruption. We should always

JKAACL organises first ever Mega Folk Music & Dance Fest

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POONCH: The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture & Languages (JKAACL) under the guidance of Secretary JKAACL, Bharat Singh and with the active support of Indian

Army 40 RR and School Education Department conducted a first ever mega Cultural event at Government Model Higher Secondary School Sawjain.

Chairman Block Development Council Mandi, Shamim Ganai was the chief guest whereas Principal Government HSS Sawjain, Anwar Khan was guest of honour on the occasion.

The program was started with the welcome address by (SOCA) JKAACL Rajouri/Poonch, Dr Alandam Adam. He underlined the importance and revival of folk music, dances and folk Lore type activities in cities and also for the people of far flung areas especially for younger generation. He said that our younger generation should be engaged in cultural, literary activities and also in the field of sports so that drugs addiction and other anti social activities could be discouraged.

BDC Chairman, Shamim Ganai in his address appreciated the working of JKAACL for organising such programs. He thanked Secretary JKAACL for conducting such cultural and literary activities in Peer Panjal Region. Ganai also lauded the working of JKAACL Rajouri/Poonch.

Artists from Srinagar, Budgam, Jammu and from Peer Panjal Region presented folk dances besides the local traditional artist who performed Dhol beating, local singers presented folk Lore and Bait also.

Principal Government Model Higher Secondary School Sawjain, presented vote of thanks to JKAACL Rajouri Poonch, Indian Army especially 40 RR, the artists, PRI members, BDC Chairperson, locals and teaching fraternity.

The proceeding of the programme was conducted by Pardeep Khanna.

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