

5G Jio service launched in Rajouri



DC Vikas Kundal launching 5G Jio network service in Rajouri.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal

launched the 5G Jio network service in the district on Wednesday.

Noni village witnesses music & dance programme by JKAACL

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** KATHUA: Yet another vibrant Music and Dance programme was organised by the Sub Office Kathua of J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages here today at Village Noni of Tehsil Dinga Amb of Kathua district in which over 100 seasonal artists gave their mesmerising performance in front of august gathering. The programme was conducted under the direction of Secretary J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Bharat Singh. Kewal Singh Sarpanch of Noni village was the chief guest on the occasion whereas Darshan Kumar was the guest of honor.

While addressing the gathering Kewal Singh Sarpanch of Noni village shared the uniqueness of today's event was aimed at giving a new flip and ease of life to every music and dance form. He



Artists performing during the event.

said that preservation of culture should be taken seriously like JKAACL has done today. He further congratulated the artists for giving out of the world performance in his Panchayat.

The programme was started with a mesmerising performance of Hern Dance by Laxman Sarmal and Party who received repeated applause from the audiences. This was followed by the presentations by Ifra Ahad Khan and Party

While inaugurating, the Deputy Commissioner said that the service marks an important milestone in the district's progress and is expected to bring about a significant transformation in its economy. Steps have been taken to ensure that all citizens can make use of this service, including providing free SIM cards for all residents, he said.

The inaugural event was attended by Tehsildar Rajouri Varinder Sharma and representatives from Jio.

3-day training programme on early detection of drug abuse & post-detection management held



A resource person speaking during the event.

Choudhary was the chief guest, while DSWO Doda Tariq Qazi was the guest of honour. The event was presided over by TSWO Bhadarwah Subash Kotwal and Educationist Arif Rana conducted proceedings of

the event.

TSWO Bhadarwah Subash Kotwal presented a welcome address and highlighted different issues associated with drug Abuse.

During the session, ADC Bhadarwah Dil Mir

Reasi Police organises Nukkad Natak & debate competition on drug abuse

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** KATRA: A Nukkad Natak on drug abuse performed at fountain Chowk Katra by the Artist from Udhampur on the theme "Drugs Abuse and Awareness" at Katra Reasi under Civic Action Programme of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

The programme was inaugurated by SP Katra Amit Basin in presence of SDPO Katra and SHO Katra. People from all walks of life witnessed the performance by artists on different plays to aware people about ill effects of drugs and how to stay away from it. Artists were facilitated by the District Police officers after culmination of the event.

In another programme under



Artists performing during the Nukkad Natak.

civic action programme, a Debate competition held at KV Jyotipuram in which 12 students participated, who speak on different side effect of using Narcotics and psychotropic substance and how to stay away from it. In debate compe-

Choudhary appreciated the efforts of social welfare department for taking concrete steps to aware young generation about the ill effects of drug abuse and post deduction management. DSWO Doda Tariq Qazi spoke on early identification, treatment, rehabilitation, after-care and social reintegration techniques and other different issues associated with drug Abuse.

Resource persons Advocate Mohd Majid Malik, Miss Rudhrashri and Miss Navidita also briefed the ill effect of drugs and said the students

should stay away from drug abuse and become a brand ambassador to spread awareness in the society regarding war against Narco terrorism.

Students of different government and private schools also spoke on the topic. The training programme was attended by Principal Islamia High School Zubair Wani, Sudesh Manhas Principal Atkhar Public School, Principal Saraswati School, Principal BVM Manjeet Kumar and students of different education institutions.

Joint area combing cum domination exercise undertaken in Rajouri



DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range Dr. Haseeb Mughal along with other officers during the domination exercise.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** RAJOURI: In order to restore confidence in the general public, a joint area combing cum domination exercise was carried out in the area of Ghambir Mughlan to Behrote Gali in Rajouri.

A joint domination patrol and drone surveillance of the area was carried out under the command of DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range Dr. Haseeb Mughal, DySP PC Shivender Singh Jamwal,

SDPO Manjakote Zaffer Iqbal, AC Amit Kumar of CRPE, CAPT Parmodh Joshi of 48 RR, SHO Manjakote Insp: Zaffer Amin and I/C BPP Post Ghambir Mughlan SI Mohd Afzal Khan also actively participated in the exercise.

The forces which took part were of SOG Rajouri, Police Station Manjakot, Border Police Post Ghambir Mughlan, CRPF 72 BN, Army 48RR Manjakote. The

domination patrol was carried out in the area BPP Ghambir Mughlan and Behrote Gali. The domination of the area and patrol started at about 1130 hours and culminated at about 1500 hours.

A general coordination security meeting of Security forces and interaction with Jawans was also chaired by DIG RP Range at Border Police Post Ghambir Mughlan, Police Station Manjakote.

All the forces taking part in domination patrol showed proper discipline, coordination and synergy. The officers also interacted with the General Public during the domination drive of the area, who also appreciated the role of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and Security forces in maintaining peace and tranquility in border areas of Rajouri.

DC Kishtwar listens to grievances in block Drabshalla

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** KISHTWAR: District Development Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav presided over the Block Diwas proceedings at block headquarters Drabshalla. He listened to grievances from locals regarding the upgrading of infrastructure and public service delivery by various departments.

A delegation of locals led by PRIs informed Dr Devansh Yadav about their grievances related to infrastructure upgrading and public service delivery by various departments. They also highlighted the issue of prioritising local employment in the Rattle Hydroelectric Power Project.

Dr Devansh Yadav assured locals that their genuine demands and grievances would be addressed in a timely



DDC Dr Devansh Yadav interacting with locals.

manner. Many issues were resolved on the spot with the help of concerned officers present at a recent event. Necessary directions were also forwarded to relevant officers for immediate redressal.

In response to concerns about dust and noise pollution caused by power project activities, ALC Kishtwar was directed to ensure that the Divisional Pollution Control Board Report is implemented within one month.

Dr Yadav also addressed the issue of left-out Project Affected Families in the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RR) Plan and delays in compensation disbursement for some PAFs of Rattle Hydroelectric Power Projects. He informed locals that genuine left-out PAFs would be covered under the RR plan and necessary directions have been given to ALC Kishtwar and Tehsildar Drabshalla.

New Committee of All J&K Labana Samaj Sudhar Sabha takes over charge

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** R S PURA: New Committee of All J&K Labana Samaj Sudhar Sabha (Regd.), & Member DGPC Jammu has taken over charge on Wednesday.

In this regard a press conference was held by Executive Body of All J&K Labana Samaj Sudhar Sabha (Regd.), at R. S. Pura (Jammu), which was attended by all the members of General Body comprising and more than 500 members of all the villages/localities

being inhabited by the Labana Sikh Community of UT of J&K alongwith the reputed personalities of the Community including Religious & Social Scholars , Activists, Educationists, Businessmen and the retired persons.

In the press conference, Balvinder Singh, President of the Sabha & the Member DGPC Jammu , announced that the new Committee of the Sabha has taken over the full charge of All J&K Labana Samaj Sudhar Sabha from the

outgoing Committee and the outgoing Committee headed by Jagjit Singh , Ex-President, has handed over all the records and documents pertaining to the property & belongings to the new Committee.

All the members present resolved to work unitedly for the betterment and upliftment of the Community in the field of Religious, Social, Educational, Economics and Political spheres.

Those who were present in the Press conference included

Balwinder Singh, Jagjit Singh, Paranjit Singh, Mohinder Singh Akhnour, Gurjit Singh, Surat Singh Toofani, Sukhjeet Singh, Capt Kewal Singh , Harpal Singh, Ujagar Singh, Satvant Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Ex-DGPC, Saryan Singh, Bachan Singh, Mohinder Singh Baba, Ranjit Singh, Kulvinder Singh, Baldev Singh, Girdhara Singh Lamberdar, Puran Singh Kathua, Piyara Singh, Rajinder Singh, Sukhwinder Singh Badila, Joginder Singh

Pindi Sarochan, Nirmal Singh Pindi Sarochan, Sulakhan Singh, Tarsem Singh, Dalvinder Singh, Mastan Singh, Ajit Singh, Kulwant Singh, Gurjit Singh Samba, Kulbir Singh, Nirmal Singh, Capt. Hazara Singh, Capt. Prem Singh and the other members of the committee.

KVK Poonch organises Kisan Mela on natural farming

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: Krishni Vigyan Kendra Poonch working under the aegis of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu today organized a Kisan Mela at village Khanetar, Poonch to create the mass awareness regarding Natural farming. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Ajay Gupta Sr. Scientist & Head, KVK Poonch gave detailed information on different components of Natural Farming like Jeevanrit, Beejamrit, Mulching and Whapsa and impressed upon farmers to advance on the principles and practices of Natural Farming for the sustainability of agriculture and betterment of ecosystem in the long run. He also discussed the various central schemes implemented for the welfare of farming community including PM kisan Man Dhan Yojana, PM Fasal Bima Yojana, PMKSY, KCCs and soil health cards. Dr. Mushtaq Guroo, KVK Poonch said that the main purpose of this Mela is to create the awareness among the farming community regarding the ill effects of chemical farming that have taken place over the years. The indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers in last 3-4 decades has led to the soil degradation, eutrophication of land and water bodies and loss of biodiversity besides adverse effects on human health, he said. To arrest the ill effects of chemical fertilizers, Natural farming is a viable potion, he explained. The Mela was attended by Sarpanches and other prominent personalities of the area including Sh Muzaffar Hussain, Sh Mohd Sadiq, Sh Mohd Yasin, Sarfaraz Chouhan and Mohd Azad (social worker) The participating farmers thanked the KVK Poonch for motivating and inspiring them regarding the Natural Farming and assured that they will implement the principles of Natural Farming in their farm lands for restoring the soil fertility and minimizing the harmful effects of chemical fertilizers. The programme was attended by more than 200 farmers and farm women from the village and adjoining areas. The Mela ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Ramandeep Kour.

World Water Day observed at GDC Kishtwar



A participant being given memento.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS** KISHTWAR: Eco Club of Government Degree College Kishtwar collaborated with District Jal Jeevan Mission to organise a symposium on World Water Day at GDC Kishtwar.

Principal GDC Kishtwar, Dr Jyoti Parihar was the chief guest on the occasion, while Chief Education Officer, Sudershan Kumar was the guest of honour: AE Jal Shakti Department, Devan Chand was special guest whereas District Coordinator IEC, JJM Kishtwar, Riaz Ahmad Butt was the resource person.

Nearly 100 students participated in the event, and many spoke on topics concerning water conservation, sanitation and general wellness.

Dr Jyoti Parihar emphasised the role of individuals in saving water and highlighted the unprecedented water crisis faced by the world. She stressed that on World Water Day it is essential to reflect on the state of the world's water resources and take action to ensure a sustainable future for all. She appreciated the efforts of the Eco-club and District JJM Kishtwar in organising

the event and praised participants for their speeches.

CEO Sudershan Kumar addressed the gathering and raised awareness about the importance of freshwater and the need for sustainable management. He urged participants to recognise that water is an essential resource for all living organisms and its availability is critical for human well-being, economic development and the environment.

The programme was led by Dr Sehrish Gazal who highlighted the importance of natural water bodies and the ecosystem services they provide. She emphasised the need for student participation in raising awareness about the benefits of natural water bodies and measures for their conservation, protection and sustenance.

Mohammad Khalid Saifullah delivered a lecture through a PowerPoint presentation on the topic and urged participants to save water for future generations.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prof Sarita who thanked the participants and other stakeholders including JJM Kishtwar.

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