DCDRC Baramulla organises introductory

Block Diwas-platform to connect with people to address their issues: DC Pulwama

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PULWAMA: Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary, District Development Commissioner Pulwama Wednesday said that Public outreach program is a trajectory to reinforce connection with people.

He made these remarks while speaking to a gathering of people assembled at Model Higher Secondary School Gulzarpora, Awantipora as part of Youm Block Diwas.

The programme witnessed overwhelming response of people from Gulzarpora, Tokuna and other villages who apprised the DC about their issue and grievances for early redressal.

DDC Pulwama spent the whole day in Tehsil Awantipora and redressed hundreds of grievances on the spot.

The visiting delegations of public and the PRIs demanded construction an overhead water tank and a filtration plant in the village, upgradation of PHC to CHC, Nayabat for the area, upgradation of Govt Middle school to Govt girls High school, replacement of wornout HT/LT lines from habitation to main road, development/ macadamization of interior roads, establishment of veterinary centre in the village, establishment of agri/ horti store and KVK Depot, establishment of timber depot, SRTC bus service from Gulzarpora to Pulwama, among many others.

The DDC gave patient

hearing to the grievances raised and assured quality disposal of genuine issues in a time bound manner. He also gave on spot directions for redressal of many issues of urgent nature.

The DDC further added District Administration is ensuring to provide all facilities to the people at their doorsteps and in this regard necessary instructions are already given to line depart-

He was accompanied by the Additional Deputy Commissioner Awantipora Zaffar Ahmad; PRIs, Ex-En R&B, Ex-En KPDCL, Ex-En Irrigation, Tehsildar Awantipora, Awantipora and all other District officers.

On the occasion, DDC said that such Public Outreach Programmes are a regular feature now and appealed to people to become active participants so that the issues of daily importance are redressed in the minimum possible time.

He highlighted the objectives of the various governprogrammes informing the public that these schemes, campaigns are aimed at reaching out to the people for redressal of their grievances and addressing developmental

The DDC directed the concerned Officers to exhort for completion of ongoing projects, Roads, & bridges. He urged upon officers to complete the works within the shortest possible time.

The DDC also directed the concerned Officers to be proactive and remain accessible to the people so that the purpose of the initiative is fulfilled. He impressed upon the concerned to conawareness programmes in the areas to sensitize youth about various self-employment and other beneficiary oriented

He stressed that Public participation is must for the holistic development of society. He advised the people to make education their main motto so that their children will become offi-

He also briefed about the works taken up under various centrally sponsored schemes in the area $_{
m the}$ Development Department.

During the Public hearing various delegations, individuals, deputations Panchayats apprised the DDC about the issues pertaining to different departments including Health, Education. Horticulture. Agriculture, Jal Sakti, R&B, PowerDeptt, Social Welfare, ICDS and other sectors.

The DC assured the people that all their issues shall be resolved in shortest possible time.

He further said that such public outreach sessions will also be held in other far flung areas of the district as such programmes provide ample opportunity to the administration to have on spot appraisal and status of grievances/problems the population of these

areas are going through. He said our aim and objective is to address most of the issues on the spot, avoiding unnecessary prolonging the stress on redressal of grievances.

Speaking on the occasion, officers/ officials from various departments raised awareness among the general public about the various government sponsored schemes and urged people to take benefits from them.

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BARAMULLA: In order to create awareness among general public with regard to their rights and responsibilities as a consumer, District Disputes Redressal Commission Baramulla in collaboration with Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Department Baramulla on Wednesday organised an introductory cum awareness meeting at Dak Banglow

The camp was presided over by the President Consumer Disputes Commission Baramulla, Peerzada Qousar Hussain and attend by the Assistant Director Baramulla Tariq Ahmad, Member of the

Commission Miss Nyla Yaseen, , Tehsil Supply Officers of Uri and other Officials of the department.

The President while speaking on the occasion said that the interest of the general consumers stands our first and foremost priority and emphasised that the objective of this

meeting is to Create awareness among the officials in particular and the Public in general regarding their rights and responsibilities as a consumer.

While highlighting the importance of consumer rights, President DCDRC said the empowerment of the consumers has been accorded the highest priority by the government by enacting the Consumer



President Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Baramulla Peerzada Qousar Hussain and others after meeting.

Protection Act 2019, to protect against the marketing of products that are hazardous to life and property.

He also underlined that since consumer awareness is essential to help the Consumers to exercise their rights, the Govt, in this regard, has been conducting a wide multimedia awareness campaign titled Jago Grahak Jago through which Consumers can learn about the fraudulent practices and how to tackle them.

AD Food during the introductory meeting pointed out some major issues and problems faced by the consumers. while reiterating the rights as responsibilities of the consumers, emphasised that in case any of the consumer feels dissatisfaction about the purchase of

any of the products or

notices any unfair trade

practices, they should

District approach $_{
m the}$ Consumer Disputes Commission Redressal Baramulla for redressal of

these grievances, as not to have accept subtend quality of products.

Other speakers also deliberated on the subject and said that the consumer needs to be informed about the quality, quantity, stan-

DC Bandipora holds interaction with media persons

Emphasizes on need to give wider coverage to Anti-Drug Campaign, Self Employment schemes

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BANDIPORA: Commissioner Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad on Wednesday held an interaction with media persons of the district at Forest Training School Chitternar.

SSP Bandipora Lakshya Sharma, Additional District Development Commissioner Ali Afsar Khan, Joint Director Planning Imtiyaz Ahmad, Nodal Officer Coordination M A Hakak, DFO Mudassir Mahmood and District Information Officer Jahangeer Akhoon were also present on the

On the occasion, the representatives of various print

and electronic media organizations interacted with the DC and discussed several issues of public interest.

They also briefed the DC about the difficulties they face while covering events at ground level and put forth the demand for the establishment of a press club at district headquarter Bandipora. The DC assured the media

persons that their genuine demands, including the establishment of a press club, will be considered on priority. Dr Owais directed the District Information Officer Jahangir Akhoon and Nodal Officer Coordination M Ashraf Hakaak to identify a space for the establishment

of a media facilitation centre at an earliest. Speaking on the occasion,

the DC emphasized the importance of media in the overall development of the district and also in highlighting the initiatives of the Government aimed at curbing the menace of drug abuse and said the role of media is indispensable in holding administration accountable for effective governance.

He also urged the media persons to play a proactive role in disseminating the information on government schemes meant to give livelihood/self-employment opportunities to the youth. At the outset, DC said that trict administration to perform more accurately and efficiently. He said the media works as

the media is the important

and fourth pillar of

Democracy, helping the dis-

an interface between government and public.

The DC urged the media fraternity to follow journalism ethics in letter and spirit while performing in the field and ensure quality journalism is displayed by each one of them.

He assured media persons full support from the District Administration in highlighting the genuine public issues for prompt redressal.

dard, purity and price of goods, so as to safeguard his interests against the unfair trade practices and services.

World Water Day celebrated across Kashmir Division DCs stress on accelerating change to resolve water & sanitation crises

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SRINAGAR: On the occasion of World Water Day (WWD), a series of programmes were conducted across the districts of Kashmir division by district administrations to emphasise on the need to conserve water, harvest rain water and to solve water and sanitation crisis.

In Ganderbal, World Water Day was celebrated across the district while the main function was organized at JKTDC Cafeteria Mammer which was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir. Speaking on the occasion, the DC highlight-

ed the purpose of celebrating World Water Day and emphasized on keeping cleanliness of water bodies and advised the participants to refrain from throwing garbage into water bodies which are the source of freshwater.

He also complemented the Jal Shakti Department Ganderbal for organizing programmes in the district and urged them to generate massive awareness among the masses shout the importance of freshwater and how to make judicious use of this precious gift of

Executive Engineer Jalshakti, Samiullah Beigh highlighted the initiatives taken to provide clean and treated portable water supply to all the households of the district. The event was attended by Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, PRI members, officials of Jal Shakti Department Ganderbal and locals.

In Bandipora, the district administration on Wednesday organised 'Water Conference' at Mini Secretariat under the theme "Accelerating the change to solve water & sanitation crisis" to celebrate the World Water

The conference was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Bandipora and attended by ADDC Ali Afsar Khan, Nodal Officer-Coordination/ Assistant Commissioner Development Mohd Ashraf Hakak, Joint Director Planning Imtiyaz Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, Bandipira/ Sopore, District Information Officer Jahangir Akhoon and other senior officers of the district besides PRI members, Pani Ssamiti Members, Members of Youth Clubs, School children, and field staff of Jal Shakti& Rural Development departments. The members of Panchayat Pani Samitis and Youth Club Members actively participated in the conference

Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr Owais said the district had conducted a survey under JJM to assess the situation at ground level regarding the availability of potable water. He said that after the administration got the real picture of the situation, an action plan was framed to ensure the supply of pure drinking

On the occasion Joint Director Planning briefed the conference about several initiatives being taken by the administration to provide potable drinking water to every household and made a reference to the centrally sponsored Jal Jeevan Mission, which aims to provide potable drinking water to every rural house-

The speakers were informed that the district administration has proposed to lay a network of 1970 kilometers of pipeline under 121 different schemes, including construction of 38 rapid sand filtration plants and 91 Grounded

Officers informed that 29738 households have been provided pure drinking water so far,

while the completion of proposed projects will ensure pure water supply to 17611 house-

It was given out that Mission Amrit Sarovar is under execution in the district that aims to preserve water bodies in every Panchavat.

Officers informed that 94 sites were proposed under the Amrit Sarovar Mission MGNEGRA, out of which 92 cities we're taken and 91 sites have been completed. Under UT Capex Budget, out of 06 projects, five are under execution, and one has been completed

DFO Bandipora Mudasir Mahmood discussed measures to preserve wet lands and briefed the audience about restoration of Wullar lake to its original shape, de-silting, and quality dredging of Wullar lake.

Dr Owais also gave away appreciation certificates among the best student speakers during the conference besides felicitating media persons, officers, and officials for playing their role to ensure water security in the district. DC Randinora also felicitated hest performing students of painting competitions held across the schools of the district on various themes of

ADDC Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan while speaking at the event, said that the aim of organizing the conference was to sensitize the public and the officers alike regarding the importance of water conservation and bring all the stakeholders together to discuss the issue.

A ceremonial plantation drive was also launched at the conclusion of the conference. Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, at the end of the event, also inspected JJM Lab Testing Stall and Wall Paintings in the premises of Mini-Secretariat Bandipora.

In Baramulla, March 22: The district administration Baramulla in active collaboration with other departments including Jal Jeevan Mission, Forest, Education, R&B, Housing and Urban Development and Information today organised a grand function at Dak Bungalow here to mark its celebration under theme "Accelerating the Change to Solve the Water and Sanitation Crisis".

Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf presided over the function as the chief guest while the officers from several departments, school children and other prominent citizens also participated in the programme.

Meanwhile, on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish several theme based lectures and paintings were also organised by the students wherein the best performing students were felicitated by the dignitaries. Stalls and Banners were also installed by the departments showing the achievement under Amrit Sarovars, Jal Jeevan Mission and afforestation.

Speaking on the occasion, ADDC underlined the objectives of celebrating the programme and said that water is a valuable but a scarce resource and every effort should be made to ensure its productive utilisation. In his address, the ADDC highlighted the

theme of the programme and said that several techniques and methods should be adopted for water conservation with special focus on rain-

He reiterated its commitment of providing potable drinking water to every household under the centrally sponsored Jal Jeevan Mission within the set timeline.

Meanwhile, an oath was administered during which the participants pledged to conserve

water and use it in our daily lives productively. In Shopian, the 'World Water Day' was observed across the district today with the purpose of highlighting the importance of water and raising awareness about the water crisis that the world faces. To strengthen water conservation efforts in the district, functions were

held by the Department of Jal Shakti Shopian. Addressing the participants, speakers reiterated that the aim and objective of celebrating world water day is 'to save water to save generation'. They said our motive shall be to preserve and prevent its misuse. During the proceedings a skit was presented and performed by students, demonstrating captions relating to today's theme. On the conclusion, Department of Jal Shakti felicitated the participants and women achievers.

The event was attended by the officials of Jal Shakti, Teachers, PRIs, AWWs, Asha Workers, locals besides students of various schools of the district.

Various students also spoke on the occasi and highlighted the need for conservation of water resources and judicial usage of drinking

In Srinagar, the Institution of Engineers

(India), Jammu & Kashmir State Centre celebrated World Water Day by organizing a seminar on the theme "Accelerating Change. The seminar was held at the IEI Auditorium

at Church Lane, Sonwarbagh Srinagar, and was attended by a diverse group of participants including Corporate Members of IEI, Students, Research Scholars, and other digni-

The seminar was attended by Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal, Director NIT Srinagar, who was also the Chief Guest of the event.

The Guests of Honour were Er. Rashid Ahmad Dar Chief Engineer, MED Kashmir and Er. Basharat Jeelani Kawoosa Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Department.

The event witnessed an insightful PowerPoint presentation on the topic of water conservation and management by Mohammad Irfan Shah, Student, SSM College of Engineering, Toiba Shafat Koul, Student. SSM College of Engineering, and Mehraj Bhat, Member, The Institution of Engineers

They highlighted the urgent need to accelerate change in the field of water conservation and management. Er. Ferdous Ahad Bhat, MIE (Honorary Secretary), coordinated the event, welcomed the participants & presented the vote of thanks.

In his speech, he emphasized the importance of water conservation and management and the role of the engineering community in accelerating change in this area.

The seminar provided a platform for participants to exchange ideas and explore innovative solutions to address the challenges faced by the water sector.

The seminar has contributed to raising awareness and accelerating change in the field of water conservation and management. In Budgam, World Water Day was today cel-

ebrated by District administration Budgam in collaboration with Jal Shakti Department Budgam, with District Development Commissioner, (DDC) S F Hamid in Chair, and GH. Nabi Itoo MD JJM as special Guest. Speaking on the occasion, the DDC made the people aware about the importance of freshwater and the need to save the precious gift of nature and by using it judiciously but without

wasting even a single drop of water. He further said that it is the responsibility of all to save and preserve the water in letter and spirit as it

He said that under the Jal Jeevan Mission

every household would get tap supply in the

district and for this purpose several measures are being taken. The day witnessed a massive campaign on water conservation. MD JJM, speaking on the occasion, highlighted the ongoing schemes of JJM and role of people in maintaining both environment and

affecting water and its global impact. He further said that it is the responsibility of all to save and preserve the water in letter and spirit as it is essential for our life.

water resources. He said, how climate is

Earlier, a painting competition was organised in the District on world water conservation day in which students of different students partic-

During the seminar, meritorious students of Later on, the DC Budgam and MD JJM took joint review of ongoing water supply schemes

in the District. The DC directed all the officers to complete all the ongoing schemes within a fixed timeline. He said not a single household should be left out without portable tap connections. DC stressed on many issues including forest clearance issue, ftk Training of females, improvement of FHTCS, water quality testing etc..

Besides, Mission director JJM, Chief Engineer PHE Kashmir, Technical advisor JJM, Superintending engineer hydraulic circle Budgam, Executive engineers PHE division Budgam and Chadoora, DPMU unit Budgam and other members were present on the occasion.

In Pulwama, District Administration organised a grand event to celebrate the World Water Day at Govt Boys Degree College and commemorate the Day Long functions organised to create awareness at grass root level regarding the importance of water.

Additional District Development Commissioner Pulwama Dr Sheikh Abdul Aziz was the chief guest on the occasion while ACF Pulwama, Superintending Engineer PHE, District and Sectoral Officers, students, Asha workers and Anganwari workers were also present on the occasion.

The ADDC, while speaking on the occasion, highlighted the importance of sustainable management of fresh water resources.

He said it is a collective cause and requires equal efforts from the government and public. The aim of celebrating the water day is to sensitize the public and the officers alike regarding the importance of water conservation, he

Addressing the gathering, the ADDC reiterated that the aim and objective of celebrating world water day is to save water to save generation. He said our motive shall be to preserve and prevent its misuse. He enjoined upon the officers to adopt sustainable practices in water conservation besides taking advantage of convergence models.

He said the department of Jal Shakti needs to involve all resources to ensure judicious use

of water, and prevent its misuse. The ADDC said that people shall be inspired and advised to take advantage of rainy seasons to preserve and store rainwater so that the same can be used during water shortages for Agricultural and Horticulture purposes.

He said that several initiatives are being taken to provide potable drinking water to every household and made a reference to the centrally sponsored Jal Jeevan Mission, which aims to provide potable drinking water to every rural household. ADDC Pulwama administered oath to the

audience wherein they pledged to save water and take steps to ensure conservation of water. ACP Pulwama, who also spoke on the occa-

sion, stressed on using modern scientific techniques in farming that ensure more production with less wastage of water. He appreciated all the students who shared

their valuable information regarding the importance of saving water through painting and lectures He stressed upon everyone to understand the importance of celebrating World Water Day

adding that it is the responsibility of this generation to conserve water so that the future generation have a good life.

During the function, a series of theme based programs were held like debates, painting competitions and cultural events

In Kulgam: The 'World Water Day' was celebrated across the district today. The main colourful function was held Mini-Secretariat Kulgam, organized by District Administration in collaboration with District Jal Jeevan Mission Kulgam (DJJM).

The programme was inaugurated by flagging-off a rally of students and a Prachar vahan (IEC Van) by the Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din-Bhat.

While addressing on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Dr.Bilal-Mohi-Ud-Din-Bhat calls for judicious use of water and conservation of water bodies. He sought pledge from all participants for their commitment in using water optimally, and save the precious gift of nature from wilful wastage.

He added that through Jal Jeevan Mission, all the households will get piped water before June 2023 while informing that under the ambitious Mission, 140 schemes consisting of 240 works will be dedicated at an estimated cost of 467 crore. Addressing the gathering, the DDC

ed that the aim and objective of celebrating world water day is 'to save water to save generations'. He said, there is an urgent need to stop misusing water. Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division

Chairperson Mohammad Afzal Parrey reiterat-

Kulgam, Nawaz Ahmed highlighted achievements of the department and implementation status of Jal Jeevan Mission in the district.

During the proceedings colourful cultural programmes, Skits and painting Competitions were also organised. DDC member Kulgam, Gh Mohi Ud Din and

DDC member Frisal Anaya Ullah Rather, PRI members, members of pani Samities and a large gathering of people and students participated in the programme.

ADC Viqar Ahmed Giri, ACP Shurjeel Ali, Tehsildar Hq and other officers also attended the programme.

Similar functions was also held at Sub Division D.H.Pora where SDM D.HPora Noorabad, Bashir Ul Hassan highlighted the importance of water and urged people to save water resources.

A rally was also organized which was attended by students from various schools to make the masses aware about the importance of conservation of water bodies.