

JKAPP organises grand Prabhat Pheri on Ramnavmi



Dignitaries during the Prabhat Pheri at Katra.

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KATRA: A grand Prabhat Pheri was organized by Jammu And Kashmir Association of Prabhat Pheri (JKAPP) in cooperation with district administration ,CRPF 6th Battalion Katra, Municipal Committee Katra and Public Katra on the eve of Ramnavmi. The function concluded amidst chanting of Bhajans& beating of drums at bus stand Katra.

Earlier Chief Guest VimalIndu Chairman Municipal Committee Katra and Guests of Honour Ex.

Agriculture Deptt organises one-day awareness camp for women SHGs



Agri official educating women farmers.

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RAMBAN: As part of the ongoing nationwide Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and to mark the International Year of Millets 2023, the Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers' Welfare organised a one-day awareness camp for women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) at panchayat Kanga in Block Gandhri. The camp was attended by 50 women farmers and some prominent men farmers. Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer, Sudhir Manhas, Agriculture Extension Officer Jagdish Bali and Junior Agriculture Extension Officer, Munish Gupta educated the women, including local Sarpanch, Shakeela Begum, about the nutritional and economic importance of various types of millets and their cultivation. They also informed them about the material support and technical guidance provided by the department. Each member of the women's SHG was given 2 kg of millet (bajra) and 2kg of turmeric (haldi) on a 50% subsidy to motivate them to cultivate these crops. The women appreciated the role of the Agriculture Department in uplifting the farming community, especially women.

Ensure all basic amenities to people during ongoing Ramadan: Saroori



Vice Chairman DPAP, Ghulam Mohammad Saroori interacting with locals at Kishtwar.

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KISHTWAR: Vice Chairman DPAP (Azad Party), Ghulam Mohammad Saroori urged the Lieutenant Governor administration to ensure all basic amenities to the people during the ongoing month of Ramadan, saying District administrations should ensure price stability of essential commodities.

Saroori while meeting with several deputiation in the Chatroo area, saying special care should be taken to

ensure an uninterrupted power supply, especially during Sehri, Iftaar, and Taraweeh.

He urged the authorities of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (CA&PD) to ensure availability and essential commodities including rice, atta at their sale centres where still two months ration is yet to be distributed among consumers in various sale depots of Chatroo belt. He also urged them to intensify market checking and

group. Pilgrim groups from other states also joined the prabhatheri and they chanted the jaikaras of naavaishnodevi and danced to the beats of drum all along the route.

While speaking on the occasion chief guest VimalIndu greeted all residents of Katra town and visiting pilgrims with Ramnavmi wishes.

Guest of Honour Baldev Raj Sharma said that Prabhat Pheri organized on Ramnavmi is a form of devotion towards the holy diety & organizing Prabhat Pheri at Katra will definitely please Maa Vaishnodevi. Sr. citizen Forum led by Rattan Chand participated in the Prabhat Pheri in large numbers.

Ladies group led by Renu Chib and Kavita Sanmotra participated in the procession. CRPF 6th Battalion personnel welcomed the procession at darshanideodi and served variety of Prashad to participants. President Raj Kumar Padha along with association members thanked erpf commandant ShYaad Ram Bunker for their kind hospitality.

ABVP holds SEC meeting

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SUNDERBANI: Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad Jammu Kashmir holds State Executive Council Meeting at Radhakrishnan Temple Sunderbani on Thursday in which Karyakartas from every district were present and discussed regarding the upcoming events in details and discuss the further plan of their district work.

In this two day meeting ABVP National Secretary Gulam Mustafa Ali, National Joint Organizing Secretary Prafulla Akant and North Zone Organizing Secretary Vijay Pratap ji were mainly present and review the previous organisational work and prepare a road map for the upcoming organisation work and give detailed information about the upcoming events. In this meeting representative from all districts decided the dates and places of the upcoming meetings , workshops and events . This meet-

GDC Bani organises awareness programme on "The Stay Safe Online Campaign"

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BANI: The G20 Club of GDC Bani organised one day awareness program on the title "The Stay Safe Online Campaign" to commemorate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on Thursday.

The programme was conducted under the patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Kohli. The event was coordinator by Prof. Sanjeev Verma (Nodal Officer G-20 Club), Dr. Ram Krishan (NSS PO) and Dr. Sajad Ahmed (HOD Political Science). The Members of G-20 Club of GDC Bani Visited the village Bani and performed Door to Door campaign to aware the common masses about the online frauds and other threats related to internet / social media usage that are ocuring now a days.The Principal appreciated and encouraged the effort of G-20 Club of GDC Bani and directed them to organize such kind of events / seminars in future also.

VC JU felicitates Dr Manhas for outstanding contribution in Computer Science

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BHADARWAH: Vice Chancellor University of Jammu Prof. Umesh Rai felicitated Dr Jatinder Manhas Head Computer science Bhaderwah Campus for his outstanding contribution in Computer Science.

The Vice Chancellor encouraged Dr Jatinder Manhas to carry on world class research in the domain of AI.

Prof. Rahul Gupta, Dean Mathematical Sciences & Rector Bhaderwah Campus and Prof. Pawnesh Abrol, Head MCA was present on the occasion.

Dr. Jatinder Manhas, Head Computer science Bhaderwah Camp recently visited Lulea University of Technology Sweden to attend advance training to study brain Signal (EEG) in the field of Human Emotion Intelligence using Artificial Intelligence based techniques.

The entire training was conducted on High computing platform equipped with DGX machines at EISALAB research group of LTU. The visit executed to enhance and refine research capabilities in this domain and to introduce advance research areas in the University of Jammu and to extend research boundaries of the University of Jammu at international Platform.

During his visit Dr Manhas gained in depth knowledge of the equipment and machinery to be procured and installed in the research lab of the university of Jammu for the scholars working in this domain to create state of the art infrastructure for better analytics and computer vision.

Dr Jatinder Manhas also explored the possibility of future collaborations with Lulea University of technology Sweden in the area of human emotional intelligence to enhance institutional reach to other Universities working in this domain and to create a joint workforce in the field of artificial intelligence keeping in view the future prospects of this ever changing field of Computer Sciences & IT.

Various common research area in computer vision have been identified and the process for entering into MOU with LTU Sweden were also explored related to scholars exchange, joint publications and organizing joint training programmes and conferences.

Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof. Marcus assures all possible help in near future and shall also act as mentor in creating artificial intelligence based advance labs at University of Jammu.

He also assures providing physical as well as virtual access to High Computing Environment installed at LTU Sweden that equipped with DGX machines for big data analytics.

The research visit was supported by the University of Jammu. Department of computer science, electrical and space engineering authorized Dr. Jatinder Manhas as Visiting Research Fellow at LTU Sweden for future research work.

Poonch Admn seals 7 e-service providers for overcharging

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POONCH: Acting on complaints of overcharging by private digital service providers, the district administration sealed seven establishments dealing with government e-services.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Inder Jeet, a team of officers led by Naib Tehsildar Poonch, Maroof Khan and Naib Tehsildar Bandichiehayan, Randhir Singh under the supervision of Tehsildar Haveli, Anjum Khan Khattak conducted surprise inspections and sealed those found overcharging.

The government has prescribed a rate list for all government e-services for the welfare of the general public. Deputy Commissioner Poonch advised all e-service providers to adhere to prescribed rates to avoid adverse action from the administration. The frequency of market inspections will be increased in the coming days.

In a separate market checking drive during Holy Navratri and Ramzan, a team of officers from Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department Poonch headed by Assistant Director (FCS&CA), Ranjit Singh along with Food Safety, Legal Metrology and other officials conducted rigorous market checking of various food business units. A fine of Rs 4700 was imposed for violations such as non-display of rate lists and overcharging.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch formed a committee last week to curb hoarding and profiteering in Poonch markets during



Officers team during on inspection.

Navaratri and Ramadan.

On the occasion, the team warned food business operators not to violate food safety regulations and maintain sanitary conditions. Failure to do so would result in hefty fines.

Assistant Director (FCS&CA) Poonch stressed the importance of selling safe and quality food items adhering to standards prescribed by FSSAI, BIS and other national regulators. The drive is being carried out to ensure all food safety standards are followed.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch instructed officers to tighten the noose around erring shops and establishments and make market checking more regular to ensure quality products throughout the year. He also urged the public to report any violations for strict action against violators.

DC inaugurates New Smart Science Labs at GHSS Girls Kishtwar



DC Dr Devansh Yadav inaugurating school lab at Kishtwar.

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KISHTWAR: Government Model Higher Secondary School for Girls Kishtwar has been upgraded with new Smart Science Laboratories under District Capex 2022-23. The inauguration was done by Deputy Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav in presence of Chief Education Officer Kishtwar; Sudarshan Sharma today. The school authorities expressed their appreciation for the district administration's initiative, which marks a significant milestone in the education

sector of Kishtwar district.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Yadav said that with the latest launch, the school is well on its way to becoming a Model School in Kishtwar: The addition of a Reading Hub along with smart science labs and upgraded infrastructure highlights the school's commitment to providing a well-rounded and quality education to its students. Moreover, with the upcoming launch of an indoor sports stadium, the school is taking significant steps towards fostering physical fitness and sports education among its students.

During his visit, Dr Yadav held a meeting with the school staff and executive agencies, including ExEn, AEE R&B and others to discuss various aspects related to the development and improvement of the school infrastructure and facilities.

Dr Yadav emphasised the need for providing quality education and modern facilities to the students. He expressed his happiness over the inauguration of Smart Science labs in the school, which will provide students with a better learning environment and help them excel in their studies.

The DC interacted with the CEO, Sudarshan Kumar Sharma and Incharge Principal KI Sharma to discuss the various challenges faced by the school and find ways to overcome them.

Executive Engineer R&B, Rabinder Kumar; DIO, Kuldeep Kumar and other senior officials were also present at the occasion.

Nowshera Forest Division promotes self-employment with beauty parlour kits, fruit plant distribution

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RAJOURI: Nowshera Forest Division organised a large function at Sunderbani and Nowshera to distribute beauty parlour kits and fruit plants today. The Chief Guest was District Development Council (DDC) Member Sunderbani, Rajinder Sharma and the Guest of Honour was Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera, Neelima Shah.

The programme was attended by Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members, members of Municipal Committee Sunderbani, students, beneficiaries and a large number of locals.

Neelima Shah spoke about the various employment generation activities undertaken by the Forest Department under the Green India Mission to increase self-employment among locals. The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Forest



DDC Member Sunderbani, Rajinder Sharma and others during the programme at Sunderbani.

Department is working towards livelihood options and exploring employment generation involving youth and women, especially in the Chir Zone ecosystem of J&K Union Territory.

Rajinder Sharma emphasised that self-employment is essential to attain the goal of a self-dependent nation and empower downtrodden and poor communities in rural India. Range Forest Officer Sunderbani, Rakesh Verma

expressed gratitude to those who attended the programme and stressed that such activities help develop coordination between the Forest Department and local people for better conservation and protection of forests.

The event was coordinated by Block Forest Officers, Rajinder Dev Sharma, Rangeel Singh, Devak Ved Parkash and Deedar Singh with active support from Beat Guard Sunderbani Ishan Raina.

Two-day training on newborn care concludes

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DODA: The District Health Society Doda organised a two-day district level training of Navjaat Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (NSSK) for Medical Officers and Staff Nurses at District Training Centre Khellani in Doda District which concluded today. The training session was inaugurated by CMO Doda, Dr Ab Hamid Zargar.



CMO Doda, Dr Ab Hamid Zargar inaugurating training session.

The objective of the training was to train health professionals in basic newborn care and resuscitation at every delivery point and equip them with the knowledge and skills required to handle neonatal cases efficiently. Guest Speaker and

Trainer, Dr Mohammad Rafiq Lone (MO-Pediatrics) imparted basic education about the NSSK programme.

Dr Lone cited that two-thirds of infant mortality is due to neonatal mortality and saving the life of a neonate a minute after

birth is critical. He mentioned that sepsis, premature births and hypothermia are some major causes of infant mortality.

CMO Doda, Dr AH Zargar addressed the participants and briefed them about the purpose of the training session. He encouraged them to take advantage of it and said that it would help fill gaps, refresh knowledge and address major causes of neonatal mortality.

The training was managed and coordinated by DPM NIM, Jahangir Melhta with Rishi Kumar Pandita, Ashima Kotwal (DAM) and CK Shan (DMEO) also present. Around 30-35 participants including Medical Officers and Staff Nurses from each Medical Block attended the training programme.

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