

LG Electronics sets-up water purifier booths on Baisakhi



Devotees drinking water at a Gurdwara in Jammu.

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JAMMU: On the occasion of Baisakhi, LG Electronics, a consumer durable major in India set up live Water Purifier Booths to provide safe drinking water to all the devotees.

Organized for two Days at Gurdwara Samad Chand Nagar, Jammu promoters helped people with clean drinking water. Also, they

highlighted the key benefits of LG water purifiers including Stainless Steel Tank with Airtight dual protection, Sensitive Digital Care with sterilization kit, Safe Water with Mineral Booster, Save Water feature etc. Five live water purifiers were kept at the entrance to help devotees in scorching heat. Consumers were also provided with information

DDC Doda attends annual Baisakhi festival at Ghutasa Panchayat

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DODA: District Development Commissioner Doda Vikas Sharma on Thursday visited Ghutasa panchayat where he paid obeisance at ancient Bhount Nag temple and celebrated Baisakhi with the locals, besides listening to the issues of general public.

During the tour to the Panchayat, the DDC participated in the Bhount Nag mela which is organised by the locals on the eve of Baisakhi festival every year.

Meanwhile the DDC also interacted with the locals and listened to their issues. The locals demanded up-



People in queue to pay obeisance at Bhount Nag temple.

gradation of local Middle School to High school, completion of Panchayat Ghar, sanctioning of a health sub centre, construction of Yatri shed at ancient Bhount Nag temple, dismantling of unsafe school building, road from Ghutasa to Bhount Nag Mandir etc.

The DDC issued on the spot instruction to the concerned departments to redress the problems and demands immediately. Besides, the concerned PRI member ensured to allocate funds for the completion of Panchayat Ghar under PRI grants.

For the sanctioning of the

health sub centre the DDC directed the CMO to identify suitable land in coordination with the Tehsildar and send the proposal to the administrative department. The DDC member Bhaderwah West assured locals that some amount will be allocated for the construction of the yatri shed during the current financial year.

Local Dikku Dance and local food items were also showcased in the mela. The Mela witnessed huge footfall of the devotees from the adjoining areas. DDC Councillor Thakur Yudhvir and Tehsildar Bhaderwah also accompanied the DC.

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RAMBAN: To promote communal harmony and strengthen the bond between populations of different communities through local traditions, customs and festivals, the Army on Thursday hosted a scintillating function here at village Chareel to celebrate Baisakhi with the local residents. The day of Baisakhi is marked to celebrate the foundation of Khalsa Panth in 1699, laid by tenth Guru, Gobind Singh. To celebrate the event, Langar was organised in which 53 individuals from all the communities came together and graced the occasion. The initiative was a step towards strengthening communal harmony and would assist in reinforcing the bond of friendship among the local population by taking equal part in celebration of each others' festivals.

Awareness cum registration camp held for unorganised workers



Locals enrolling themselves during the camp.

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SAMBA: A mega awareness cum registration camp was today organised for unorganized workers by the labour department under the aegis of District administration here at Pali Panchayat BariBrahmana Samba.

Hundreds of unorganised

workers, including auto drivers, minibuses drivers, retail shopkeepers, Rehari Walas, street vendors, barbers, cleaners, Construction Workers participated in the awareness cum registration camp.

Assistant Labour Commissioner, Ranjeet Singh briefed in detail the

process of registration/post registration benefits which includes various social Security schemes and welfare measures for unorganised workers.

Underlining the importance of registration of unorganised workers, the ALC said that special camps are being organised through the common service centres (CSC) across the district in ensuing days. Giving details about the documents, he said that registration on the e-shram portal will require Aadhaar details, active bank account details and mobile phone number.

He appealed to the participants to register in maximum numbers to get benefits under various social security schemes.

DC Kishtwar inaugurates Model CS centre; listens to grievances of PRIs members

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KISHTWAR: With an aim to digitize the Panchayats as prescribed under the 100 point programme of the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan rolled out by the UT Government, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar Ashok Sharma on Thursday inaugurated first of its kind model Common Service Centre (CSC) in Panchayat Ghar Bhagna-C of Block Nagseni.

DPO Kishtwar Sunil Bhatnagar, Tehsildar Nagseni Majid Jehangir, BDO Nagseni Abhay Indu Sharma; District Managers, CSC Suman Kumar and Parveez Ahmed; District Coordinator Shaguffa Malik, Sarpanch Panchayat Bhagna-C, local PRIs, staff of RDD besides



DC Kishtwar Ashok Sharma inaugurating the centre.

other concerned were also present on the occasion.

This is the first Model Common Service Centre in the district which is equipped with latest facilities including laptops, desktops, printers including PVC and internet connection to provide a number of digital services to the general

public.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC announced that all the 136 Panchayats of the district will be provided Model CS centres in a phased manner.

He said that the locals can avail almost all digital services

including PAN card, e-SHRAM, Aadhar, Golden cards under Ayushman Bharat, Passport, Election card Voter ID services, cash withdrawal and cash deposits, insurance schemes and other government sponsored schemes at the centre.

He asked the CSC functionaries to maintain the centre well and aware the people about the services they can avail here.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner also listened to the grievances of PRIs present on the occasion and assured them that their genuine issues/demand will be redressed promptly.

DDC committed to boost tourism potential exponentially: Col Mahan

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MAHANPUR: Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) DDC Chairman Kathua on Thursday started wetnixing (black topping) of 12.25 KM long PMGSY road from Kelhari to Adath connecting remote Dharnahanpur and Mahanpur blocks of Kathua. The road will cater for inter-blocks connectivity between Kelhari (Mahanpur) and Simmni (Dharnahanpur) blocks of Kathua and would promote tourism footfall in picturesque Dhar Mahanpur region. Col Mahan was accompanied by DDC Member Tajinder Singh Goldy, Shanti Bhushan Sharma, Dharam Chand Malgotra, Bhushan Singh, Deepak Kohli AEE PMGSY Sub Division Basohli and others. Employees of Shan Construction Company, Sarpanch Joginder Singh, residents of Adath/Simmni were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC

Chairman congratulated each one present on the occasion and thanked PM Narendra Modi, Dr Jitendra Singh and Manoj Sinha Lieutenant Governor J&K UT for making funds available for the project and giving priority to such remote areas in building roads and rural infrastructure at large scale first time even since Independence. He added" this fulfills the long pending demand of the public for road to the region." He asserted that tourism potential of hill region of Kathua Dist has not been fully explored as yet due to lack of roads and other essential facilities. Col Mahan said that the instant 12.25 KM road is being constructed at the cost of Rs.10.5 Crores under PMGSY Scheme by PMGSY Division Kathua. He added that District Development Council Kathua stands committed to build durable road network across the district and boost its tourism potential exponentially.

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Both the F 850 GS and the GS Adventure draw power from an 853cc liquid-cooled, 4-stroke parallel-twin engine with four valves per cylinder, double overhead camshafts and dry-sump lubrication. The engine on the F 850 GS series produces 94bhp at 8,000rpm and 92Nm of peak torque at 6,250rpm.



The engine which features twin counterbalancers for better smoothness and spontaneous response characteristics is paired to a 6-speed manual gearbox.

Both the F 850 GS and F 850 GS Adventure are offered in the 'Pro' guise. This allows for 2 additional riding modes alongside the regular Road and Rain modes. These two 'Pro' riding modes are Dynamic & Enduro. Both bikes also come equipped with a host of

safety features including ABS and automatic stability control. BMW also offers both bikes with dynamic traction control, electronically adjustable suspension and banking capable 'ABS Pro'.

Both the BMW F 850 GS & GS Adventure are offered with a 6.5-inch TFT display which allows riders to make telephone calls and listen to music on the go thanks to Bluetooth connectivity. Riders can also access vehicle and connectivity functions

using the BMW Motorrad multi-controller. With the BMW Motorrad Connected app, owners can also get access to navigation directly on the TFT display.

The BMW F 850 GS is available in Rallye style with a Racing Blue metallic paint scheme. The F 850 GS Adventure is offered in either the Style Rallye with Kalamata metallic matt paintwork or the Style Triple Black package with the Black Storm metallic colour scheme.

The BMW F 850 GS and F 850 GS Adventure return to India in full CBU guise and offer a host of features for those looking to have a whole load of fun away from the concrete urban jungles. While the price tag may be steep, it shouldn't deter any BMW Motorrad enthusiast from getting their hands on one of these bikes.

Role of civil society pivotal in maintenance of order: SSP Rajouri

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RAJOURI: In order to get first hand information of public issues and to resolve them at the door steps of masses, Rajouri police on Thursday organised a public interaction meeting at far flung Khawas area of the district.

Senior Superintendent of Police Rajouri, Mohammad Aslam chaired this meeting in which Station House Officer Budhal, Incharge Police Post Khawas were also present with a large number of civil society members, prominent citizen from all walks of life and PRIs took part.

The locals while speaking during this meeting appraised the officer about basic issues.

Addressing this meeting, SSP Rajouri Mohammad Aslam said that all the issues related to police have been noted and will be resolved



SSP Rajouri, Mohammad Aslam addressing a gathering.

within shortest possible time.

He further said that the issues related to civil administration will be taken up with district civil administration so that these issues are also resolved.

SSP Rajouri Mohammad Aslam said that Khawas Tehsil is one of the remote tehsil of Rajouri district and aim to organise this public meeting in this far flung area is to listen the grievances of local population of remote areas at their door steps.

He further said that people in Khawas have always stood shoulder to shoulder with law enforcement agencies and played a pivotal role in maintenance of law and order.

He said that role of civil society is important in maintenance of order and every citizen of society should take it as a moral responsibility.

He also appealed civil society to help authorities in identification of suitable chunk of land for construction of police post at Khawas.

AYUSH Medical Health awareness camp organised

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BANI: As per direction of the Director Ayush Jammu and Kashmir Dr. Mohan Singh, DAO Kathua Dr. Ajay Kumar Tikoo and SDM Bani Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Ayush Medical Health awareness camp was organized at Mela Ground Bani by Dr. Ritu Thakur and Junior Pharmacist Sudesh Kumar here today. A total number of 914 persons benefited from the camp.

During the camp people were provided free medicines especially immunity boosters meant for strengthening their immunity. Moreover, they were also made aware about positive health habits that go a long way in ensuring healthy and long life.

In her address on the occasion, Dr Ritu Singh highlighted the benefits of ISM stat-

ing that its main benefit is that it does not rely heavily on the use of medicines as natural methods are used to treat and cure diseases. This means that the patient does not have to suffer from any side effects of the medicines. She said that The Indian system of medicines includes Ayurveda, naturotherapy, yoga etc. Moreover; these treatments have the advantage that they are inexpensive and also very effective, she added. She asserted that ISM provides safe treatments and offers comprehensive health care.

Dr Ritu Singh said that it is an old adage that 'Health is Wealth' and people must remember it 24X7 so that they synchronize their daily routine activities in conformity with the optimum standard healthy habits to keep the diseases away

and lead a happy and prosperous life. She said that India has been able to face the Covid-19 pandemic in a much better way than other developed nations in the world mainly due to the level of immunity that Indians have because of being hardworking and keeping them physically active. Moreover, this was augmented by the unprecedented efforts on the part of the government that ultimately led to success despite having second largest population in the world. Warning that Covid has not yet gone she urged the people not to let down the guard and follow the Covid-SOPs especially wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

SDM Bani, in his address thanked Dr Ritu Singh Thakur for holding such a useful medical cum awareness camp.

District Capex Budget plan- 2022-23 discussed in Rajouri

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Thursday chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to discuss the annual action plan under District Capex Budget 2022-23.

Officers who attended the meeting included ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; ACD, Vijay Kumar; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACP, Abdul Rashid Kohli; SE Hydraulics, JP Singh; SE PWD, Nissar Hussain; CMO, Dr Shamim Un Nissa Bhatti and other concerned officers.

At the outset, the meeting was given a detailed overview with regard to the preparation of the Action (development) plan for the financial year 2022-23 as enshrined in the guidelines issued by the finance



DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

department.

Speaking at the meeting, the DDC asked the concerned departments to formulate the plan in consultation with the PRI members and as per the needs of their areas and submit the same at the earliest so that work on the proposed projects can be started timely.

While stressing upon the officers to explore all the avenues for capital expenditure, he also asked for incorporating workable and efficient inputs and data for a rational and proper

formulation of the plan proposals.

He also said that timely formulation of development plans will help to take up the works in time and subsequent utilization of budgetary provisions within stipulated time frame.

The DDC also directed the departments to project only those works/projects which benefit maximum people and could be completed in stipulated time frame as per the guidelines of the Finance department.

Kailoo Emporium donates blankets to SCCU

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UDHAMPUR: Kailoo Emporium Udhampur' on the occasion of Baisakhi, donated blankets to the needy. Much inspired by the social activities of 'Senior Citizens' Club (Regd) Udhampur -(SCCU), the proprietors of the business establishment 'Kailoo Emporium Udhampur' donated first installment of 50 blankets to the Club symbolically received by the President of the Club

Mahadeep Singh Jamwal and his team Mohan Singh, Mukund Lal Verma and Dalbir Sigh for distribution to those identified by the Club from far flung areas and.

The 'Kailoo Emporium' is always at the back and call of Club and has been regularly contributing to the Club. Jamwal apprised that since its inception the Club has been contributing by way of monetary help, distribution

of ration under 'Help at Door Step', medicines and Corona kits under 'Safety and Cure Mission', distributing clothes under 'Collect and distribute Mission', and distributing blankets under 'Warm Winter Program'. On the occasion Club gave a message to the society that 'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much' and appealed to those worthy of contributing to come forward for those in need of your contribution.