

2-day festival ends at Ohli Mata Mandir



DDC Reasi, Babila Rakwal inspecting a stall.

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REASI: The Two day Festival at Ohli Mata Mandir concluded on Monday amid religious fervor; devotion and enthusiasm. District Development Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal paid obeisance at the shrine by participating in morning Aarti. The DC Reasi took cognizance of the dilapidated condition of the Temple premises and assured the locals for

early renovation of the same. She took up the issue of the renovation process of the ancient temple with a team of INTACH and local panchayats and urged for immediate restoration of this iconic and historical temple. Later, she inspected the stalls laid out by Agriculture, Horticulture, Ayush and Umeed SHG Akhil Butan. While inspecting the stalls, she interacted with Agripreneur Tilak Raj of Sirah and appreciated the efforts of the department in promoting Agripreneurship for the processing of Lemon Grass.

She emphasized upon the department of Agriculture to provide the benefit of schemes to the farmers of the area especially Mushroom cultivation and Apiculture. She also suggested for establishment of Dogra Haat near the temple to explore the possibilities of increasing pilgrimage and tourist influx, which was welcomed by the PRI members. District Agriculture officer (Ext) Reasi Rajesh Verma; Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer Guldev Raj; Tehsildar Reasi Munshi Ram; Naib Tehsildar Kanjli, Sarpanch Kanjli Sukhdev Singh, PRI members including field staff of the department were present at the occasion.

GDC Khour organises awareness drive on water conservation

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KHOUR: The NCC cadets of GDC Khour organised an awareness drive under the aegis of Puneet Sagar Abhiyan to save water bodies. The event was organised as part of the week long programme to celebrate National Maritime Week. The pro-

gramme commenced with addressing of Prof. Tarsem Lal to the cadets about the significance of water bodies as the lifeline of our ecosystem. In this programme the cadets visited village Khour and its market area wherein they interacted with the inhabitants of the area and the shop-

keepers. They aware the local population about the importance of saving water. About 20 NCC Cadets participated in this drive. The drive was conducted under the supervision of ANO Prof. Arun Sharma under the guidance of Principal of the College, Prof. Kuldeep Raj Sharma.

DDC Chairperson Kathua tours remote Panchayats of Basohli; listens to issues of locals

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KATHUA: District Development Council, Chairperson Kathua, Col (Retd.) Mahan Singh on Monday conducted an extensive tour of the remotest areas of Dhar Dugnoo and Deotha panchayat falling under Basohli sub division.

The Chairperson covered over 35 km long stretch of hilly and difficult terrain on foot covering isolated villages viz Jagna (Dhar Jankher), Khadri, Kund, Johl, Bakali, Kentha, Band, Jakhnoo, Deotha & Godal.

The DDC Chairperson was accompanied by DDC Councilor Tajinder Singh Goldy, BDC Chairperson Nisha Thakur; Sarpanch Godal Rajinder Singh and many others.

The Chairperson met with



DDC Chairperson Kathua, Col (Retd.) Mahan Singh interacting with locals.

the local residents who apprised him about their problems with regard to the road connectivity, drinking water, electricity infrastructure, issues related to forest clearance, shortage of teachers in schools etc.

The DDC Chairman listened to their problems patiently and assured early resolution of the same. He

expressed concern over lack of development of isolated areas due to slackness of the representatives of yester-years which has resulted in total neglect of the panchayats falling in these difficult and hilly areas.

He asserted that the present dispensation at centre headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is fully com-

mitted to the development of rural, far flung, hilly regions and was striving hard to improve the socio economic condition of the rural masses.

Earlier, the DDC Chairperson inaugurated a newly constructed Government Ration Sale Depot at Deotha, besides two newly constructed Foot

Bridges over Suslad and Talad Nallhas.

While dedicating the newly constructed assets to the public, the DDC Chairperson said that the development in rural areas has been fast paced ever since the three tier PRI system started functioning in Jammu & Kashmir on the principle of participatory development at grass-roots level. He said the PRI members are working with full sincerity as the development is being done in line with the popular aspirations of the locals. He also appealed to people to avail benefits under self employment schemes of the government in addition to contemporary farming to earn cash earning opportunities besides providing employment to others.

Faculty of GDC Kathua observes pen-down strike over arrest of colleague

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KATHUA: The teaching staff of Government Degree College, Kathua on Monday staged a protest against arrest of one of the colleague who has been arrested on March 23, 2022 without any fault in connection with unfortunate suicide of one of the student of Government Degree College, Kathua by observing pen down strike called by J&K College Teachers Association (CTA) Jammu wing on April 4, 2022.

Teaching staff emphasized that the teachers treat the students as their



Faculty members staging pen down strike.

own family members, always seeking their welfare and upliftment. "The suicide by the student has shocked the entire college, teachers fraternity and we share the pain and agony

in these moments of sorrow" they said adding but the arrest of teacher for the unfortunate suicide of the student has sent shock waves among the college teachers as the discharge

Gram Sabhas held across district Ramban to mark launch of e-Governance Gram Swaraj



People participating in Gram Sabha at Ramban.

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RAMBAN: Department of Rural Development and Panchyati Raj today a series of Gram Sabhas across Panchayats of district Ramban on the occasion of launch of e-Governance in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) across the country by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (Mo PR) to strengthen e-Governance GramSwaraj, a user friendly web-based portal.

During the Gram Sabhas various resolutions were passed for saturation of 100 points programme during the Gram Sawraj month.

It was informed that the eGramSwaraj aims to bring

more transparency in the decentralised planning, progress, reporting and work-based accounting.

The GPDP of all 143 Panchayats of District Ramban have been completed. On the occasion, Cleanliness drives under Swachh Gram were also held in different Panchayats. It was informed that during the Gram Sawaraj month the RDD and Sarpanches will sensitize the local people about Swachh Gram and adoption of Sustainable Development Goals indicators for this year Under 100 Point Agenda.

In block Ukhral, the Gram Sabhas was held under the Chairmanship of

BDC, Chairperson Karleep Singh at Panchayat Paristan. The Chairperson also informed the public about the Gram Swaraj programme. The Gram Sawarj month activities were also held at Chamalwas upper-A, Doligam in block Banihal, Pyt Seri -A of block Ramban, Panchayat Kang of Block Gandhri, Panchayat Senabathi A, Senabathi-B and Pogal upper A of Block Ukhral, Panchayat Khari Lower A of Block Khari, Panchayat Neel D of Block Ramsoo, Panchayat Famrote, Dalwah upper, Sumber Upper and Panchayat Seripora of Block Sangaldan.

AYUSH Department concludes awareness activities under Poshan Pakhwada



An official interacting with children and their mothers.

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KISHTWAR: The "Poshan Pakhwada" activities culminated on Monday here in district Kishtwar wherein a series of Awareness activities were conducted by Department of AYUSH at all its Ayush centres.

These awareness activities were conducted under the various ambitious schemes of the ministry of AYUSH, Govt of India on the instructions of Directorate AYUSH Jammu and Kashmir UT.

During the fortnight long

programme, the medical officers, In-charges and other AYUSH staff under the leadership of the Nodal officer Dr Taraq Hussain collaborated with various ICDS, AnganWadi Centres, Schools and other public and social institutions to conduct awareness activities..

The medical officers distributed health kits and imparted education to the people regarding nutrition and its importance for the child, lactating mothers and adolescents.

During the Poshan Pakhwada, the children, adults, lactating mothers were educated and asked to thrive upon the home made food items including green leafy vegetables, pulses, grains and fruits and avoid the fast foods and unhealthy eating habits.

Northern Army Commander visits Prayagraj Military Station

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UDHAMPUR: Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command visited Prayagraj Military Station on April to review the training and operational readiness of Red Eagle Division. The General officer was accompanied by Regional President of Army Wives Welfare Association Sunita Dwivedi.

The Army Commander was briefed on the operational preparedness of the Red Eagle Division in various spheres and exhorted all

ranks to remain operational ready for any contingency along the Northern Borders. He also interacted with officers of Red Eagle Division and urged them to be "In Stride with the Future", fully committed towards modernization with impetus to indigenous solutions. Lieutenant General MK Katiyar, General Officer Commanding of Strike 1 was also present on the occasion. Sunita Dwivedi, Regional President Army Wives Welfare Association interacted with families of Red Eagle Division and enquired about various welfare schemes.

Effective Justice Delivery: 3rd Coordination meeting of stakeholders held

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UDHAMPUR: Third Coordination Committee Meeting of various stakeholders of justice delivery system of district Udhampur was held on Monday at District Court Complex, here. The meeting of co-ordination meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Principal District and Sessions Judge, Udhampur Sh. Y.P Bournay in which Chief Judicial Magistrate B.A Munshi, who is member secretary of the coordination committee was also present. Beside others, the meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Sr. Superintendent of Police Udhampur, Deputy Director Prosecution Udhampur, Superintendent District Jail Udhampur, Superintendent Engineer PWD Udhampur, Chief Executive officer Municipality Udhampur and Public Prosecutor Udhampur

Various issues having bearing on the administrative and judicial side were discussed in the meeting threadbare. Infrastructure and other difficulties faced by the judicial institution and the other stakeholders of District Udhampur were also taken up in the meeting. The construction of the residential accommodation of the judicial officers, ADR center, parking space, disposal of the contrabands and issue with regard to the judicial lock-up in District Court Udhampur were discussed.

It was resolved in the meeting that the difficulties faced by the stakeholders will be worked out in a time frame manner and also will work for the same.

Gram Swaraj: Rajouri Admn holds series of special Aadhar, SEHAT, eShram enrollment camps

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RAJOURI: In continuation to a series of activities being carried out in the district as a part of Gram Swaraj month, the District Administration will organize special camps for hundred percent aadhar enrollment of the left out beneficiaries in Rajouri district.

The camps will be organized under the overall supervision of the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal.

Pertinently, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has passed directions to the districts to saturate all schemes during the celebrations of Gram Swaraj Month.

The District Administration Rajouri has also issued a circular asking the district and sectoral Officers to submit an action plan or calendar of activities to be organised as part of 100 point campaign being launched to mark Gram Swaraj Month started on April 1, 2022.

All the concerned heads of the Aadhar registration units have been impressed upon to organize special camps for the enrollment of the left out beneficiaries. Moreover, the heads of the ICDS and School Education Departments have been directed to ensure hundred percent coverage of all left out children and students of

these institutions under Aadhar by 15th April this year.

Moreover, the banks have been asked to open special counters for registration of eligible beneficiaries under PMJJBY, PMSBY and PMJDY.

The Gram Swaraj month is in full swing in Rajouri and the District Administration is organizing massive public outreach programs and making dedicated efforts to provide maximum benefit to the general public under different schemes so that the objective of the month could be achieved in letter and spirit.

A number of activities were also held today including gram Sabhas, cleanliness drives in panchayats, door to door registration of Left out beneficiaries under Sehat and e Sharm was carried out across the district.

Doda tops in CAPEX expenditure

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DODA: Doda district, despite having tough terrain and hilly area has achieved a great milestone by bagging 1st rank in the Jammu region in expenditure and assets Creation under District Capex budget 2021-22.

The top rank in expenditure and assets creations has rekindled new hope among the people of the district and provided them a reason to celebrate, said an official.

The Civil Society members, PRIs, Council members, NGOs, traders' unions, Contractors, and youth have highly applauded the efforts of District Development Council Chairman Dhananther Singh Kotwal and his team for the remarkable performance.

"We hail the decision of the public in choosing such a dynamic leader to lead the district to the highest rank in terms of development, maintaining peace, and Brotherhood among us" said the locals.

Officials attribute the success to the timely plan formu-

lation, continuous review and removal of bottlenecks in the execution of works.

This feat has been achieved because of sincere, systematic, and planned efforts of the District Development Council and its Chairman Dhananther Singh Kotwal, who mobilised the government machinery and took the PRIs on board, the people of the area believe. According to the Councilors, the Chairperson made personal efforts day and night for winning this place to the district. All the District Development Councilors have also contributed beyond the expectations under the leadership of the Chairman.

The credit also goes to District Development Commissioner Vikas Sharma, who played an active role in the timely start of work and their completion. "He chased each project and ensured it was completed physically, financially with standard quality. He and his team of officers have worked tirelessly throughout the financial year with full dedication" claim the officials.

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