

DC Reasi reviews progress of RDD sector works

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Babila Rakwal chaired a meeting to review the implementation and progress achieved under the Rural Development sector schemes in the District.

The DC asked for regular review of works taken up by BDOs to keep a close track on the pace of progress for timely completion and use of quality material.

Reviewing the scheme wise works, the DC laid thrust on speeding up the process of allotment and early completion of already tendered works so as to achieve set targets within the set time-lines.

The DC also directed BDOs to devise a mechanism



DC Reasi Babila Rakwal chairing a meeting.

to ensure that all revenue implications are cleared before the tendering process. The DC further directed all BDOs to work out the estimates, rate list and BOQ and clear the pendencies at the earliest.

A threadbare review was

also held on flagship schemes including Amrit Sarovar, MGNREGA, ODF etc.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Jyoti Slathia, CPO Sunita Kanchan, ADC Anirudh Rai, ACP Pradeep Kumar, Xens, AEE's and other concerned officers.

Market checking drive conducted across Ramban



A team inspecting a vegetable shop.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMBAN: In view of Holy month Ramzan and upcoming auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, the enforcement departments on Wednesday intensified market checking drives across Ramban district on the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Mussarat Islam.

A market checking drive was conducted by a joint team of FCS&CA Department, Revenue Department along with police department in Ramban area. A fine of Rs.

15400 was recovered on spot from erring shopkeepers, vegetable and fruit vendors etc.

The inspection team checked the quality of food and edible products like milk and milk products, sweets, meat, chicken, fruits and vegetables.

They also destroyed spoiled fruits and vegetables. The shopkeepers and vendors were directed to maintain hygiene and quality of eatables and also ensure display of price list of the commodities.

SVEEP: Poster-making, slogan writing competition held at GDC Marheen

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: The Voter Literacy Club of Government Degree College Marheen, in collaboration with IQAC cell and NSS Unit, organized a poster making and slogan writing competition under the aegis of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP). The programme was organized under the patronage of the Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta, while it was supervised by Convener, Voter Literacy Club Pardeep, and NSS PO Dr. Sonika Jasrotia.

The other faculty members present in the programme were Prof. Deepak Gupta, Dr. Munisha Devi, Prof. Eva

Sharma and Nisha Tak.

The Principal of the college, in her address, appreciated the participating students for taking keen interest in such activities. She said students must be aware of their Right to franchise which is a potent tool in democracy besides knowing their fundamental rights and duties enshrined in the Constitution of India.

The students were informed that an exercise of Special Summary Revision-2023 is being carried out from 05 April to 20 April 2023 across Jammu and Kashmir and all eligible must approach their respective BLOs to get registered or update their credentials in Electoral Rolls.

Doda: DC, SSP visit Eidgahs, Mosques, Markets ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr



DC Visheh Mahajan, SSP Abdul Qayoom during visit to an Eidgah at Doda.

(JSD) and PDD (JKPCL) departments to ensure regular water and electricity supply availability to the people across the district. He also asked the Municipal authorities to ensure sanitation of roads leading to the Eidgah, while the Transport Department was asked to ensure traffic regula-

tion so that people coming to Eidgah don't face any inconvenience.

During the market inspection at Bhaderwah, the DC urged the shopkeepers to avoid overpricing, maintain hygiene in the market, adhere to the rates approved and obey food safety and standard regulations.

Weekly Block Diwas: DC Rajouri presides over public outreach camp

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: As a part of the weekly Block Diwas, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Wednesday chaired a public outreach camp here at block Panjgrain to listen and redress the public grievances at people's doorsteps.

During the public outreach camp, the public and their representatives highlighted a wide range of issues and demands of their areas. They demanded macadamization of roads, upgradation of Govt institutions, paucity of staff, better health care facilities, scarcity of water etc.

Officers of different departments also briefed the public about a number of schemes being implemented in the district and motivated them to avail the benefits of the same.

After giving a patient hearing to the issues projected by the public during the event,

the Deputy Commissioner assured them that all their genuine concerns would be redressed in a phased manner.

In his address during the public outreach camp, the Deputy Commissioner said that the Block Diwas ensures doorstep public service delivery and redressal of the genuine grievances of the common man.

He also highlighted that the District Administration is working on a multipronged strategy for the holistic development of all the areas of the district and also sought the active cooperation of the general public in achieving the development objectives of the district.

He called for coordination among the departments and PRIs to achieve desired development objectives besides timely intervention and action to mitigate the sufferings of the people. He

also highlighted services being provided by different departments through online mode and urged the public to avail the benefits of the same.

While highlighting the measures being taken by the District Administration to eradicate drug abuse, he also sought the active cooperation of the general public in making Rajouri a drug free district.

In response to the issue of the speedy implementation of JJM, the DC said that dedicated efforts are being made to complete the work on JJM schemes in time to provide necessary benefits to the public.

Responding to the other issues and demands highlighted during the public outreach camp, the DC said that timely and quality disposal of the issues of the general public is the top priority of the district administration

and asked the officers to work with added zeal to mitigate the sufferings of the general public.

He also passed on spot directions to the concerned departments for ensuring the redressal of the issues highlighted by people on priority and in a time bound manner.

In conclusion, the public outreach camp at Panjgrain under the weekly Block Diwas program provided an effective platform for the public to raise their grievances and demands, and for the government officials to listen to them and take necessary actions to address them. Officers who accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during the public outreach camp were CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt and other district and sectoral officers.

Kishtwar Admn gears up to host Sinthan Festival

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KISHTWAR: The modalities for the successful conduct of the Sinthan Festival were today discussed by the district administration Kishtwar here at a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav.

The festival is scheduled to take place for two days on 29th April and 30th April 2023 at Sinthan Maidan.

The meeting was attended by senior officers, including ADDC, Sham Lal; ADC, Inderjeet Singh Parihar; SDM Paddar, Dr. Rishi Kumar; SDM Chatroo/Marwah, Dr. Mohsin Raza; DPO Kishtwar Sunil Bhutyal, dis-



DC Dr. Devansh Yadav chairing a meeting at Kishtwar.

trict and sectoral officers, and officials of Jammu & Kashmir Academy for Art, Culture & Languages.

During the meeting, the officials discussed event wise arrangements including finalizing the list of artists, adventure and cultural activities, besides the preparations for the Kishtwar Idol finale and Kishtwar Gift Box Making Competition.

The team, including the SDM, DPO, Indian Army, NHIDCL, range officers, and other officials, were directed to conduct a visit to the locations to fine-tune the arrangements and activity sites.

The meeting also covered various preparatory aspects related to the festival, such as boarding arrangements for artists and participants,

establishment of tentage city, security activities, and stalls for local cuisines, among others.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for a smooth and successful conduct of the festival and urged all stakeholders to work together to ensure the same. The officials were directed to make all necessary arrangements and ensure that the festival is a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Overall, the meeting concluded on a positive note with the officials pledging their full support to make the Sinthan Festival a grand success.

Chairperson DDC Udhampur reviews working of Health, Education, Transport deptts



Chairperson DDC Udhampur Lal Chand chairing a meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: Chairperson District Development Council, Udhampur Lal Chand chaired a meeting of officers of Health, Education, Transport and other departments here in his Office Chamber to review the implementation of schemes of these key sectors.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Sham Singh; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder

Singh Jasrotia; Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Anil Manhas; Chief Education Officer, Geetu Bangotra, ARTO, Ramesh Kumar attended the meeting.

During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on different issues related to non-availability of staff in the schools and rationalization of teaching and other staff, absenteeism and non-availability of staff in Primary health centers and Community Health centers, Non availability of transport facility to remote areas.

The CMO and CEO were directed to ensure redressal of the issues on a Priority basis. He sought assurance from CMO for the improvement of health services in rural areas.

Concerned departments were directed to share the action taken reports of the issues to the District Development Council.

My Vote My Right: Kathua Admn's social media campaign encourages huge participation of citizens

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: Continuing its efforts to promote voters' participation, the Kathua administration is implementing innovative SVEEP activities as part of the ongoing SSR. The District Election Officer, Rahul Pandey, has been leading the efforts to ensure that every eligible voter in the district exercises his democratic right.

The administration has been conducting several awareness campaigns, including the 'Pledge to Vote' initiative, which aims to motivate voters to take a pledge to participate in the electoral process.

To reach out to the youth, the administration has launched a series of voter

education programs in colleges and universities across the district. These programs aim to inform young voters about the importance of voting and to encourage them to register as voters.

Pertinently, ECI has issued a revised schedule under which claim and objections shall be taken till 06 May 2023. Claims and objections shall be disposed by 15 May 2023 and Final publication of Electoral Rolls shall be held on 27 May 2023.

The SVEEP campaign has also been utilizing social media platforms to create awareness about voting, information about the electoral process, voter registration, and means of updation. The administration has also

launched a social media campaign, #My Vote My Right, to encourage citizens to participate in the electoral process.

To ensure that voters in remote and inaccessible areas are not left behind, the administration has set up special voter facilitation centres in these areas. These centres provide assistance to voters in the registration process and help them with any queries related to the electoral process.

"The Kathua administration is committed to ensure that every eligible voter exercises their democratic right. We are constantly exploring innovative methods to drive voter participation and make the electoral

process more accessible and inclusive", said District Election Officer Rahul Pandey. The administration's efforts have received widespread support and appreciation from the community leaders, civil society organizations, and the general public. These efforts are expected to result in a more informed and engaged electorate and a more vibrant democracy in the district.

Besides, the District Election Cell has launched an intensive door to door campaign to cover all eligible persons, and an extensive awareness drive through SVEEP van which today covered different parts of AC Jasrota constituency.

GDC Thannamandi organises extension lecture

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
THANNAMANDI: Tourism Club of Govt. Degree College Thannamandi under the Aegis of Shakshit Bharat Ayaan organized an extension lecturer on World Heritage Day on Wednesday. The Lecturer was organized with patronage of Principal of the College Dr. Farooq Ahmed. Prof. Naveen Sharma, Head, Department of Environment

was the guest speaker on the occasion. While presenting the lecturer Prof. Sharma has highlighted the importance of heritage sites and monuments and needs for their preservation.

Earlier Dr. Khalid Rayaz, coordinator Tourism Club extends the formal welcome address whereas the proceeding of the programme was conducted by Dr. Shokit Ali. Large numbers of stu-

dents and faculty members attended the programme. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by Prof. Tahir Nadeem, Assistant Professor of Applied Mathematics. Others who were present on occasion includes, Dr. Nahim Un Nisa, Dr. Maqadis Kariem, Prof. Ajaz Nazir, Prof. Mohd Shoket, Prof. Madasser Majeed, Waqar Ahmed and others.

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