

DC Rajouri reviews functioning of Eklavya Model Residential Schools

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner of Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, held a meeting with concerned officers today to review the functioning of the Eklavya Model Residential Schools located in Gurdhaballa and Koreranka villages in Rajouri district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the significance of providing quality education to tribal students and urged the officers to work towards creating an enabling environment for learning in the School. He further stressed the importance of ensuring that the students have access to all necessary resources to excel in their academic pursuits, including extra-curricular



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

activities.

The Eklavya Model Residential School is an ambitious initiative of the Government of India to facilitate tribal students in obtaining quality education and enabling them to compete with students from other parts of the country.

The Deputy Commissioner also highlighted the need for regular

monitoring of the academic progress of the students and suggested that assessments be conducted regularly to track the progress of each student.

The District Social Welfare Officer Rajouri informed the Deputy Commissioner that presently, one school is functioning from Rajouri, while the other is

operating from JNV buildings in Hubbi. He further informed that the academic work of Gurdhanbala EMRS is expected to be completed in the coming days. Additionally, he shared that the admission procedure for this session is in progress and the response is tremendous.

The review conducted by Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the importance of Eklavya Model Residential Schools in providing quality education to tribal students and ensuring that they have access to the same opportunities as students in other parts of the country, including extra-curricular activities.

District Library Kathua organises book exhibition

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KATHUA: In order to commemorate the World Book Day, District Library Kathua on Monday organised book exhibition with the mission to promote the importance of books. In this exhibition readers of Distt library Kathua, prominent citizens participated and read the available books.

The said exhibition was inaugurated by renowned writer M. L. Toofan, (Retd. IRS) Manuj Kesar, Chairman Press Club Kathua, Madan Sharma Sr. Correspondent. While addressing Sunil Sharma in-charge Distt library Kathua briefed the details of the programme. Sharma threw light on the his-



Renowned writer M. L. Toofan inaugurating the exhibition.

tory and significance of World Book Day.

In his address, Chief Guest Madan Lal Toofan appreciated the step taken by the district library to aware the youth about the importance of this

day. Chairman Press Club assured full support to the District Library Kathua. Baldev Raj Bjugat, Sr member, Vijay Kumar, Jatinder Kumar, Romesh Lal Sharma were also present.

Virtual International FDP by GCW Bhagwati Nagar underway

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JAMMU: Government College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar is conducting a 10 days long virtual International Faculty Development Program on Multidisciplinary Research Methodology, under the patronage of Dr. Meeru Abrol, principal of the college.

The faculty development Programme is mainly focusing on Multidisciplinary Research problems, and opportunities to enhance Research capabilities of faculty members. The FDP aims at training aspirants who are desirous to improve their teaching as well as research skills, to have a good understanding of developing research proposals for projects using empirical and

doctrinal research and also to have an understanding of research ethics and reporting of research findings. Around 430 Researchers of repute and faculty members from various colleges from India and abroad are attending the FDP.

Day one of the FDP began with inaugural note by Dr. Pavanjeet Bali, one of the coordinators of the FDP, followed by welcome speech of honorable Principal of the college, Dr. Meeru Abrol, who in her address stated that "our institution is making sincere efforts to provide quality education for holistic development of students and it is always our endeavor to enrich and update the students and faculty with current developments in the field of education, organizing

this virtual international FDP is a part of this endeavor".

The Resource person for the day was Prof. Arushi Malhotra, an Architect, Urban planner, corporate trainer and Academician. She is a strong design professional with post-Graduation in Urban and regional planning from CEPT University, India. She is currently working at Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Dubai. She enlightened the participants about basics of carrying out research by quoting examples from different fields. Her power point presentation was followed by a vibrant interactive session. Dr. Preeti Salathia coordinated the session and Prof. Nisha Bhagat presented the formal vote of thanks.

Udhampur Campus, JU holds interactive session on World Book Day

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UDHAMPUR: An interactive session aimed at inculcating the habit of book reading among students and the faculty members was organized at Udhampur Campus, University of Jammu.

In his motivational message to the teachers and students, Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, rector of the Udhampur Campus, discussed the importance of books in influencing everyone's life. Our elders would recite verses and hymns from the Bhagwad Gita, the Ramayana, and the Mahabharata as we were growing up. Prof. Sharma recalled that some of the outstanding books on our subjects that were included in the curriculum satisfied both our desire to learn and our need for certifica-



A faculty addressing the students on occasion of World Book Day.

tion. He also urged the youngsters to write their own stories and the World Book Day is a great occasion to get started. "Start reading a page, a chapter, or a book, exactly like the WhatsApp message, and you'll notice a difference in your knowledge and confidence", advised Prof Sharma

Notably, many students talked about their book-reading experiences, highlighting stories from

Panchatantra, Chacha Choudhary, Vikram Vetal, Hardy Boys, Hannah Montana, etc. They also talked about how a quiz on their favourite books in school would be fun and put them in the spotlight. The idea of exchanging books for maximizing reading benefits was also conveyed, along with various slogans and comments about reading good books. Envisaged by the UNESCO on 23rd April

BJP discusses current political scenario of J&K Announcment of Assembly elections sole prerogative of ECI

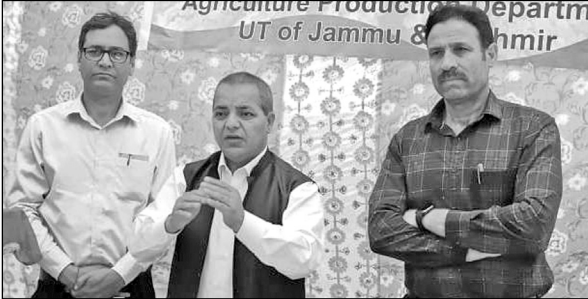
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JAMMU: Ravinder Raina, President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir along with Kavinder Gupta and Dr Nirmal Singh on Monday discussed current scenario of this Union Territory in the context of elections of Panchayats, Urban Local Bodies and Lok Sabha during a meeting held at the Party headquarters here. The BJP stalwarts at the very outset of the meeting welcomed the statement of Chief Election Officer (CEO) PK Pole whereby he asserted that three elections will be held in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory during the ongoing financial year. They said that it is the essence of democracy in India to have a three tier system in place so that the people get a feel of the implementation of this system in letter and spirit at the grass roots level. They said that it was unfortunate that the people of J&K remained deprived of this basic democratic right for long and full credit goes to

the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Govt for providing the three tier democracy to the people of J&K by conducting Urban Local Bodies and Panchayat elections here. The senior BJP leaders said that while the ULB and Panchayat elections will be conducted by the J&K government but regarding the Assembly elections the date/s and schedule announcement is the sole prerogative of the Election Commission of India which is expected any time. They said that the ECI team will be visiting J&K very soon and the outcome will depend on the visiting team's meticulous analysis of the situation in this fragile Union Territory.

Meanwhile, the BJP stalwarts, while asserting that the Government at the Centre is quite serious about each and every issue pertaining to J&K, they appealed to the people to have faith in the Modi Government and wait for the announcement by the Election Commission of India after its team concludes the Jammu and Kashmir visit.

Director Horticulture launches Kisan Samparak Abhiyan under HADP



Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak speaking during the programme at Batote.

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RAMBAN: Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak on Monday launched and chaired the Kissan Samparak Abhiyan of Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) in village Bahroon of Batote block of District Ramban.

The programme was attended by Chief Horticulture Officer Ramban, District Nodal Officer of HADP, Sectoral officers of Agriculture & Allied sectors, Sarpanch of the panchayat & PRI members. The programme was also attended by a mammoth gathering of farmers of the panchayat

and surrounding areas. While s

Speaking on the occasion, the Director Horticulture elaborated the details of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme providing incentives / assistance for the welfare of the farming community. He sensitised the gathering about the main components of the programme viz: DAKSH- Learning Management System related to skill development, SATHI- Dashboard to apply online for differ-

ent Govt. schemes, etc. During the programme, 15 videos related to HADP were also shown to the gathering to acquaint them with the benefits of the programme. He appreciated the efforts of the Mangla Rai committee for framing such a programme covering every aspect of the farmer related issues in the scheme.

He urged farmers to come forward for availing incentives under the programme and also sought intervention of the farming community for the workable reforms for the upliftment of the economic status of the nation and UT in particular.

Earlier, Chief Horticulture Officer Ramban, Anil Gorka welcomed the Director Horticulture Jammu and apprised him about Horticultural developmental schemes being implemented in district Ramban.

GLDM GDC Hiranagar holds awareness programme on SEBI

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HIRANAGAR: Deptt of Geography, Govt. Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Degree College, Hiranagar organised an awareness programme on Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Resource person on the occasion was Subash Chander Sharma, who is an expert on different initiatives of (SEBI). Earlier the programme started with the Welcome address by Prof. Gurdyal, HOD of

Geography. Prof. Gurdyal highlighted that SEBI occupied a prime mandate to protect the interest of the investors in securities market. The programme was organized under the patronage of Dr. Pragma Khanna, Principal of the college. Dr. Pragma Khanna in her message appreciated the efforts of the department and also envisaged that financial education empower the people to make a sound and responsible financial deci-

sions.

The programme was attended by 60 students of college. The faculty member who witnessed the programme were Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Prof. Parveen Sharma, Dr. Bhupinder Singh, Dr. Shamsher Singh and others.

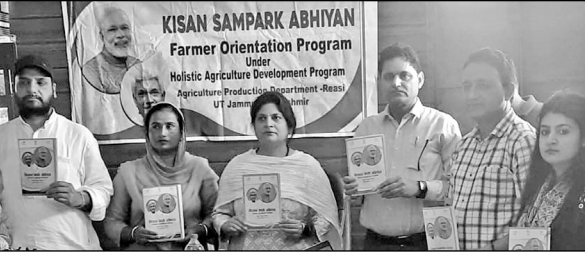
The programme concluded with the formal vote of thanks presented by Prof. Kamlesh Bala, Assistant Professor Department Geography.

DC Ramban congratulates BDO, Sarpanch Ind for receiving award from LG

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RAMBAN: District Administration Ramban has expressed its gratitude to Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha for recognising the good work of Panchayat Ind of Sub-division, Gool towards achieving thematic goals. The Panchayat has been conferred UT level award by Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at the celebration function of National Panchayati Raj Day 2023 held today in Samba. The Deputy Commissioner expressed his good wishes to all the officers of administration and urged them to work with same zeal, dedication and honesty so that district administration Ramban could achieve more and more awards for the best public service in the district. Meanwhile, the DC extended warm appreciation to Block Development Officer, Gool Saddam Hussain, Sarpanch Ind, Mumtaz Begum and Panchayat secretary and Rural Development Department and other concerned functionaries. He said that such recognition at the UT level boosts the spirit of the government officials.

DC Reasi launches Kisan Sampark Abhiyan



DC Babila Rakwal and others launching programme.

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REASI: Kisan Sampark Abhiyan under holistic Agriculture Development Programme was launched in various Panchayats of 12 blocks of Reasi District.

In Reasi Block the training programme was inaugurated by Deputy

Commissioner, Babila Rakwal along with BDC Chairperson Parveen Akhter and Sarpanch Raj Kumar Sharma.

Director Agriculture Jammu, K.K Sharma, along with DDC Panthal and Sarpanch Rajinder Sharma inaugurated the training programme in Panchayat Dadura.

The DDC said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, various steps have been taken to strengthen rural infrastructure, to increase agriculture productivity and diversification to higher value crops. The DDC called upon all the stakeholders to come together to ensure the effective implementation of a holistic agriculture

development plan.

The training was conducted simultaneously at 12 locations of District viz. Dadura, Agharjito, Gran Byotran, Dehote, Bidda, Dangakote, Thub, Chinkah, Chaklas, Baddar, Neoch, Chassana in the District.

Training was imparted to farmers by the resource persons of agriculture and allied Departments through Various audio visual aids. The Baseline survey was conducted by the skill gap study person of the farmers who attended the training programme. Pamphlets were also distributed among the farmers. About 600 farmers participated in the training programme.

District Nodal officer HADP, Chief Agriculture officer Reasi Harbans Singh, attended the programme at Panchayat Gran Byotran and Panchayat Dadura, along with sub Divisional Agriculture Officer and agriculture extension officer concerned.

GCW Udhampur organises National Webinar

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UDHAMPUR: Government College for Women, Udhampur organised a National Webinar to mark "English Language Day." The event was held with the aim of promoting language proficiency and literacy skills among students.

Dr. Simran Preet Kaur, the distinguished speaker and Assistant Professor, Poona College of Arts, Science and Commerce, shared her extensive knowledge and expertise on the topic, providing practical tips and techniques for

using a dictionary to enhance vocabulary, improve pronunciation, and deepen understanding of word meanings and usage.

She highlighted the various types of dictionaries, their features, and how to choose the right one for specific language needs.

The webinar was attended by participants from various parts of the country, including students, teachers, language enthusiasts, and professionals. The event proved to be an invaluable opportunity for participants to gain

insights into the importance of dictionaries and how to utilize them effectively for language learning and communication.

During the interactive session, participants had the opportunity to ask questions, seek clarifications, and engage in discussions with Dr. Simran Preet Kaur, who patiently addressed their queries and provided valuable guidance on using dictionaries as an essential language learning tool.

The webinar also emphasized the importance of

digital dictionaries and online resources, as well as the ethical use of dictionaries in academic and professional writing. Dr. Simran Preet Kaur emphasized the need to cultivate a lifelong habit of using dictionaries as a valuable resource for continuous learning and language development.

The webinar received an overwhelming response from participants, who found the session highly informative, engaging, and beneficial.

Prof. Monika Sharma, Principal, Government

College for Women, Udhampur, appreciated Dr. Kaur's expertise and her ability to simplify complex concepts related to dictionary use.

In her closing remarks, Dr. Kamaldeep Kaur, Organising secretary of the webinar expressed her gratitude to Dr. Kaur and to all the participants for their active participation and reiterated the importance of effective dictionary use for improving language skills and fostering clear and effective communication.

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