

District Admn organises anti-drug awareness camp at GDC Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: In continuation to the Nasha Mukht Bahrat Abhiyan, the district administration Rajouri on Saturday organised a anti-drug campaign in Government Degree College Rajouri.

The programme was attended by more than 1,500 people including students of Degree College, Higher Secondary Schools, teachers, members of the Civil society including religious and community leaders, political and social leaders, PRI members, paramedical staff, Asha and Anganwadi workers, and common masses.

All the speakers threw light on the setback being caused by the menace of drug abuse in the society. They deliberated in detail how its tentacles are spreading the grip on our younger generation and pose a serious threat to the society as a whole.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Vikas Kundal explained in detail about the urgency involved in waging the war against this social evil in the district as it has spread in alarming proportion and if steps on a war footing are not taken at this point of time, the disease will cause an irreparable loss to the society, and



DC Rajouri Vikas Kundal and others during the campaign.

our conscience will not be able to justify the responsibility which the society has bestowed on us.

Further, he also shared the strategy of the District Administration in the coming days which includes holding of massive awareness programs in every nook and corner of the district including at tehsil, block, Panchayat, ward, and Mohalla level, roping in all especially the religious leaders/ community leaders, political and civil society members, teachers, councillors, PRI members, NGOs, Government departments especially Health, Social Welfare, Education, drug controller department, chemists etc. The Deputy Commissioner Rajouri also maintained that clear-cut directions have been passed on to all the executive magistrates and

police department to be tough with the drug peddlers and drug dealers selling spurious drugs/contrabands and other black sheep in the society who for their petty personal benefits are hell-bent upon spoiling our younger generation bringing death and destruction in our homes.

"Installation of the CCTV cameras in all the chemist shops, strengthening of the ATF and drug de-addiction center Rajouri and strict vigil on the suspicious persons involved in selling and tempting the tender-minded youth for this drug abuse and identifying and regular counseling and rehabilitation of the identified drug addicts in the district with a sympathetic approach to bring them out of this hell, are some of the main steps of the District Administration," he

explained.

On the occasion, the DC Rajouri also administered a pledge to the participants to refrain from drug addiction and spread this anti drug message in the society for making Rajouri a Nasha Mukht district.

SSP Rajouri, Amritpal Singh, also spoke on the occasion and expressed the resolve of the District police, in close coordination with the District Administration, to fight the menace by adopting a multipronged strategy and acting quite toughly against drug peddlers and keeping strict vigil against the perpetrators.

ADC Rajouri, Rajeev Kumar Khajuria, presented vote of thanks and conveyed that under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, such outreach awareness programs shall continue in the district till this battle is won.

Others who spoke on the occasion were Principal GMC, Dr. Amarjeet Singh; Principal GDC Rajouri, Shamim Malik, DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; Professor, Iqbal Raina while ACR Rajouri, Imran Rashid Kataria; ACD, Vijay Kumar; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; DySP DR, Mudansir Chowdhary were also present during the event.

GDC Nowshera organises cleanliness drive in college campus



Students and faculty during the programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NOWSHERA: Department of Botany, GDC Nowshera took an initiative to make the college campus "Litter-Free". In this connection, a cleanliness drive was organized in the college campus. A large number of students participated in the cleanliness drive and they carried dustbins for collection and segregation of waste items. Thorough cleanliness of playground, lawns and college surroundings was done by the students and the staff of the college. The waste was segregated; bio-degradable waste was put inside the compost pits for conversion

into manure and the non biodegradable waste was thrown at the dumping site.

The cleanliness drive was organized by the faculty of Botany department, Prof. Pooja Devi (HOD) and Dr. Gowhar Ahmad Shapoo (Lecturer). The faculty members highlighted the importance of cleanliness to the students and urged them to keep the college campus and the surroundings clean and hygienic. Dr. KK Sharma, Principal of the college applauded the dedicated efforts of Botany department which help to maintain a clean and green campus.

Special awareness camps organised in Educational Institutions of District Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: The District Election Department Udhampur on Saturday organised a series of Special Awareness Camps in different educational institutions to register and educate eligible students about the ongoing Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls-2023. Gurdev Kumar, Deputy District Election Officer Udhampur and Nasir Ahmed, Dedicated Assistant Electoral Registration Officer Assembly Constituency 59-Udhampur West visited Bhartiya College of Education, Bhaskar College of Education, Govt. College (Women), Kalra College of Education Udhampur along with Booth Level Officers for conducting Special Camp as per the directions of Election Commission of India and Chief Electoral Office, UT of J&K.

The team of officers also interacted with BLOs and Supervisors and asked them for the maximum enrollment of voters during the camp.

The Deputy District Election Officer visited different government schools and Delhi Public School where Special Camps were hosted for spreading awareness about the importance of electoral process among the prospective voters.

DC Rajouri releases Rs 40.18 Lakh as Education Assistance under JKBOCWBB

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal released an amount of Rs 40.18 Lakh in favor of the wards of registered construction workers as Education Assistance under the J&K Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOCWBB). The Government is running several schemes for the welfare of Building and other Construction workers with the objective of regulating the employment and conditions of services and providing safety, health, and welfare of registered workers. The Deputy Commissioner asked the Assistant Labour Commissioner to keep working hard for the welfare of workers in the construction sector and strive to provide timely and effective support to them.

Reasi Admn distributes rescue kits among trained 'Aapda Mitras'



Chairman DDMA Babila Rakwal along with others during the distribution ceremony.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Chairman Disaster Management Authority, Babila Rakwal on Saturday distributed Emergency Response Kits among the recently trained "Aapda Mitras". The District Magistrate

handed over the Kits (comprising a Personal Floation Device, Safety Gloves, Pocket Knife, First Aid Kit, Gas Lighter, Uniform, GUM Boots, Safety Goggles, Safety Helmets, Torch - Emergency Light), Certificates and Identity

Cards to the Aapda Mitra after a proper display. She asked the Aapda Mitras to keep the Kits in proper custody and maintenance so that at the time of emergency, the same can be used flawlessly.

The District Magistrate exhorted the Aapda Mitras to spread the awareness and knowledge about the Disaster Management Techniques they have learned among the people living in their localities.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Abdul Star, gave a detailed resume on the training imparted to the Aapda Mitras of District Reasi on the directions of the Government.

He further informed that a total of 100 volunteers have been trained at Kote Bhalwal, Training Centre of SDRF 2nd Bn for a period of 12 days in each group. Trainees (Aapda Mitras) comprised Red Cross Volunteers, MTS of Revenue, Animal Husbandry, Irrigation and Flood Control departments, NCC cadets etc.

Dy. SP SDRF 2nd Bn, Daljeet Singh gave a brief of the training imparted to the Aapda Mitras like CPR, Rock Climbing, Rafting, Fire fighting etc.

All the trained Aapda Mitra were present and they also shared their experience of training and expressed their thanks to the Government for their training in Disaster Management.

Director Finance, HED visits GLDM GDC Hiranagar



Director Finance, HED J&K Abdul Majeed Butt during visit to Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Govt. Degree College Hiranagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

HIRANAGAR: Director Finance, Higher Education Department, Jammu and Kashmir Abdul Majeed Butt along with other officers and subordinate staff visited Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Govt. Degree College Hiranagar. The objective of the visit was to take stock of the building constructed under languishing projects and inauguration of the recently furnished conference hall.

He was received by the Principal of the College Dr. Pragma Khanna and the senior faculty members. The Principal of the college welcomed the Director and accompanying staff and

also gave a detailed report of the college. The Principal also presented before the authorities the future developmental plans in accordance with the vision and mission of the college.

The principal thanked the Director Finance for his visit and assured him that the college administration would leave no stone unturned for the judicious and efficacious utilization of the allotted funds so that the College will continue to strive for betterment and improvement in every field.

The Director also interacted with the faculty members and the members of the establishment dur-

ing the visit. The half-yearly issue of the College Newsletter 'Pratibimb' was also released by him in the presence of the Principal and other staff members. Afterwards he along with his team accompanied by the Principal and the senior faculty took a round of the college campus, visited smart classrooms, ICT Lab, Science Laboratories and interacted with the staff of all departments.

The director lauded the efforts and contribution of the Principal and staff and articulated his deep sense of satisfaction over the overall infrastructural development of college and also for the mesmerizing green cover of the campus. A charter of demands was also put before the worthy Director Finance for the needs and requirements of the future course of development. At the end of the visit, Principal of the college Dr. Pragma Khanna thanked the visiting team for paying their gracious visit to the college and for solving various problems faced by the college.

Sheetal Nanda tours Ramban, inspects polling stations as Roll Observer



Comm Secy, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda inspecting a polling station.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda, who is Electoral Roll Observer for Ramban on Saturday conducted an extensive tour of the district and inspected various Polling Stations.

District Election Officer, Ramban, Mussarat Islam, PO ICDS, Jahangir Hashmi, Deputy District Election Officer, Lal Chand, ERO AC-54 Ramban, Giasul Haq, District Social welfare Officer, Rahul Gupta, AERO, ENT along with other senior officers were present on the occasion.

During the tour, the Electoral Roll Observer visited Polling Stations including 59 and 60 at Government Higher Secondary School Ramban and Polling Stations 101 and 114 at Government High School Chanderkote. She obtained firsthand feedback from the BLOs on the status of claims and objections received during the ongoing Special Summary Revision, which

has been extended till May 6, next month.

Laying stress upon making right entries while accepting forms of claims and objections, Sheetal Nanda asked the DEO to further sensitize the BLOs about completing documentation formalities, especially under marriage category. She also passed directions for ensuring that projected net addition target under Form 6 is achieved and wide publicity is given to those who have crossed 18 years of age and are yet to be registered.

Asking the DEO to increase Aadhar coverage of all electors, She issued directions to bridge the gender gap especially in AC-54.

Ramban Constituency. She also asked the Election Department to focus on students in Higher Secondary Schools and Colleges and ensure that all Principals submit 'No One Left behind' certificates at the end of the SSR.

During her visit, the Observer also interacted with PRIs and urged upon them to ensure all persons of their respective wards above the age of 18 are registered as voters during the ongoing Special Summary Revision.

District Election Officer assured the Electoral Roll Observer that all directions issued will be implemented for making the Special Summary Revision drive successful in the district.

KVK Reasi promotes eco-friendly farming

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology - Jammu (SKUAST-J) is educating the farmers on eco-friendly farming/organic farming and natural farming so that they can produce safe and healthy food and generate more farm income and employment. According to Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi, the cost of agro-chemicals is increasing and it is difficult to mitigate the inputs costs for the small and marginal farmers so

organic and natural farming are the best option to fetch more farm returns. He narrated that indiscriminate use of agro-chemicals in the crops is causing different kinds of ailments to the human beings and also deteriorating the soil health and environment so there is need to practice eco-friendly farming practices. Dr.Suja Nabi Qureshi, Scientist said that organically grown crops are healthier than conventionally grown crops and are more profitable. He informed on the crops rotation and sowing of leguminous crops to increase the fertility of soil. He narrated that organic inputs such as

neem cake, neem oil, pheromones traps, sticky traps, biofertilizers etc. can also be utilized in organic farming. He added that KVK is also educating the farmers on the organic fruit and vegetables production, organic honey production, organic spices production etc. so that they can increase their farm income. He said that KVK, Reasi is providing the technical support to the farmers and guiding them how to convert a chemical farm to an organic farm. Many new farmers are coming forward for eco-friendly farming after observing the results of successful organic farmers.

Kathua Admn accords warm farewell to outgoing DC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: District Administration Kathua on Saturday bid adieu to the outgoing Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey during a brief ceremony held at the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex. An impressive farewell function was held wherein ADDC, ADC Kathua Deepika Rana, along with other officers/ officials, SDM Bani Satish Sharma, ADC Basolhi Ajit Singh, ADC Bilawar Vinay Khosla, SDM Hiranagar Manisha Koul were present.

Officers of District



Officials according farewell to DC Rahul Pandey.

Administration including PO ICDS, GM DIC, CMO, ACR, ACD, CPO, DIO, Tehsildar and others hailed his working style besides wishing him success in his future endeavors.

Speaking on the occasion, Rahul Pandey appreciated the team of officers for their

commitment and cooperation during his brief stint of nearly one year as Deputy Commissioner Kathua.

Later ADC Kathua along with officers presented memento to the outgoing Deputy Commissioner and wished him success in his career ahead.

GDC Thannamandi organises poster-making competition on environmental pollution

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

THANNAMANDI: Eco-club "Nature Nurtures", Science Club in collaboration with NSS Unit of the College organised Poster making competition in the college campus. The objective of organizing the event was to aware and understand the extent of degradation of Environment and Natural Resources due to unsustainable utilization of natural resource. 12 students of different semester participated in the event by displaying posters and slogans. On this occasion Prof. Naveen Sharma Convener Eco-Club, Prof. Muhammad Shoket NSS Programme Officer and Dr. Tajinder Singh also enlightened the students about the individual level efforts required to conserve the Environmental Components and stressed upon the usage of Eco-friendly products in day to day life. The programme was conducted under overall supervision of Principal of the college Dr. Farooq Ahmed. Among the participants Javaria Khan of Bsc Sem 4th bagged first position whereas Affia Shaheen of Sem 4th and Mehtab khan of Semester 2nd clinched second and third position respectively. Appreciation Certificates were also awarded among the participants of the event.

GDC Ghagwal holds meditation session under NCORD

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GHAGWAL: Under the guidance of the principal of the college, Dr. Sujata Slatia, a meditation programme in collaboration with NCORD and NSS was organised at GDC Ghagwal. The NSS Program Officer and NCORD Nodal Officer of the college, Dr. Vani Awasthi coordinated with the Meditation Ambassador of the

college for Har Din Dilyaan and Har Ghar Dilyaan, Dr. Rajni Bala and organised an elaborate session of meditation and yoga for the students. The two eminent resource persons from The Art Of Living came to enlighten the students on this grave issue. The students were educated about the ill effects of drugs and how people are misusing them and target-

ing innocent children. The volunteers were properly guided during the entire program by the trainers. They informed the students about various types of breathing exercises that can help calm their anxiety and help in improving their focus. Anulom- Vilom and Bhastrika Pranayam were especially taught step by step.

The faculty members- Prof.

Ramzan Ali, Dr. Rajni Bala, Dr. Deepika Sharma, Dr. Vani Awasthi, Dr. Sushma Gupta and Dheeraj were also present during the session and participated in the exercises wholeheartedly and enthusiastically. All in all the aftermath of the session was that the students, the principal and the staff of the college seemed more positive and happier.

DISCLAIMER

“STATE TIMES”

does not take responsibility for the contents of the advertisements

(Display/Classified)

carried in this

newspaper. The paper does not endorse the same. Readers are requested to verify the contents on their own before acting there upon.”