

KVK Reasi promotes organic vegetables cultivation

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting the organic vegetables cultivation in Reasi distt. of J&K to produce the safe and quality fresh organic vegetables and to enhance the income and employment of the farmers under the dynamic leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N. Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrith Vaid of SKUAST-J. Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi is imparting skills on commercial cultivation of organic vegetables to the farmers of hilly areas so that chemicals free quality organic vegetables can be produced. Farmers are regularly guided on organic formula-



KVK scientist Dr. Banarsi Lal during field visit.

tions such as vermicomposting technology, cow urine, Panchgavya, beejamrit, jeevamrit, neemstra, fermented butter milk preparations etc. by utilizing the local resources. Farmers are also guided on the use of Neem Cake, fruitfly traps, Pheromone Traps, sticky traps, Neem Oil, biofertilizers etc. to utilize in the organic vegetables for more yields and returns.

and create immunity of the human beings. He expressed that organic farming is helpful in the production of safe and healthy food by reducing the cost of cultivation. He added that regular technical guidelines on crop rotation, pulses production, protected cultivation, multiple cropping, microbial cultures etc. are also provided to the farmers of the area by the KVK. He further said that KVK, Reasi is promoting the organic vegetables cultivation by the adoption of cluster approach. He also said that KVK is also suggesting the farmers on the proper packaging and marketing practices to the farmers to increase the shelf life. It is worthwhile to mention here that many new farmers are showing keen interest towards the cultivation of organic vegetables.

Legal Awareness programme-cum-special Lok Adalat held at Kathua

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KATHUA: A legal awareness programme-cum-Special Lok Adalat was held in District Court Kathua under the supervision of Principal District and Sessions Judge, Ashok Kumar Shavan, who is also the Chairman of District Legal Service Authority (DLSA).



Principal District and Sessions Judge, Ashok Kumar Shavan speaking during programme.

Lawyers, litigants and large number of people participated in the legal awareness programme. The Chairman, District Legal Service Authority threw light on the programme, which he said is part of calendar given by the High Court and JKLSA. He also discussed the benefits of Alternative Dispute Redressal (ADR) and various facets of holding Lok Adalats. "The ADR modes of settlement and Lok Adalat prove much beneficial in the delivery of Justice, by facilitating speedy disposal of cases through mediation and reconciliation", he added. Three benches constituted for the Special Lok Adalat took up MACT and Bank recovery cases. The first bench was chaired by

District and Sessions Judge, A.K Shavan alongwith Special Mobile Magistrate, Kathua, S.K Thapa. The second bench comprised Additional District and Sessions Judge, Kathua, Kusoom Pandita, and CJM Kathua, Swati Gupta. The third bench was attended by Munsiff Billawar, Jyoti Bhagat, along with Lawyer, J.S Bhadwal. As many as 12 Civil bank cases and 21 MACT cases were taken up, resulting in the settlement of six civil bank recovery cases and five pre-litigation bank cases and recovery of Rs. 30,25,408. Additionally, Rs. 26,97,035

was awarded in MACT cases. The litigants and advocates expressed satisfaction over the said Lok Adalat. Advocates and PLVs also spoke on different DLSA schemes and the benefits of special Lok Adalats. The next Lok Adalat will be held on May 11, 2024. Notably, last year, 3461 cases, including Bank Recovery and MACT cases, were resolved by Lok Adalats held on different dates, adhering to the specified calendar. Furthermore, beneficiaries received a total compensation amounting to Rs 19,25,03,573 during these Lok Adalats.

Reasi Admin organises SVEEP event on World's highest railway bridge

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REASI: District Administration Reasi, under the guidance of District Election Officer (DEO), Vishesh Mahajan, on Saturday organised SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) event on the world's Highest Railway Bridge, Bakhal here.

The event aimed to enlighten the electorate about forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024, saw enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, officers and officials. The primary objective of the programme was to educate and empower new voters about electoral process, emphasising the importance of active participation in the democratic process by exercising their valuable voting rights. Through



informative sessions, participants were provided deeper understanding of democratic values and civic responsibilities. As part of the event, a SVEEP pledge was administered, symbolizing a collective commitment towards upholding democratic principles and ensuring the exercise of voting rights by all eligible citizens. Nodal Officer MCC Kulbushan Khajuria; SDM Dharmari Tariq Aziz; Dy. DEO Rakesh Kumar; CEO Mushtaq Ahmed; Nodal Officer SVEEP Nasir Ahmed and other officers were also present.

Modi govt took concrete steps to empower women: Dr Manyal

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RANGARH: Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary, J&K BJP & former Minister and Chander Prakash Ganga, senior leader BJP & former Minister addressed a massive Mahila Sammelan organized at VPS Farms, in Rangarh.



Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary, J&K BJP addressing gathering at Samba.

Sanjita Dogra, President Mahila Morcha, Sarbjit Singh Johal, President Kissan Morcha, Munish Khajuria, Seh-Prabhari, Samba, Shilpa Dubey & Asha Rani, DDCs, Sonia Thakur, district President Mahila Morcha, Amit Dubey, District General Secretary, Ch Shiv Kumar, Mandal President, Ravinder Singh, Mandal General Secretary, Neeru Chib, Mandal and others were also present in the meeting. Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, while addressing the Sammelan, said that the Modi government has proven its commitment towards the welfare and the upliftment of women in these 10 years. He

said that during these 10 years, decades of biased approach of the Congress and other parties has been corrected with the decisive government led by PM Narendra Modi. "The recent statements of senior Congress leaders like Rahul Gandhi, Randip Surjewala, Supriya Shrinate, Shamnoor Shiv Shankar, Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Digvijay Singh, Shashi Tharur, and many more have time and again disrespected the women of this nation. Congress has no respect for

empowering women. This commitment has only been shown by the Modi government and this is the reason that women are supporting and voting in favour of Modi government", said Dr Manyal. Chander Prakash Ganga said that the Modi government launched numerous reforms and policy initiatives were implemented in India to enhance the lives of women and elevate their social standing. He said that in Jammu & Kashmir, the Modi government undid a criminal injustice with the women that was inflicted on them by Congress, and NC governments and annulled their rights after marriage. Sanjita Dogra credited the Modi government with the reforms like Ujjawala Yojana, Jana Dhan Yojana, Mudra Yojana special loan schemes for entrepreneurship, political reservation, and many others which held key to the 'women-led development' concept of the Modi government.

Ankur Play School, BSF Primary School, Jammu celebrate Annual day cum prize distribution function

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JAMMU: Ankur Play School Jammu and BSF Primary School, Jammu celebrated Annual day and prize distribution function on 20th April 2024 with great pomp and show.

There were various cultural items which involved the participation of majority of students. The performances were enriched with mesmerizing



The theme of the function was "Unity In Diversity" wherein D.K Boora, IG BSF Jammu Frontier, the Chairman of school along with Guest of Honour Sunita Boora, B W W A P r e s i d e n t, Jammu All DIG's, Commandants, and Headmistress Ms. Sonia Gupta were also present during the event. The function was declared open with the lightning of the lamp followed by Welcome Song. The Headmistress, Sonia Gupta presented the Annual Report, highlighting the achievements of the institution during the session 2023 -2024.

music, costumes and folk dances depicting the different cultures of India. The audience was bound to their seats with the performances. The Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of the school and applauded their achievements. The Sports achievers and Sports teacher Rameshwar Singh Jamwal were felicitated by the Chairman of the school.

India Bloc sole viable option for Nation's future: NC

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SAMBA: J&K National Conference advocated for the India Bloc as the sole viable option for the people of our cherished nation, citing widespread disillusionment with the misrule of the Modi Government over the past decades.



Ajay Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary JKNC and Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President during public rally.

In this regard, J&K National Conference organized series of meetings at Samba Urban, Samba Rural, Rangarh, Vijaypur, Raya Morh and Pyl. Meen Sarkar (Bari Brahmana) Industrial Area falling in district Samba. During the meetings, Ajay Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary JKNC and former Minister along with Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, JKNC, Jammu, Babu Rampal former minister and Central Zone President, Mohd Ayub Malik Provincial Secretary, Surjit Singh Manhas Joint Secretary, Nar Singh President Labour Wing, Bimla Luthra former MLA, Sawant Dogra Provincial President Women wing Jammu, Vijay Laxmi Datta Senior leader, Abdul Gani Teli

Chairman OBC Cell, Sudagar Gupta District President Samba. These meetings were organized by Party's dedicated functionaries Mohinder Singh, Chander Uday Singh, Ashok Attri, Dr Harmesh Singh Slathia, Ravinder Singh Manhas, Joginder Pal and Bharat Bhushan. At the beginning of the meetings at several places, the NC workers apprised the senior functionaries about the problems being faced by general public in absence of basic amenities across the Samba district. Addressing the meetings at several places in Samba, Ajay

Alliance Candidate in the ensuing elections for a better future.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President JKNC, in his address, advocated for a transformative change under the banner of the India Bloc. He highlighted the INDI Alliance's commitment to fostering economic growth, promoting social cohesion, and upholding democratic principles as foundational pillars of its agenda. "Now more than ever, we need leadership that is principled, visionary, and responsive to the needs of the people," he stated.

As the nation stands at a crossroads, Rattan Lal Gupta urged voters to exercise their democratic right with diligence and foresight. "The choices we make in the upcoming elections will shape the trajectory of our nation for years to come. Let us unite behind the India Bloc, let us rally behind Raman Bhalla, and let us forge a path towards a stronger, more prosperous India."

Babu Rampal also threw light on the hardships being faced by the marginalized and vulnerable segments of

society under the BJP's governance. From economic disparities to social injustices, the plight of the weaker sections has only deepened under the BJP's rule, driving home the imperative for a new direction, he said and underscored the urgent need for change to uplift and empower these communities.

Senior NC women leaders Bimla Luthra, Satwant Dogra, Laxmi Dutta, Rajni Devi and Shahnaz Akther, asserted that true empowerment for women can only be realized through the INDI Alliance. They asserted that only through their collective leadership can the barriers hindering women's advancement be dismantled. Encouraging women voters to rally behind the alliance's candidates, they envisioned a future where women's voices are not just heard but actively shape the trajectory of the nation.

Those who were present in the meeting included, Ajay Sharma, Rama Samyal, Dev Raj Kapoor, Ashwani Abrol, Sandeep Singh youth Leader, Krishan Dutt, Ch. Showket and others.

Pritam Spiritual Foundation in aid of citizens

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POONCH: The renowned Pritam Spiritual Foundation based at Poonch is once again in the news. Continuing with its acclaimed missionary zeal and spirit of sacrifice--'khidmat ka jazba', the Pritam Spiritual Foundation has been performing yeoman's service for the last 34 years.



Army officials along with locals and Foundation members.

At a glittering function presided over by the Deputy Commissioner, Yaseen M. Choudhary on 16 April 24 at the Pritam Spiritual Foundation's precincts at Poonch, 16 girls students were awarded education scholarships, 20 mobility aids were provided to the differently-abled and the needy beneficiaries were gifted hearing aids. All beneficiaries were of Poonch District. The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the befitting gesture of care and concern, and announced all the assistance of the administration for such endeavours in the future as well.

Jagbir Singh Sudan, Retired Principal, President of the Pritam Spiritual Foundation and Prithpal

Singh, Senior Member of the Foundation graced the function, which was largely attended by elite citizens of Poonch and the staff of the Artificial Limb Centre of the Pritam Spiritual Foundation. The occasion culminated with a camp for eyes-treatment held at Rajouri from 17 April to 19 April 2024 under the aegis of Army's General Hospital. Endeavours of the Pritam Spiritual Foundation bore fruit and the patients, all from Poonch District, were

transported and accommodated by the Pritam Spiritual Foundation at Rajouri, where the eye-surgeon of the Army performed a commendable job by performing cataract surgeries on 16 patients. The Army General Hospital at Rajouri has provided all medicines to the patients and is undertaking all the required post-operative medical care. The untiring efforts of the Pritam Spiritual Foundation signify that hopefully, philanthropy will continue remain alive.

Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan remembered on his birth anniversary

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UDHAMPUR: The 35th birth anniversary of Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan was celebrated with devotion and patriotic fervor by Martyr Tushar

Mahajan Memorial Trust on Thursday. On the occasion, heartfelt tributes were paid to the martyr who sacrificed his life for the motherland.

A function was held at Shivalik College of Education in which students of college and Happy model Higher Secondary School participated. Students threw light on life of the martyr and his sacrifice for the nation. Students also presented patriotic songs in his memory. A painting and speech competition on theme "Nation First" was also held on the occasion. Prizes were distributed among those who secured first, second and third positions in both the competitions.



Trust members along with participant students during the event.

Chairman Tushar Memorial Trust, Professor Dev Raj Gupta, Secretary Shewatketri Singh, Principal Shivalik college of Education Dr Vikram Gulati, Principal Happy model Muneesh Gulati, along with the Trust members Ranjit Parihar, Vikas Manhas, Dr Yogeshwar Gupta, Satish Chopra, Deepanker Gupta, Adv Karun Raina and large number of school and college students were present on the occasion. Chairman of trust Prof Dev Raj Gupta, Dr

vikram gulati and Ranjit parihar Speaking on the occasion, said that it is imperative to honor our heroes especially the martyrs who have laid down their lives for safeguarding the nation as it imbues a sense of patriotism and linkage to ones country. He added that his courage, devotion and sacrifice for the nation will always be remembered and keep inspiring all of us. Gupta also highlighted various activities being carried out by trust throughout year for the welfare of society after the martyrdom of captain tushar. On the occasion drawing competition, Speech competition and Poetry competition was held in which students of BED College and school students participated. Shivansh parihar;

Maheshbehen and Arun secured first, second and third position in speech competition in junior group respectively while Arushi, Ritika and Divyanshi secured first, second and third position in senior wing. Harkirat singh, Ansh Sharma and Nahi manhas secured first second third in drawing competition respectively while Rudransh, Piya and Saneha ist second and third in poetry competition respectively. Earlier a wreath laying ceremony was held at the statue of the Martyr at Tushar Morh Udhampur where trust members and large number of people paid rich floral tribute to brave heart. Candles were lit up in the evening and a cake was also cut by the Trust.

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