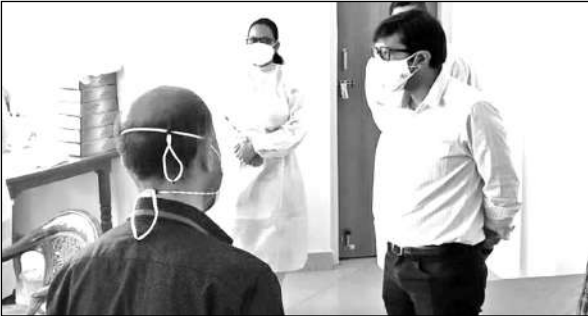


DC Kathua reviews COVID containment measures in Billawar



DC Kathua Rahul Yadav during visit to Billawar sub -division.

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BILLAWAR: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Yadav on Sunday reviewed COVID Containment and management measures in Billawar sub -division, here at a meeting.

BDC Chairpersons, DDC members, ADC Billawar, Engineers of PDD, Jal Shakti, PWD, Tehsildar, BMO, TSO and the officers of Billawar MC were also present.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took first

hand appraisal from PRI representatives regarding COVID containment efforts of the administration. He also called upon the elected members to suggest measures for effective containment of COVID -19 spread.

The DC reviewed testing, Vaccination, enforcement of COVID-19 SOP's besides containment efforts in general, drinking water and power supply scenario in the sub-district. He passed directions to the engineers to ensure smooth delivery of essential services including

supply of drinking water and electricity in the sub division.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited Sub District Hospital Billawar and inspected the arrangements put in place for treatment of COVID patients.

He directed the BMO to pace up the vaccination drive to inoculate all persons in the 45+ age group. He called upon the health authorities to keep track of the COVID patients traced during the door to door mopping drive and provide all medical assistance to them.

The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the newly designated 46 bedded COVID Care Centre, GDC Billawar.

While discussing the scope for enhancing the numbers of Oxygen Supported Beds, the DC assured that Oxygen Cylinders, Oxygen Concentrators and other Health care needs will be augmented in COVID Care Centres at the earliest.

Technicians work 24x7 at entry points to ramp-up testing in Poonch

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POONCH: An effective COVID containment mechanism put in place by district administration coupled with a dedicated team of health workers has greatly helped to avert the spread of the infection in Poonch district.

The District is bounded by the Line of Control on three sides and there are only three entry points to the district including BG, Deragali and Mughal road. The District Administration has strengthened all three entry points and ensured that no one enters the district without getting tested for COVID19 to prevent the infection from the influx entering the district.

As of now, as many as 19789 samples have been collected for RAT testing, while 30509 in BG from April to date, of which as many as 302 have tested positive, which presents a better picture.

The District



COVID sampling in progress at Poonch.

Administration has also ensured the assured supply of the essentials in the district to mitigate the sufferings of the common masses amid the pandemic.

The credit for the fewer cases in the district goes to the team of the officials/

officers of the District Administration particularly those deployed at the entry points as they are working selflessly and tirelessly at the forefront in the fight against this outbreak and serving mankind.

These people are working

GDC Nowshera celebrates ‘International Day of Families’

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NOWSHERA: On the International day of families, GDC Nowshera organised an essay writing competition at UT level. The event was organized by Department of Botany in collaboration with Department of Environmental Science under the supervision of Dr. Surinder Kumar, Principal of the college. Students from different institutions across the UT of Jammu and Kashmir participated in the contest.

An overwhelming participation was witnessed by some institutions i.e. GGM Science College, Jammu; GDC Reasi; GDC Kathua; GDC Nowshera; GDC Poonch and Central University of Jammu. Dr. Anu Sharma, Asstt. Prof. Botany, GDC Reasi and Mrs. Nisha

Bhagat, Asstt. Prof. Botany, GDC Kathua were the jury members for the event. Anjali Devi of GDC Kathua and Palak Verma of GDC Nowshera shared 1st position while the Second position was shared by Sonia Choudhary and Mansee Choudhary, the students of GDC Nowshera. The 3rd rank was also shared between Isha Bharti of GDC Kathua and Manisha of GDC Nowshera. These students standing at top 3 ranks were rewarded with the e-certificates of Excellence. Dr. Surinder Kumar, Principal, appreciated the faculty members for conducting an interactive event that helped the students to get acknowledged with the role and importance of families and how families directly or indirectly help to create a strong nation.

GDC Jindrah conducts sanitisation drive, masks distribution at public places

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JINDRAH: The NSS unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Jindrah under its Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav conducted sanitization drive and distributed face masks at public places in and around Jindrah village with the help of NSS volunteers of GDC Jindrah and locals. An intense sanitization drive was conducted at all the public places of village Jindrah and locals. Awareness regarding this deadly disease was spread to break the chain of Covid-19. The masks were also distributed and importance of timely and early testing of covid was also recommended to save the precious lives of people. People were also made aware of social distancing, importance of frequent hand washing and proper



NSS volunteers of college distributing masks among children.

way of wearing masks to avoid Corona disease during the campaign. They were also made aware about the deadly second variant of Corona which requires more precautions and hygiene to cease the further spread. Covid guidelines were also discussed with the people.

The drive was conceptualized and conducted by Dr. Sunil Sharma, Programme Officer, NSS of GDC Jindrah under the supervision and guidance of Prof. Rajshree Dhar, the Principal of GDC Jindrah.

During the drive, the NSS wing of the college, locals and

social workers namely Ajay Sharma and Raman Kumar actively contributed and participated for the noble cause. The NSS volunteers of GDC Jindrah under the Aatmnirbhar Bharat initiative not only prepared face masks themselves but also distributed these hand made face masks to the people of Jindrah village at almost all the public places like banks, markets, shops etc. People were also told not to roam around unnecessary and always wear face masks for important works outside. NSS volunteers also provide food to labours working in Brick kiln of Jindrah. During the campaign people also responded positively and promised to follow covid guidelines to avoid the fatal disease.

Ramban Admn releases Rs 1.65 crore in favour of 16,568 registered construction workers



Officials releasing financial assistance for workers.

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RAMBAN: District Administration, Ramban has released Rs.1.65 crore in favour of 16568 construction workers registered with Jammu and Kashmir Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOCWWB).

According to Assistant Labour Commissioner, Angrez Singh, financial assistance of Rs 1000 each for the month of May is being transferred through DBT mode in the bank accounts of 16,568 beneficiaries registered under Jammu and Kashmir Building and Other

Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOCWWB) scheme in the district as COVID relief. Pertinent to mention here that, the Government has announced financial assistance for a period of two months, May and June to mitigate the sufferings of the construction workers who have been unable to earn bread and butter for their families due to COVID containment lock down imposed amid second wave. Taking prompt action, Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam mobilized the Labour Department for starting the process of release of financial assistance to provide succor to the construction workers.

Implementation of COVID-19 SoPs: Rs 15,900 fine recovered from violators

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RAMBAN: Continuing the drive to implement COVID protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams today fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

As per a report issued by District Magistrate, Ramban, the enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs 15,900 taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs. 7, 48,900.

The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical dis-

tance besides taking COVID vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh informed that as many as 928 persons were administered first and second COVID vaccine doses across Ramban district on Sunday.

As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr. Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 889 samples including 243 RT-PCR and 646 RAT samples besides administering COVID vaccine to 928 persons at dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

Decision to open Mughal Road taken half-heartedly: Zulfikar

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RAJOURI: Apni Party, Vice President, Choudhary Zulfikar Ali on Sunday said that the Govt. has taken the decision to open Mughal Road half-heartedly.

In his statement to the press, Zulfikar Ali said that the Mughal road should be opened fully for the movement of vehicular traffic from both sides of Jammu and Kashmir. "We welcome the decision of the Govt and appreciate it. However, the decision seems to have been taken half-heartedly without considering the difficulties of the people faced in Pir Panjal because of the closing of the highway and opening it with certain conditions," said Zulfikar Ali.

He said that most of the patients from Pripanjal prefer treatment at Srinagar's Hospitals. "They are not consid-

ered in the decision," the Former Minister said.

He, however, said that the movement of nomads towards parts of Kashmir is allowed and it is an encouraging step by the Govt, since the nomads were worried about their seasonal movement towards the upper reaches of Kashmir and Ladakh. Similarly, trucks loaded with fruits have also been allowed.

"It was unfortunate that the patients and other public were not allowed to move on the Mughal Road. The Govt should have opened it for the general public so that the needy can travel," Ch. Zulfikar Ali, the Former Minister and Vice President of Apni Party said.

He expressed his concern over the failure of the authorities managing Mughal Road that they were not able to make it

operational throughout the year.

"The Mughal Road should be made an all weather road. It is an important road to Kashmir via Poonch District's Bafflaz area," he added. The Former Minister Ch. Zulfikar Ali said that the right to movements is a fundamental right and it cannot be denied to the people of Pir Panjal Region, when all the means of communication roads, air and rail connecting interstate, inter-division, inter-district are opened, there is no reason to keep this road closed causing inconvenience to the commuters.

The Former Minister said "Moreover, the Government must fix the responsibility of the officers who failed to ensure the clearance of the road till now, when all other such roads viz Srinagar, Ladakh, Gurez, Sinthan top are already opened.

RSS volunteers on toes in service of mankind during pandemic



RSS volunteers distributing ration among attendants.

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SAMBA: RSS Volunteers from Samba are contributing their part in the service of Mankind in this time of pandemic. A team of RSS Volunteers from Samba and adjoining villages are on their toes 24 hours in the service of COVID positive patients and their attendants in COVID hospital Samba. RSS Volunteers are doing sanitization of various areas to make the area infection free and have made a 24 hour helpdesk team and thus arranging everything required by the COVID positive patients. Three times meal and 2 times

immune booster Kaadha is also being provided to the attendants by these volunteers.

Volunteers leaving no stone unturned in serving the humanity in this difficult time and they say that as an Indian and whatever they have learnt in the RSS, they are contributing their part in the service of their fellow countrymen.

Its the selfless service towards the humanity which is of utmost importance and it is the duty of everyone to play their part in serving the society in this present scenario of pandemic. People are full of praise for these volunteers.

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Medical assistance being provided to locals at Balnoi.