

DDC Kishtwar holds interactive meeting with PRIs in Paddar

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KISHTWAR: As a part of the ongoing outreach programme, District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kishtwar, Ashok Sharma on Saturday conducted an extensive tour of the far off Paddar area of Kishtwar district and held an interactive meeting with local PRIs to discuss about the various issues pertaining the developmental scenario of sub division besides also listened to their grievances/demands.

SDM Paddar Varunjeet Singh Charak; Assistant Commissioner Development Atul Dutt Sharma, District Panchayat Officer Kishtwar Sunil Bhattyal, CAO S K Bhagat, BDO Paddar DM Affaqi; Executive Engineers



DDC Kishtwar, Ashok Sharma interacting with PRIs.

PMGSY and PWD, AEEs of various departments besides other officers/officials of various departments, Sarpanches and Panchas were also present in the meeting.

The PRIs were asked to make collaborative efforts with line departments so that the timely tendering, allotment, take up and comple-

ment of Works under various heads is ensure for achieving the tangible results on ground.

During the meeting DDC Kishtwar also stressed the PRIs to ensure the rational and judicious utilization of developmental funds besides asked to ensure timely completion of works through proper monitoring of these Projects.

He also urged the PRIs to play a proactive role in carrying forward the various govt schemes in the area at grass root level for maximum benefit of all eligible beneficiaries.

Reiterating the role of panchayati Raj institutions in implementation of government schemes, he said that the participation of local PRIs in development mecha-

nism is the key factors in realizing the dream of transparency and accountability on ground.

Later, Chief Agriculture Officer Kishtwar also briefed the PRIs about the various schemes of Agriculture Department and urged them to disseminate the awareness among the common masses so that the dream of redoubling the farmers may be realised.

Meanwhile, the District Development Commissioner listened to the grievances of the PRIs and locals.

Majority of the grievances were redressed on spot. DDC Kishtwar assured them that rest of their genuine demands will be redressed in time bound manner in consultation with concerned departments.

ADC Ramban reviews arrangements for Eid-ul-Fitr, Parshuram Jayanti

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RAMBAN: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Harbans Lal Sharma on Saturday chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for ensuing holy festival of Eid-ul-Fitr; after completion of the holy month of Ramadhan and Parshuram Jayanti.

CEO, MC, Ramban, Vishwajeet, Assistant Director, Food, CS & CA, Ramban, Shohab Lateef, Tehsildar, Ramban, Rafiq Ahmad, Designated Officer, Food Safety, Farid Beg, Assistant Controller, Legal Metrology, Anil Kumar, besides other senior district officers attended the meeting.

Sub Divisional Magistrates of Gool, Banihal & Ramsoo joined the meeting through virtual mode.

During the meeting, the ADC directed the Food, CS & CA Department to ensure supply of essential commodities during the holy festivals. He also directed the stakeholder departments to check availability of fresh vegeta-



ADC Ramban, Harbans Lal chairing a meeting.

bles, fruits and other items in the markets.

Batote.

Highlighting the need to ensure hygiene in market places and essential food items, DO Food Safety was specifically directed to carry out market checking drives across the district, especially shops and food outlets on the axis of Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (now NH-44). Similar directions were handed out to Legal Metrology Department.

The ADC directed the SDMs to ensure that all arrangements related to law and order and other SoPs are followed in letter and spirit, in consultation with the Police authorities.

Army holds lecture on 'Our Planet, Our Health'



Army officials along with children during the programme.

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NOWSHERA: With an aim to educate the students regarding the importance and relevance of healthy life style and resp towards our planet, Kalal Rashtriya Rifles organised a lecture followed by discussion on 30 Apr 22 at Govt High School,

Dabbar.

The lecture aimed at creating awareness in following a healthy lifestyle in our day-to-day lives as well as each individual's responsibility in safeguarding the planet. The students were also imparted knowledge on climate change and the prevailing situation.

A total of 52 students and seven teachers attended the lecture with full zeal and enthusiasm. The event promised to be an unique effort to educate students in playing their role in safeguarding the planet.

The programme was followed by an interactive session in which the attendees were given full opportunity to exchange their thoughts and resolve their queries and ways to save the planet. Such events being organised on a regular basis are the testimony of the relentless efforts made by the Indian Army to inculcate the students into the mainstream of the society by the channelising their energy and thought process.

BANIHAL: Under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Govt. Degree College Banihal's weeklong programme culminated on Saturday. The programme was organized by Debates and Seminar committee in collaboration with department of History. The programme as per the assigned theme : India's Rich Culture & Heritage started on April 22 with patriotic songs sung by students in Kashmiri, Khah, Urdu & Pogli languages. On the subsequent days documentaries on India's prominent personalities, prominent buildings, painting competition, essay competition, talk on India's Linguistic diversity and a special lecture on India's rich culture & heritage like interesting things happened to be the integrated part of the programme.

On the first day, the programme started with a formal welcome address by Principal Dr. Manohar Lal, followed by his inspiring speech. The proceedings of the programme were carried out by Convener Debates & Seminars, Sajad Ahmad Sultan (Assistant professor H.O.D Urdu). The programme proved path breaking in highlighting the significant aspects of India's rich culture and heritage along with the eminent National figures whose role in India's freedom struggle is always remembered. Finally the programme was ended with vote of thanks, presented by Prof. Ram Prakash (H.O.D) Mathematics.

Chairman KVIC distributes 800 Bee Boxes among artisans of border belt of Kathua, Samba



Chairman, KVIC Vinai Kumar Sexena handing over certificate to a woman.

from BPL families were given Bee Boxes under Honey Mission programme of Khadi Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Ministry of MSME, Government of India.

While speaking on the occasion, KVIC Chairman said self employment generation in Jammu and Kashmir and increasing the income of farmers has been the key focus of the central government. "The beekeeping initiative in Jammu and Kashmir is aligned with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call for 'Self-Reliance' by promoting local self employment. He

added that because of its geographical location, J&K has the potential of producing high quality honey including high altitude honey that can be sold at premium price. Further, products such as Bee Wax, Pollen, Propolis, Royal Jelly and Bee Venom are also marketable and hence, a profitable proposition for the locals", Sexena Said.

VC, SKAUST, J.P Sharma said it is scientifically proven fact that Bee Keeping also increase Agriculture productivity due to cross pollination of 2330 boxes on a single day with the support of Indian Army in Kupwara District in 2018. KVIC has so far distributed 1.70 lakh bee boxes across the country under Honey Mission.

The beneficiaries shared their success stories and also expressed hope that this initiative will encourage self employment in the area and also inspire others to take up beekeeping as a lucrative source of livelihood.

It was informed that KVIC has distributed nearly 7500 bee boxes in Jammu & Kashmir and created nearly 1500 employment including a World Record of distribution of 2330 boxes on a single day with the support of Indian Army in Kupwara District in 2018. KVIC has so far distributed 1.70 lakh bee boxes across the country under Honey Mission.

Chairman of the School, Sudash Manhas was the chief guest while Coordinator, Anand Pal Gupta was the guest of honour on the occasion.

The proceeding of the Program were conducted by the student of school Shagun Sharma.

As many as 10 students participated in the symposium and expressed their views.

The symposium was judged by Nahira, Sakshi Sharma and Saima (Teachers).

The first prize clinched by Asrar-ul-Haq, Shivani Manhas got second prize while third prize was won by Anmol Manhas.

MSK Poonch organises special awareness camp

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POONCH: District Hub For Empowerment of Women Mahila Shakti Kendra Poonch organized a special awareness camp at Shri Guru HarKrishna Public School, Poonch to create awareness on thematic issues, including educational

463 vaccinated, 1,433 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh Singh, Health Department on Saturday administered the vaccination to 463 persons including 48 children in the 15-17 years and 415 in 12-14 age group in the district.

Continuing the enforcement 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.

The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs. 2000 from violators, the Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC. As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr. Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 1433 samples including 540 RT-PCR and 893 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 463 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

Meanwhile, Dr. Neha Sharma, HoD Department of Environmental Sciences carried out the programme via online mode.

awareness, voters awareness, environmental protection and importance of maintaining health and hygiene.

School children were sensitized about the importance of washing their hands before and after eating, daily exercising, the importance of playing sports and inculcating other healthy habits to avoid falling sick. The children learnt a lot from the session and promised to follow all the good habits.

Team members of MSK Poonch also imparted awareness and explained the main motto of MSK of empowering women of rural areas by sensitizing them about women welfare schemes like BBBP, Sukanaya Samridhi Yojana, PMMVY, SAG, Ujjwala, Swadhar Greh, One Stop Centre, Women helpline 181 etc.

GDC Majalta hosts extension lecture on 'best practicing for safe web browsing'

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UDHAMPUR: Department of Environmental Sciences, Government Degree College Majalta on Saturday organized an extension lecture on the topic "Best practices for safe web browsing" in continuation to a series of events under "Cyber Jagrata Diwas".

The programme was held under the patronage of Dr. B B Anand, Principal GDC Majalta. He formally welcomed the resource person. While his address he said "In the contemporary world internet has become a part of our life and it is beneficial to many aspects of our life like learning, teaching, buying products online etc". In his address he added that it is our duty to educate the masses how to prevent cyber threats/risks. Amit Singh, Assistant Professor in Computer Sciences, GDC RS Pura delivered an informative lecture. He enlightened students about secure sites, virtual keyboards and keyloggers. He advised them that periodic changing of passwords can save one from cyber frauds.

Meanwhile, Dr. Neha Sharma, HoD Department of Environmental Sciences carried out the programme via online mode.

Beti Padhao is a campaign of the Government of India that aims to generate awareness and improve the efficiency of welfare services intended for girls in India.

While addressing, Tirath Kour said that nowadays girls are excelling in all distinct fields like Air Force, Army etc and are no less than men in any sector. She stressed on eradicating all types of crime against women to empower them.

As many as 10 students of the host school participated in the competition.

Yograj Parihar, Principal of the school was the chief guest on the occasion. The panel of judges consisted of Master Sonika Rathore, Master Sudheer Sharma, Master Naseer Salaria and Anil Kumar Senior Cultural

official of cultural wing of DIPR Jammu.

Besides, other officials of the Department of Information and Public Relations and staff members of school, Local of the area were also present on the occasion.

Sapna Devi of Class 12th clinched 1st Position,

Surishta Thakur of class 11th got 2nd position and Muneeb-ul-hassan of class 12th secured 3rd positions.

They were also awarded with Trophies and certificates.

Principal of the School

said that the programme

inculcate a sense of patriot-

ism and the value of

Independence among the

students. He urged the

Information Department

to organise such pro-

grammes in future also.

Meanwhile, a symposium

was organised at Athkhar

Higher Secondary School

Bhaderwah, here today.

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Meeting of District Advisory Committee on PC & PNDT held at Ramban

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RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner, Musarat Islam on Saturday chaired meeting of District Advisory Committee on Pre-conception and Prenatal Diagnosis Techniques (PC & PNDT) and District Registering Authority of Clinical Establishments here.

The SSP asked the committee members and Health Department to work in coordination with Police Department to check violations of the Act.

While stressing upon effective implementation of the PC & PNDT Act, the DC passed directions to take action against its violators besides conducting frequent inspections of ultrasound clinics to enforce its compliance.

It was informed the applica-

tions have also been

received online for provi-

cial registration of clinical

establishments in the dis-

trict.

While inspecting the

progress, ADDC Kishtwar

assessed physical and finan-

cial progress of the project.

He was informed that proj-

ect is to come up with the

estimated cost of Rs 766

lakh and that the founda-

tional level has been

achieved on left block till

date the works are going on

in full swing.

The ADDC instructed the

concerned executing agen-

cies to expedite the works to