

Div Com visits Katra, holds introductory meeting with PRIs, District Officers

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KATRA: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Sunday conducted a tour of holy town Katra of Reasi district and held an introductory meeting with public representatives and District officers here at PWD Guest house Katra.

Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal; District Development Council Member Dharal, Rajinder Mengi; Block Development Council Chairperson Katra, Sham Lal Bhagat; Chairman Municipal Committee Katra besides Additional DC, ACR Reasi, Sub Divisional Magistrate Katra, ASP Reasi and other officers were also present.

During the interacting, the Divisional Commissioner inquired about the progress on various projects executed



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing introductory meeting with PRI representatives at Katra.

in Katra other development requirements besides threadbare discussions were held on Katra Development Plan, KBIV Project, Government Degree College Katra etc.

The Div Com asked DC for proper monitoring of all the developmental works executed in the district. He asked concerned officers to early complete land acquisition process for better execution of work on development projects. He also directed concerned officers to expedite the progress of all the developmental works for their time-bound completion.

While interacting with the locals representatives and PRIs enquired about the works taken under various schemes and work progress of ongoing developmental works in their areas. They also apprised him about certain issues and demands pertaining to their areas.

While replying to their issues, the Div Com said that the purpose of field visits is to

have firsthand appraisal about the progress of ongoing works and to assess the developmental needs in the area.

Kumar retreated that the Administration is committed to ensure equal development of all areas and to ensure development works/projects are completed within set timelines, the necessary instructions are already passed.

The Div Com said that a robust mechanism has been put in place to ensure that the people get quality services besides their grievances are redressed within shortest possible time. He directed the officers to ensure prompt redressal of the issues concerning public.

The Div Com instructed officers to work with added zeal and with close coordination with PRIs for better implementation of government schemes, projects.

World Red Cross Day: 42 soldiers donate blood in Kishtwar
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JAMMU: Forty-two army personnel donated blood at a camp organized by the Rashtriya Rifles on the World Red Cross Day in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Sunday, a defence spokesman said.

The blood donation camp was organized by the Army in association with the Red Cross Society at Kishtwar district hospital in order to improve the availability of blood and reduce hardships to the local population, the spokesman said. He said 42 soldiers of the 11 Rashtriya Rifles (Dogra) voluntarily donated their blood to the bank during the camp, "displaying the spirit that strengthens the bond between the Army and the public".

Kishtwar District Development Commissioner Ashok Sharma visited the camp and appreciated the spirit of the soldiers. He urged the local youth to contribute for the betterment of the society.

Short-play 'Insaniyat' presented on World Red Cross Day 2022



Artists performing in a play.

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REASI: District Administration Reasi celebrates World Red Cross Day 2022 at auditorium of Mini Secretariat DC office Complex Reasi.

It is celebrated on 8 May to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross Henry Dunant. He was born on 8th May, 1828 in Geneva and the recipient of Nobel Peace Prize.

World Red Cross Day is also known as World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day. It is dedicated to the people who suffer from the shortage of food, several natural calamities, war as well as from an epidemic disease. Basic amenities are also provided to the people who are really in need. Many governments and private organizations become active members to help needy people who suffer through several disasters.

On the occasion Sangam

Theatre Group Reasi presents a Dogri Play "Insaniyat"

This was achieved on one side through the active dissemination of information among the general public with a special focus about the activity of Red Cross.

The Artist who performed in the Play were Pritam Kumar, Inderjeet Singh, Rajat Sharma, Pankaj Sharma, varun Khajuria and Raja Aamir Khan, The Play was directed & prepared by Akram Khan,.

On the occasion Babila

Rakwal KAS, Deputy Commissioner Reasi was the chief guest while Abdul Satar A D C Reasi, Sanjay Badyal ACR and concerned officials from other departments were also present.

Large number of students, Teachers, young generation, officers, local and senior citizens present on the occasion.

The Chief Guest appreciated the artist who staged performance and also appreciated the efforts made by the sangam theatre group. The play was highly like by the audience.

Varied activities organised across Jammu Division to mark World Red Cross Day

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JAMMU: The Red Cross Societies and District administration, in collaboration with the Health and Educational institutions organised varied activities to mark the Red Cross Day.

Day on the theme "BeHumanKind" was celebrated with enthusiasm and zeal at district headquarters to pay tribute to Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross.

To mark the birth anniversary

A symposium and painting competition was also held at Government Higher Secondary School Boys Doda in which seven Government and private schools of Doda Town participated.

Eye screening camps for cataracts and general health screening check ups were also organised at the Associated Hospital and at all Medical Block headquarters of the district by the health department in collaboration with the District Red Cross Society . Masks and sanitiser were also distributed among participants at GHSS Boys Doda.

Principal Government Model Girls Higher Secondary School Poonch, Anjuman Shaheen thanked all the participants and the guests.

ties conducted by the society in the District.

A symposium on the topic

Administration Rajouri organised a grand program in the Conference Hall of the PWD Dak Bunglow.

Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal was the chief guest. A blood donation camp was also organised during the event.

Officers and officials from the Health Department; KK Langher and civil society members were also present at the program.

Similar programs and blood donation camps were also organised in all the health blocks of the district.

in a symposium on the theme Be Humankind.

KATHUA: District Red Cross Society (DRCS) Kathua hosted a symposium on the theme "Be Humankind" (Save Humanity) in which school and college students participated.

The programme started with offering of Floral tributes to the founder of the Red Cross by Chief guest ACR Sandeep Seointra. The Students threw light on the Red Cross movement started to help the people in dis-

observed World Red Cross Day across the district to broaden the people's understanding of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mussarat Islam motivated the people to take part in all activities carried out by the District Red Cross Society; Ramban from time to time for the betterment of needy people and accident victims in the district.

Mega functions were held at District Hospital Ramban and all Medical Block headquarters besides other health Institutions of the district to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross Movement, Sir Jean Henry Dunant.



ADC Jammu, Satish Kumar Sharma visiting an exhibition.

Indian Red Cross Society, District branch Jammu celebrated World Red Cross Day at Teacher Bhawan, Gandhi Nagar.

ADC Jammu, Satish Kumar Sharma was the Chief guest while Deputy Secretary, School Education, Manu Hansa and AD, CAPD, Vipan Bhagat were present as guests of honour.

A variety cultural program was presented by the artists and students- featuring songs, skits. A symposium on the importance of the Day, painting competition and a painting exhibition by the renowned Artist, Suresh Sharma on hazardous consequences of drug menace, besides a blood donation camp was also organised by the Indian Red Cross Society District Jammu.

sary of Jean Henry Dunant", District Red Cross Society Doda organized a Blood Donation Camp at the Blood Bank of Associated hospital GMC Doda.

District Development Commissioner (Chairman District Red Cross Society Doda) Vikas Sharma inaugurated the camp in presence of ACR Doda, CMO Doda, DIO Doda, DYSSO Doda and HOD Blood Bank of the Associated Hospital.

ACR Doda Sanjeev Kumar, volunteers, Army and para military personnel donated the blood during the camp at Blood Bank of GMC Doda.

The DDC Doda also flagged off a rally of Red Cross Volunteers, NCC cadets and students from Government Higher Secondary School Boys



DC Poonch, Inder Jeet flagging-off students' rally.

POONCH: A students' rally was flagged off by District Development Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet who is also the Chairman of the District Red Cross Society from Krishan Chander Park Poonch.

The rally culminated at Govt Girls Hr. Sec. School Poonch where speakers, Students from different schools participated and highlighted the importance of the Red Cross movement.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Sr. Lecturer DIET Poonch, Haroon Rathore.

Students shed light on how World Red Cross Society helps others without any discrimination across the world.

Cash prizes were presented to the students who spoke on the occasion.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner inaugurated a blood donation camp at the blood bank of Raja Sukhdev Singh District Hospital Poonch.

Around 29 units of blood were donated by the Javans of 93 Infantry Brigade Poonch under and a civilian.

UDHAMPUR: An impressive function was organized by District Administration Udhampur to celebrate the world Red Cross day on the theme "Be Humankind" here at Conference Hall DC Office Complex Udhampur.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mohammad Syed Khan was the chief guest on the occasion.

Earlier, Secretary District Red Cross Society, V.P Sharma gave a detailed account of the various activities

"Be Humankind" was held in which 9 students drawn from different government schools participated. They threw light on the philanthropic services of the Red Cross Society and highlighted its role in saving precious lives during natural calamities.

Mehak Devi of Government Girls High School clinched 1st Position while Anmol Sharma of Higher Secondary School Jaganoo and Ankush Kumar of Shaheed Inspector Kamal Singh Model Higher Secondary School Boys Udhampur bagged second and third positions, respectively.

Later, the chief guest distributed certificates among the participants.



Students of GHSS Reasi presenting a patriotic song.

REASI: The Red Cross Day function started with a flag hoisting ceremony by chief guest District Development Commissioner Babila Rakwal followed by Red Cross Pledge and Prayer by the gathering, members of Indian Red Cross Society and Red Cross volunteers.

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Aisha Malhotra of GDC Kathua bagged first position, Suresh Pasvan of Government Higher Secondary School Kathua and Abhinandan Singh of GDC Kathua were adjudged second and third, respectively.

Meanwhile, Health checkup camps and blood donation drives were also commenced in the district.

Meanwhile, the Educational institutions organized different activities like Painting competition, Symposium, Skit, and Seminars on the theme of



DDC Doda, Vikas Sharma inaugurating the camp.

DODA: World Red Cross Doda.

KDA conducts 3rd massive cleanliness drive on Chowgan Ground

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KISHTWAR: Kishtwar Development Authority, in Collaboration with District Administration, Sports fraternity, locals and other departments on Sunday conducted 3rd massive cleanliness drive under "Swachh Chowgan Abhiyan" here at historical Chowgan ground.

The officers of District Administration including District Development Commissioner, Ashok Sharma, Additional District Development Commissioner Sham Lal, CEO KDA Inderjeet Parihar, ACD Atul Dutt Sharma, DPO Sunil Bhutyal; CAO S K Bhagat; DYSSO Kharati Lal



Students and KDA officials during a drive.

Sharma; CAHO Dr Sanjay Kumar Sen, besides BDO Drabshalla Sobia Shad, BDO Mughal Maidan Tasleem Wani and officers and officials of other departments prominent persons and locals enthusiastically took part in this drive.

The Chief guest, District Development Commissioner urged the participants to dedicate one hour on every Sunday to save the Chowgan Ground and for keeping their surroundings clean.

He appealed the general public, students to avoid throwing waste material, plastic bottles & polythene in 'Chowgan Ground.

The volunteers collected the litter, trash and single use plastic from the ground and

dumped it into designated Dust bins for further disposal by concerned authorities.

Army organises Amity Meet at Khandiyal Kot



Army official and people during amity meet.

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RAJOURI: Army organised an amity meet at Khandiyal Kot, in District

Army to organise ESM rally in Akhnoor on May 10
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JAMMU: In an earnest endeavor to rekindle with Ex-Servicemen and Veer Naris, Crossed Swords Division is organising an Ex-Servicemen Rally in Akhnoor on May 10, 2022. The event will unfold another chapter and provide an occasion for bonhomie and bonding with the ESM along with the redressal of their grievances. A team of army specialist doctors, help desks to address pension related issues, educational schemes of govt and cultural events are being organised as a part of the rally.

First Scouts unit constituted in Ashiana Orphanage

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KISHTWAR: Army in collaboration with Bharat Scouts and Guides constituted a Scouts Unit in Ashiana Orphanage, Kishtwar, for the first time.

The students of Ashiana were enrolled in the Unit by the traditional method by gifting of the scarf by the officials of Jammu Division of Bharat Scouts and Guides.

Speaking on the occasion, the officials intimated that it is for the first time in Kishtwar District that a Scouts Unit was created outside a school or college.

The students were enthusiastic about this new initiative and first time experience



A dignitary speaking at a meeting.

and were looking forward to more such training sessions.

Army officials who had organised the event

expressed hope that this was just a first step and that more units will be opened in Kishtwar District.

Sanjeev Parihar, President Social Reforms and Charitable Organisation expressed gratitude to the Indian Army and Bharat Scouts and Guides for inducting the students of Ashiana in the Scouts unit and also for boosting their morale. He hoped that such endeavours will continue in the near future also.

Army starts tailoring, knitting & embroidery courses for women



Army officials and women participants posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: On the occasion of International Women's Day, Army had started Tailoring, Knitting and Embroidery courses for 20 women from Tain, Choi and Charangari villages located near the LoC, with the prime focus on women empowerment.

These women had undergone Tailoring, Knitting and Embroidery courses for two months.

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood. Hence in recognition of dedication and hard work of these women during Tailoring, Knitting and Embroidery courses, Army felicitated them with Sewing Machine and Certificate of Excellence on the occasion of Mother's Day with the aim of making them self reliant and honouring their sacrifices for their families.

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