

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri presides over Kisan Sampark Abhiyan camp at Bathuni Panchayat



DC Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting at Rajouri on Tuesday.

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RAJOURI: An awareness event was organized on Holistic Agriculture Development Program under Kisan Sampark Abhiyan at Bathuni Panchayat of block Rajouri. The event was presided over by Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal.

The Holistic Agriculture Development program aims at enhancement of overall production, establishment of private/public nurseries, Seed villages, Area expansion, Employment creation, besides formulation of FPOs and incentivization on

area expansion under the interventions of Integrated Farming System.

Speaking at the event, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for sustainable and integrated agricultural practices to enhance overall production. He also said that the Government has launched a number of schemes and programs for the welfare of the farmers and motivated them to avail the benefits of the same.

In addition to the Holistic Agriculture Development Program, the participants were also made aware of the PM Kisan Scheme, which pro-

vides financial assistance to farmers across the country. They were also informed about the importance of the International Year of Millets, which is being celebrated across the country to promote the cultivation of millets.

Later, the DC also distributed Smart kisan Credit cards and IEC material on different centrally/UT sponsored schemes among the beneficiaries.

The event was attended by a large number of farmers who were eager to learn about the latest developments in agriculture and take advantage of the various schemes and programs being offered by the government. Overall, the awareness program was a success and helped to promote sustainable and holistic agriculture practices among the farming community.

Among the others DSHO, Dr Sarfraz Naseem Chowdhary; DIO, Narinder Kumar; officials of the Sheep Husbandry department and farmers in large numbers attended the event.

Establishment course for ministerial executive cadre commenced at SKPA



SKPA officials along with participants.

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UDHAMPUR: Six weeks Establishment Course for Ministerial Executive Cadre commenced at SKPA on Tuesday. This course is meant for the officials of Ministerial Executive Cadre of J&K Police. The main objective of the course is to sensitize the participants about the official work which involves office procedure, service matters, financial matters etc.

An inaugural function was organized at SKPA and Shri Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP Dy. Director (Indoor) was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Gupta welcome all the

trainees on behalf of Director SKPA. In his inaugural address he laid stress on the importance of official work which is to be carried out by the trainee officials in the near future. He also emphasis on the trainees to attend the training program seriously and make the course interactive in order to achieve the desired objectives of the course. Vinay Kumar, SSP, Dy. Director (Admn.) and Summati Gupta, Dy. SP, Asstt. Director (Admn./Q) were also present on the occasion. The course is being coordinated by Chander Mohan, Insp. assisted by SI(M) Shiv Kumar.

Hajj Training cum orientation programme for intending pilgrims organised at Poonch

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POONCH: The first phase of orientation cum training was imparted to intending Haj pilgrims here today in the Auditorium of College Ground Poonch by District Administration Poonch.

The programme was presided over by Additional District Development Commissioner, Malikzada Sheraz Ul Haq, General Manager DIC, Dr. Zakir Hussain, besides trainers, Anwar Khan, Mohammad Ismail, Mehmood Ahmed and other concerned officers were also present on the occasion.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Principal Government Higher Secondary School Sawjian, Anwar Khan.

The Haj trainers gave orientation cum training to a total of 280 intending Haj pilgrims including 176 Males & 104 Females.

During the session, the Haj trainers shared their experience and provided knowledge of the basic procedures of boarding and

lodging during the holy pilgrimage. Haj pilgrims were told about the immigration and boarding procedure.

General Manager DIC Poonch, Dr. Zakir Hussain, while speaking on the occasion congratulated the Haj Pilgrims and extended best wishes for their holy pilgrimage. He further advised them to follow the basic precautions. They were also given knowledge about the things to do while traveling in the flight. The ADDC also congratulated the Haj pilgrims and advised them to follow the tips given in the booklet provided to them.

The programme was organised on the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary and held under the supervision of Additional District Development Commissioner.

The prospective pilgrims thanked district administration Poonch for organising the orientation programme.

DDC reviews implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Catch the rain initiative

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UDHAMPUR: To review the latest status of progress made under Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Catch the rain 2023 campaign in the district, District Development Commissioner, Udhampur Sachin Kumar Vaishya today convened a meeting of officers of line departments here in his office chamber.

At the outset, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti, Ashok Sharma briefed the chair about the parameters of CTR, the latest progress on schemes and role of different departments for effective implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Catch the rain initiative in the district.

Speaking at the meeting, the DDC impressed upon the officers to work with zeal and dedication to achieve the targets set for the current financial year. He further called for close monitoring of ongoing works to ensure quality and adherence to timelines.

He asked the stakeholder departments to work in cohesion and make dedicated and coordinated efforts to conserve and pre-serve water for the present and future generations.

The DDC set June 30, 2023 as the deadline for the completion of the execution of works under JJM. The Concerned officers were directed to visit the rural and far flung areas of the district to get first hand information of the progress of works under JJM scheme. The DC directed all the officers of line departments to work in coordination for better results at the grass-roots level.

The need for generating mass awareness about the importance of water conservation, with special focus on rain water harvesting techniques was also stressed upon. The DDC asked the officers present in the meeting to ensure the rain water harvesting initiative is implemented in letter and spirit in the dis-

trict. Officers were exhorted to put maximum emphasis on motivation and facilitation of the general public to adopt roof water harvesting and replicate the same for water conservation in their respective areas.

Pertinent to mention here that Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Catch the rain 2023 was launched by the Government of India on 4th March, 2023 in all the districts of the country, covering both rural and urban area with the central theme " source sustainability for drinking water " to bring the necessary focus on sustainability of drinking water supply, specially ground water sources and springs.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Sham Singh, Chief Planning Officer, Mudassir Yaqoob Zargar, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral and other district officers attended the meeting.

DC Reasi conducts site visit to inspect progress of Water Supply Schemes taken up under JJM



DC Reasi, Babila Rakwal reviewing progress of water supply projects.

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal on Tuesday visited and verified the progress of water supply projects taken up under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to ensure all the household in the district have access to safe and adequate drinking water facilities.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed review of the physical and financial progress of works on Gran Brotrain and Talwara Water Supply Schemes (WSSs) being implemented under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Reasi

district.

While majority of the works having been completed under JJM, the DC reviewed the progress of balance works on other sites.

With regard to execution of work on Talwara, Gran Brotrain and in Reasi rural Retrofitting and Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme, the DC was apprised that pace of work on the project is in full swing. It was informed that more than 500 households would be covered under the project by providing them safe and adequate drinking water.

DC Kathua convenes introductory cum interactive meet with District/Sectoral Officers

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KATHUA: A day after assuming charge as Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas on Tuesday convened an introductory cum interactive meeting with District/Sectoral Officers, here in the Conference Hall of the DC office complex.

Speaking at the meeting, DC Kathua emphasized the importance of cooperation and urged the officers to work as a team to achieve the desired outcomes. He also highlighted the need for transparency, accountability and efficiency in the government functioning at all levels.

The interactive session was aimed at understanding the concerns and issues faced by the



DC Kathua, Rakesh Minhas chairing a meeting on Tuesday.

officers and finding ways to resolve the same. The officers were encouraged to share their ideas and suggestions for the betterment of the district.

The DC also stressed on having a data driven/ facts based approach for achievement of desired development objectives.

He also impressed upon officers to conduct regular field visits to ascertain ground realities/ proper execution of works.

"The introductory cum interactive meet is a step towards building a more efficient and effective administration in Kathua. The officers should engage in con-

structive discussions and share their views, which will go a long way in improving the overall functioning of the district administration," the DC said. The DC said that development of the industrial sector shall be the priority/focus area of the district administration to achieve holistic development of the region.

The DC further called upon all to keep a long term vision for long lasting achievements. He also enjoined upon all to create a balance between personal and professional life, besides showing total commitment during working hours. Later, the DC also chaired a meeting of revenue officers and discussed issues concerning their department.

People block Bani-Basohli Road, seeks proper investigation in accidental death case



Locals and family members of deceased blocking road at Bani.

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BANI: Family members and relatives of one Machinder Kumar, who died in an accident blocked the Bani Basholi Road on Tuesday seeking proper investigation in the accidental case. Pertinent to mention here that Machinder Kumar, son of Mangat Ram, resident of Rathpur was severely injured in a road mishap at Bani and later airlifted from Bani to Jammu Medical College by the administration for better medical treatment but unfortunately he succumbed to injuries. Talking to media persons,

the family members said that no proper investigation and action was taken by the police till now. The protesters demanded that the Police should taken stern action against the culprit by holding for proper Investigation in the accidental case.

Later, the Tahsildar Bani reached the spot and assured the public and the family members of the deceased that justice should be given as soon as possible. The family members warned that if the proper investigation will takes place then they will again come on the road till the justice met.

CRPF organises free medical camp



Doctor examining a patient during the camp.

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BHADARWAH: To reach out to the poor rural population residing in far off areas and devoid of basic medicare facilities, CRPF's 33 Battalion based at Bhadarwah organised one day Free

Medical camp at Sarna village in Additional District Bhadarwah on Tuesday.

The camp was held in the premises of Tourist Reception Centre (TRC) Bhadarwah, which was inaugurated by Devinder Singh Negi, Commandant 33Bn CRPF Bhadarwah along with CMO CRPF 33 Battalion Dr Jayashree. Assistant Commandant Hayat Singh Rana and Assistant Commandant Ankit Gupta were also present on the occasion.

The patients were examined by the doctors from SDH Bhadarwah including Dr Sheenam and Dr Rahat, beside Army doctors led by CMO CRPF

Dr Jayashree. Sarpanchs, Panchs and a large number of people participated in the free medical camp.

Beside medical check up and medical advices, free medicines were also distributed among the people. Different types of tests were also conducted during the day long Camp.

Devinder Singh Negi Commandant 33 Bn CRPF Bhadarwah said that we are committed to serve our people and today's medical camp is part of our helping attitude towards public health care under Civic Action Program (CAP).

CMO CRPF 33 Battalion Dr Jayashree said that the CRPF is not only protecting people from insurgency but we also trying to uplift their medicare by providing them best medicare facilities.

People express gratitude to CRPF for organizing Free Medical Camp and providing them medicines free of cost. They hope CRPF will continue with such initiatives.

DM Reasi discusses preventive measures against drug menace with heads of Colleges, Schools

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REASI: District Magistrate Reasi, Babila Rakwal called for a coordinated action against drug abuse and preventing the supply of drugs and Psychotropic substances of abuse.

Chairing a meeting of Heads of Educational Institutions, the DM said police, teachers, Mentors, health professionals and society need to play a pivotal role in curbing the menace.

The DM stressed that the role of education and health departments in alerting and spreading awareness among the students against the menace is critical. The DM stressed on organising IEC activities, holding of regular Parent-Teacher-Meetings in educational institutions, spreading awareness among all other stakeholders, functioning of Drug De-Addiction Centres, working of control room, enforcement agencies and helpline number etc.

The DM directed the HOIs to hold Symposiums, Nukad Natak and debates on drug menace and De-addiction in collaboration with the

prominent members of the Civil society and to designate a Master Role Model /Ex- students who have achieved success in their respective field and constitute a counselling cell and a secret committee which will regularly monitor the any unusual behaviour of the students and any other suspicious person having direct or indirect link with the drug paddlers.

The DM also directed to submit a report of findings of the committee regarding behaviour of students on a regular basis and to keep a vigil on the suspicious places where youth can get involved in drug menace.

"Drug menace is a war" initiated to destroy our younger generation and the need of the hour is to make sincere and coordinated efforts by all stakeholders. What is required is to sensitize the Teachers and educate the parents to report any unusual behaviour or complaints by their wards regarding unscrupulous elements approaching them for involving or using drugs," the DM emphasised.

Speaking at the meeting, SSP Reasi Amit Gupta said that teens are most vulnerable and need special attention to keep them away from drug menace. "Teachers have the best access to youth and they can counsel them more effectively" he said and added that only coordinated efforts of all the stakeholders can yield results.

The Civil and police Administration have established 24x7 helpline number 9070907017 and any person having any information regarding drug paddlers, youth involved in the drug related activities or other suspicious activity in and round the educational institutions/offices or any other place in the district can provide Information on the designated helpline number without disclosing their identity, he informed.

The meeting was attended by ADC Abdul Star, CEO Sunita Bali, DSWO Pallvi Sharma, DIO Rajinder Digma, Colleges Principals and other Educational HOIs, NCORD Committee members, besides other district officers.

GDC Ghagwal beautifies celebrates International Labour Day

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SAMBA: The NSS Unit of GDC Ghagwal, 'Anukram', built a boundary wall around the flower beds in their college campus.

Principal of the college, Dr. Sujata Slathia, appraised the students about the importance of International Labour Day and encouraged them to participate in the various activities performed in life. She informed the volunteers that this day is celebrated as a mark of respect for all kinds of labour that a person puts in to make their lives more worthwhile. She also said that no work is big or small, and even small gestures of any kind that we show in our daily lives are counted as a form of labour.

As the students had already potted plants in flower beds and flower vases, so today they constructed a boundary around those flower beds to beautify their college premises. NSS PO, Dr. Vani Awasthi, Dr. Rajni Bala, Convenor Eco Club, and Tushar Sangra, Sachin Kumar, members of the Multi-tasking Force of the college, taught students about the dignity of labour by helping them and guiding them in constructing a brick hedge around the blossomed bed. Other faculty members, Prof. Ramzan Ali, Dr. Deepika Sharma, Dr. Sushma Gupta, Dr. Shivali Panjgotra and Ms. Dheeraj Bhagat distributed refreshments and applauded and praised the volunteers for their beautiful contribution towards their Alma-Mater.



Students engaged in beautification of college.

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