

FCS&CA starts eye scan to complete e-KYC of ration card holder beneficiaries across Ramban

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RAMBAN: With an aim to cover left out beneficiaries, who were unable to complete their mandatory e-KYC through biometric, Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs(FCS&CA) Ramban started eye scan facility to all those pending beneficiaries to complete their mandatory e-KYC across District Ramban.

After Kharri area of Ramban, a special camp was organized by TSO Banihal Nazir Ahmed Wani (who is also incharge TSO Kharri) at TSO office Banihal in Distt Ramban.

Huge number of beneficiaries linedup for their turn to e-KYC done through eye scan as they were unable to do with biometric by their thumb or fingers.



It is notable that to bring transparency in Public Distribution Ration system, the food department has been instructed to implement e-KYC updates for ration consumers across Jammu and Kashmir and now Department has started eye scan option also to facilitate the consumers. The initiative of e-KYC system is aimed at to root out fake ration cards, said an official.

TSO Banihal Nazir

Ahmed Wani informed that after strict guidelines from higher authorities, we are conducting e-KYC of all beneficiaries to ensure hassle free distribution of ration among all the ration card holders.

"Those who were pending due to error in doing their e-Kyc through biometric by scanning thumbs, now Department has decided to go with eye scan option so that no one deserving beneficiary get deleted," TSO added.

"After doing more than 400 e-KYC through eye scan in Kharri area of Ramban, we are conducting eye scan e-KYC of left out beneficiaries of Banihal as well," TSO informed, saying that with consent from AD Ramban, we will continue this camp for more days to complete 100% e-KYC.

"As of now about 70% e-KYC has been done across District Ramban and our target is to complete 100% in coming days, so that no one ration card of deserving beneficiary get deleted," He added.

Meanwhile locals expressed gratitude to the department for this initiative as they were not getting their quota due non-completion of their mandatory e-KYC.

Rural Women Conclave inaugurated at RS Pura, Suchetgarh

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JAMMU: The Rural Women Conclave at RS Pura and Suchetgarh was inaugurated by Anissa Nabi, State Project Manager, J&K State Rural Livelihood Mission.

Organized by Dr. Navneet Kaur, founder of NGO SUPPORT, Vinod Shandli, founder of JK KAS, and Ritu Singh, the event saw the participation of over 350 women.

The conclave aimed to empower rural women through skill-based education, aligning with the Prime Minister's mission.

Anissa Nabi presided as Chief Guest, highlighting the efforts of NGO SUPPORT and JK KAS in reaching out to rural women and honoring those working for their upliftment.

The event featured 12



Dignitaries during the conclave.

speakers discussing the challenges faced by rural women and proposing solutions. Adi Shakti awards were presented to 12 distinguished women for their contributions.

Dr. Navneet Kaur emphasized that healthy discussions at the conclave would

improve the situation for rural women.

Initiatives like small canteens in 30 villages and skill training programs have been launched to support women in forming self-help groups (SHGs). Vinod Shandil noted that over 700 women and girls have received train-

Army organises Youth Awareness Lecture



A resource person delivering lecture.

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POONCH: A youth awareness lecture was conducted at Pinewood School, Sabra by the Indian Army. The primary objective of the lecture was to raise awareness amongst youth on various pertinent issues such as career development, mental health, social responsibility and digital literacy. By addressing these topics, it was

aimed to inspire and empower young individuals to make informed decisions and positively contribute to society. The lecture featured interactive sessions, including group discussion, case studies and question & answer segments. These activities encouraged active participation and facilitated peer learning, allowing attendees to share insight and experience.

'Doordarshan' : In the era of Artificial Intelligence

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JAMMU: The day of 26th May 2024 is going to be recorded in golden letters in the history of Doordarshan.

DD Kisan is the only TV channel in the country, which has been established by the Government of India and dedicated to the farmers. This channel was established on 26 May 2015. After 9 years of immense success, DD Kisan is coming with a new look and a new style among the farmers of India. Where the presentation of the channel is going to be in a new avatar.

In this era of 'Artificial Intelligence', Doordarshan Kisan is going to become the only first government TV channel of the country, Where all eyes are going to be on an AI anchor: Doordarshan Kisan is going to be launch two AI anchors (AI Krish and AI Bhoomi), you will be surprised to know that this news anchor is a computer, which is exactly like a human, or rather, it can work like a human. It can read and tell news 24



hours and 365 days without stopping or getting tired.

The special thing about this anchor is that farmer viewers will be able to see them in all the states of the country from Kashmir to Tamil Nadu and from Gujarat to Arunachal, these AI anchors will provide every necessary information about agricultural research happening in the country and global level in trends in agriculture mandis, changes in the weather or any other information of gov-

ernment schemes. One special thing about these anchors is that they can speak in fifty languages of the country and abroad. Some special facts included in the objectives of DD Kisan.

The objective of establishing DD Kisan Channel was to always keep the farmers informed about the changes in weather, global and local markets etc., so that farmers can make appropriate plans in advance and take right decisions on time. DD Kisan Channel Even today it is meeting these standards for the last 9 years.

DD Kisan channel is also working to bring forward the efforts of progressive farmers to all the people, with the aim of serving the agricultural and rural community in the country and working towards creating an environment of holistic development by educating them.

DD Kisan channel is strengthening the three-dimensional concept of agriculture which includes balanced farming, animal husbandry and plantation.

Amid high-security 474 EVMs dispatched to Rajouri Control Room

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POONCH: In a significant move to ensure the smooth Counting of Votes for Anantnag Rajouri Seat, 474 Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) have been dispatched to the Rajouri Control Room early This morning. The Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) of Poonch, Qadeer Ul Rehman, confirmed the secure transportation and adequate security arrangements for these EVMs.

Rehman emphasized that all necessary precautions have been taken to ensure the safety and integrity of the EVMs throughout the process. The deployment of these machines is a critical step in the election preparation, aimed at facilitating a transparent and efficient voting process in the Rajouri region.

The dispatched EVMs were transported in an advanced



secured vehicle with GPS and with proper Security to prevent any tampering or malfunction. The move highlights the administration's commitment to upholding the democratic process by providing reliable and secure voting equipment.

Qadeer Ul Rehman said that Election Authorities have made stringent security measures in place to ensure the EVMs' protection from any potential threats. He said a magistrate and ARO is

accompanying the machine's transportation.

This development is part of the broader election readiness efforts across the region, with officials working tirelessly to ensure all logistical and security aspects are addressed well in advance added Rehman. The administration's proactive approach aims to foster a fair and orderly election environment, reflecting the importance of every vote in the democratic process.

Educational activities organised in Zone Bhagwah

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DODA: Vishwagram Education Trust, in collaboration with the District Administration Doda on Sunday organized various educational activities at different institutions in Zone Bhagwah.

The team from Vishwagram Trust visited PM Shri HS Sooli, engaging over 300 students in diverse and creative activities.

The activities included cap making, firki, taka takiyu, card making, paper bag creation, gift boxes, star boxes and singing. The students showed keen interest and conducted activities with great enthusiasm.

The heads of institutions and staff provided support and cooperation, ensuring the event's success.

Mohammad Iqbal, HOI of PM Shri HS Sooli,

expressed gratitude to the District Development Commissioner Doda, Chief Education Officer and Zonal Education Officer Bhagwah for facilitating such opportunities. He emphasized the importance of these programs for the overall development of children, enhancing their critical thinking, creativity and cognitive skills.

The Team members of Vishwagram Trust also visited the GHSS Boys Bhaderwah and New Primary School Upper Sungli.

Different activities were conducted on the occasion.

As many as 130 students from GHSS Boys and NPS Sungli participated in the program.

Sham Singh Katal (HOI, NPS Sungli) said that such programs are important for the overall development of the students.

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DODA: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Zone Doda successfully concluded the U-14 and U-17 boys and girls tournaments at the Sports Stadium on Sunday.

The event was organized as part of the annual activity calendar for 2024-25, approved by Director Youth Services and Sports J&K, Subash Chander Chibber.

The event operated under the esteemed aegis of District Development Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh with guidance from Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Ved Prakash and under the direction of DYSSO Doda, Sunil Kumar. The tournament featured a variety of sports competitions, including Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Badminton, Cricket, Chess, Carrom, Tug



Glimpses of tournaments at Doda.

of War, Fencing, Taekwondo, Wushu and Shooting, providing students an excellent platform to showcase their talent, skill and sportsmanship. Students participated enthusiastically, demonstrating their abilities and competitive spirit throughout the tournament. The event not only highlighted the athletic skills of the young participants but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and teamwork among them.

Zonal Physical Education Officer Doda expressed gratitude and appreciation to the field staff for their cooperation and efforts in ensuring the smooth conduct of the inter-school zonal level tournament. The success of the event was a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

Shoolini University hosts first official TOCFL Mandarin exam

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SOLAN: First official Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) Mandarin Exam, was conducted in collaboration with the Taiwan Embassy by Shoolini University, setting a precedent for the entire Himachal Pradesh region. The event saw enthusiastic participation from 23 Shoolini students, alongside three examinees from IIT Ropar. The presence of Taiwanese Mandarin teacher Mr. Xiao Jia-feng and the Chief Invigilator Ms. Ho Mei-Tzu, an officer from the TOCFL Mandarin exam center of the Taiwan Embassy, added to the exam's credibility and importance. Ms. Ho, who also teaches Mandarin at the Bluebells International School in New Delhi, traveled from New Delhi to Shoolini to conduct

the exam. In an additional highlight, three Shoolini students undertook the higher-level Band A exam for the first time. Achieving Band A certificates is expected to significantly enhance their career prospects in the Chinese-speaking world and with international companies. The Taiwan Education Center has committed to recommending these students for job interviews with prominent Taiwanese companies, including Foxconn in India. Notably, Foxconn manufactures 70% of iPhones globally. Shoolini University is planning to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Foxconn in July, which will allow Shoolini students to bypass the initial document review stage, typically a highly competitive process. Furthermore, students who participated in the TOCFL exam are now eligible to apply for the Annual MOE Mandarin Scholarships. These scholarships provide a generous stipend of 65,000 INR per month for 2 to 3 months to study Mandarin in Taiwan. Students achieving Band A level certificates may also qualify for extended scholarships, lasting more than six months.

Kavinder inaugurates Jan Aushadi Kendra in Birpur

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SAMBA: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former deputy Chief Minister marked a significant milestone in the provision of affordable healthcare by inaugurating a Jan Aushadi Kendra in Birpur, Samba. The inauguration ceremony was attended by local officials, community leaders, and prominent people of the area.

The Jan Aushadi Kendra is a testament to the government's commitment to ensuring access to quality and affordable medication for all sections of society. With the inauguration of this Kendra, residents of Birpur and surrounding areas will have access to a wide range of generic medicines at prices significantly lower than their branded counterparts.

On the occasion, DDC member Asha ji, Ex Sarpanch Lower Birpur Veena Jamwal, Ex Sarpanch Lower Birpur Bittu Langeli, BMO Purnamandal Dr Raj Kumar Sharma, Dr jasbir also graced the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Kavinder underscored the importance of initiatives like the Jan Aushadi Kendra in



Former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta inaugurating Jan Aushadi Kendra in Birpur.

bridging the gap in healthcare accessibility and affordability. He highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's steadfast commitment to promoting affordable healthcare through initiatives like the Jan Aushadi Kendra. He emphasized how the establishment of such centers aligns with PM Modi's vision of ensuring that every Indian has access to quality healthcare services without financial constraints.

Kavinder also underscored the pivotal role of Ayushman Bharat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship

healthcare scheme, in revolutionizing the healthcare landscape of India. He emphasized how Ayushman Bharat aims to provide comprehensive health coverage to over 500 million people, particularly those from economically vulnerable backgrounds, by offering cashless treatment for critical illnesses and hospitalization expenses upto Rs 5 lakh. He hailed Ayushman Bharat as a transformative initiative that exemplifies the government's commitment to ensuring healthcare access for all, irrespective of financial constraints, thereby fos-

tering a healthier and more equitable society.

Kavinder reiterated the BJP's commitment to prioritizing healthcare and ensuring that every individual has access to essential medicines and free healthcare services. As the nation continues its efforts towards building a healthier and more prosperous society, initiatives like the Jan Aushadi Kendra and Ayushman Bharat serve as a cornerstone in ensuring healthcare accessibility and affordability for all, in line with PM Modi's vision, he added.

Significant turnout in Anantnag-Rajouri affirms people's trust in PM Modi's visionary leadership: Sham Langar

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JAMMU: Sham Lal Langar, Convenor of BJP Trade Cell, Jammu and Kashmir, has hailed the impressive 53 percent voter turnout in the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary seat as a clear endorsement of the effectiveness of the policies implemented by the Modi government. He asserted that the significant turnout is a resounding affirmation of the people's trust in the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In a statement issued here today, Sham Langar emphasized that the robust participation of voters reflects their rejection of the policies propagated by Kashmir-based political parties. "The remarkable voter turnout demonstrates the people's unwavering commitment to democracy and their unequivocal support for the transformative initiatives undertaken by the Modi government," he stated.

He categorically said that the historic participation of people in this democratic process has underscored the success of the Modi government's policies in

restoring normalcy and strengthening democracy in the region. He expressed deep gratitude and commendation for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government's unwavering commitment towards J&K.

He further underscored the role of the electorate in endorsing the progressive policies and developmental agenda championed by Prime Minister Modi. "By participating in large numbers, the people of Anantnag-Rajouri have unequivocally voiced their endorsement of the Modi government's visionary leadership and its commitment to inclusive growth and development," he added.

Langar expressed gratitude to the people of Anantnag-Rajouri for their active participation in the electoral process, reaffirming their faith in democracy and the leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

The former deputy Mayor said that BJP in J&K is committed towards achieving positive momentum and ensure that UT continues to move on the path of peace and prosperity.

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