

General Lok Adalats organised by DLSA Bhadarwah: 900 cases taken by 5 benches across Doda district



A bench during the Lok Adalat at Bhadarwah.

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BHADARWAH: 900 hundred cases were taken up across Doda district by the 5 benches in General Lok Adalats organised by DLSA Bhadarwah on Saturday, said Secretary DLSA Mudassir Farooq. To reach out to the maximum litigants and com-

mon masses 5 benches, 2 at Bhadarwah and one each at Doda, Thathri and Gandoh were established simultaneously to settle the cases in General Lok Adalats.

The General Lok Adalat was organised to settle Prelitigation, pending cases in the courts particularly

MACT, matrimonial, family disputes, labour disputes, civil and criminal cases, bank recovery cases, electricity and water bills besides cases related to other civil matters, informed Secretary DLSA Mudassir Farooq.

The General Lok Adalat was inaugurated by Virendra Singh Bahu, Chairman District Legal Services Authority Bhadarwah, at District Court Complex.

"On the occasion, each Court had identified cases for the Lok Adalat beforehand and same were placed before different constituted by DLSA Bhadarwah for settlement in General Lok Adalat," Said Mudassir Farooq, Secretary DLSA.

ADDC Kishtwar clears SDRF relief cases

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KISHTWAR: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kishtwar Sham Lal on Saturday chaired a meeting to review and approve relief cases under SDRF here at his office chamber, mini-secretariat DC office complex.

All the cases submitted in the meeting were cleared after threadbare discussion and verification.

Besides, ADDC Kishtwar also reviewed pendencies of relief cases. He was informed that all the cases received till date have been submitted after proper verifications.

All the SDMs and Tehsildars were directed to submit relief files to the DC office in a time bound manner to ensure clearance of the same.

The meeting was attended by ACR Varunjeet Singh Charak; ACD Atul Dutt Sharma; SDM Chatroo Inderjeet Parihar; SDM Paddar Rishi Kumar; XEns, Tehsildars besides concerned District officers.

'Grant due ST status to the Pahari Tribe'

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RAJOURI: Pahari Tribe ST Forum submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister of India through Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri regarding granting of due ST status to the Pahari Tribe as earliest.

Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri Vikas Kundal received the memorandum and assured the delegation that the document in original shall be submitted to the desired office.

Pertinent to mention recently Jammu and Kashmir Socially and Educationally Backward Classes Commission has submitted its interim and supplementary reports to the Government on reservations to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and



Pahari Tribe ST Forum delegation handing over memorandum to DDC Rajouri.

Paharis and inclusion of new areas and castes in the OBC category.

A final call is now expected to be taken shortly by the Jammu and Kashmir Government followed by the Union Home Ministry after which the issue of reservations will go to the Parliament. This is well assumed that the Paharis are likely to get the

Scheduled Tribe (ST) status which will make them eligible for political reservations too as the Delimitation Commission has reserved 10 per cent seats in the Legislative Assembly of 90 constituencies for STs.

Final report is yet to be given by the Commission which was set up in March 2020 with two-year term

to finalize recommendations. However, it has submitted an interim and supplementary report to Jammu and Kashmir Government. The Commission is headed by Justice (Retired) GD Sharma and comprised Rup Lal Bharti and Munir Khan as Members.

Those prominent Executive Members of Pahari Tribe ST Forum who were the part of delegation includes Adv. Ahsan Mirza, Vikrant Sharma, Bharat Vaid, Sri Nagesh, Hameed Malik, Manir Mirza, Raj kumar Sharma, Rajinder Sharma, Jahanger Alam Khan, Ahamed Khan, Manzoor Khan, Zahid Iqbal, Om Parkash Sharma, Rangbaz Khan and Mujhid Hussain.

117 vaccinated, 1308 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer Ramban, Dr. Suresh, the Health Department on Saturday administered the vaccine doses to 117 persons in the district. Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol, 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, the Health Department has collected 1308 samples including 333 RT-PCR and 975 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 117 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

Seminar held on communal harmony & national integration



A section of dignitaries during the seminar.

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RAJOURI: 91st seminar on communal harmony, national integration was held at Village Kangri (Bajabain) by Lekh Raj Raina, a social activist of the area and organizer of Peace and Harmony of Tehsil Beri Pattan under the chairmanship of Nain Chand Sharma, Retd. Dy. Director Forest Protection as Chief Guest and Mohan Singh Retd. Sub. Major, Sarpanch Tanda presided over the function as Guest of Honour. Social activists of the area along with Retd. Army personnel Sub. Major Doger Nath Sharma, Sub. Mahesh Sharma, Sub. Goverdhan Sharma, Sub. Nater Parkash Sharma, Satya Bhushan Raina, Sarish Raina, Abhinav Raina and Sarthak Raina were also present in the seminar. Lekh Raj Raina organizer of the seminar in his wel-

come address stressed that it was the 91st Seminar on the topic Communal Harmony which was arranged in this village. He further stressed that being the citizen of a secular & vast country inhabited by a number of communities like Hindu, Muslim, Sikh Christian and many more are the citizen of the country name Bharat Mata and it is our first and foremost duty of every citizen work for the promotion of communal harmony for the integrity of our great nation. Chief Guest Nain Chand Sharma, Sardar Mohan Singh and other dignitaries also spoke on the subject and stress that communal harmony is the only way of peace, unity and brotherhood for the prosperity of our great nation.

GDC Bishnah gets Botanical Garden

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BISHNAH: Ecoclub in collaboration with Department of Botany and Zoology of Government Degree college Bishnah under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav organised an inaugural ceremony of Botanical Garden on Saturday. Ashwani Sharma Ex MLA, Bishnah was the Chief guest on the occasion. Principal of the College, Dr. Anuradha Pandoh formally welcome the chief guest.

Dr. Suman Bala Sharma Convener Ecoclub, briefed about the work done by members and students of Ecoclub. She highlighted about the aims and objectives of Ecoclub and establishing Botanical Garden.

Chief Guest Ashwani Sharma while addressing the staff and students of the College, appreciated the efforts of the College in provide best quality education despite of so many infrastructural constrains. He further assured that he will try his best to provide all infrastructural facilities to the College in future also.

Dr. Sheetu Raina, Head, Dept. of Zoology, coordinated the whole program. Dr. Sunil Kumar Sahiadia, Head, Dept. of Hindi presented the formal vote of thanks. Prof. Hardeep Kour, Prof. Archana Bakshi and Dr. Alka Sharma, the members of Advisory committee of the College were also present on the occasion. Teaching and Non-teaching staff and large number of students attended the programme.

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HIRANAGAR: A farmers awareness cum training camp was organized on Saturday at village Subechak, Hiranagar of Kathua district which presided over by Director Horticulture Jammu Ram Savak, DDC members, BDC chairman, wherein more than 200 farmers including women and PRI members participated.

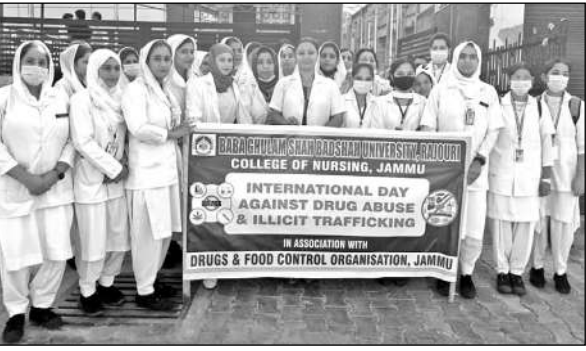
While addressing a large gathering of farmers, Director Horticulture Jammu deliberated upon the various centrally and UT sponsored Horticulture schemes of the department in vogue. He urged them to adopt latest technologies in the field of Mechanization, High Density Plantation, Strawberry & Aloe vera cultivation, protected cultivation,



A resource person addressing the farmers.

creation of irrigation sources etc. He further said that the district is having a great potential for horticulture crops which must be tapped and appealed the PRI and field functionaries to work in tandem for doubling the farmers income with special focus on Nursery Development Scheme of the department, establishment of solar driers and low cost processing units. Moreover, soil

BGSBU College of Nursing organises International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking



Students and faculty during the rally.

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JAMMU: BGSBU, College of Nursing, Jammu organised International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2022 in Association with Drugs and Food Control Organization, Jammu. Students of all batches of BSc Nursing of BGSBU Nursing College Jammu participated and spread awareness about the serious issues caused due to Drug Abuse across the world. In his message, Prof Akbar Masood Vice

Chancellor BGSBU conveyed that the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is an expression of determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse. People are living their lives in isolation and avoid being social because stress in modern times has become very high as a result of which some people may get involved in the habit

of drinking, smoking, drug addiction etc.

Drug abuse should not be ignored and should be strictly prohibited. The theme of this year is "Share Drug Facts To Save Lives". The programme was supervised by Dr Titi Xavier Associate Dean of Nursing Colleges and coordinated by Dr Pushpendra Kumar, Principal Nursing College Jammu. The Faculty, staff and students of BGSBU, College of Nursing, Jammu participated in this rally including Swati Janwal (Instructor), Khushbu Nisar (Instructor), Farhat Rayaz (Instructor), Gurjyot (Nursing tutor) and event coordinator Shweta Bali (Nursing Tutor).

Farmers' awareness cum training camp organised

impressed upon them to adopt Horticulture sector on commercial mode.

DLSMS (Plant Pathology/Pomology) and Manager cum Chemist also spoke on the occasion regarding the technical aspects. The programme was attended by the allied departments viz: Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries etc. Later, the Director Horticulture Jammu distributed keys of 3 Tractors, 2 Rotavators, 1 Power tiller and 1 Lift irrigation device among the beneficiaries and fruit plants were also distributed among the participants.

testing was also done on the spot. Earlier, Chief Horticulture Officer Kathua Sushil Kumar Angurana while addressing the farmers, deliberated on the Rainy Season Plantation and

Cooperative Awareness Camp Sahakar Se Samridhhi organised

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POONCH: To give further momentum to the cooperative movement in District Poonch, an awareness camp was organised by the Cooperative Department, here today.

Scores of farmers from across the district, including border blocks of Balakote, Mendhar, besides Mandi, Surankote etc participated in the Camp. The event was inaugurated by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Abdul Sattar in the presence of Deputy Registrar, Vishal Deep Chandan and district Audit officer, Adnan Rather. At the outset, the farmers were apprised of the various aspects of cooperative movement including the online registration procedure, benefits of cooperative institutions like democratic management, collective efforts, forward and backward linkages, market linkages etc.

Distribution of 20 registration certificates among beneficiaries remained the major highlights of the event. Speaking on the occasion, ADDC Poonch assured to extend full support to cooperative farm-

ers and assured that gradually these farmers and cooperative institutions will be covered/absorbed under different food processing projects/schemes being implemented by the District Administration in the coming months. Giving the message of "Sahakar se Samridhi", the Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Poonch gave an elaborate presentation about the functioning of cooperative institutions all over the world. He apprised the farmers about the various successful case studies from the UT and all over India.

Highlighting the role of the cooperative department as "Friend, guide and philosopher", the Deputy Registrar assured the cooperative farmers of all the possible help and assistance. He further elaborated that Cooperative institutions form an important and crucial component of GOI's vision of "Doubling Farmers income by 2022". They are in fact the future of farming enterprises and startups. Sharing his experience, the District Audit officer Poonch stressed the need for developing a culture of

learning from success stories from other districts like Reasi, Udhampur, Kathua, etc where successful cooperatives are running.

The farmers were also apprised about Yuva SAHAKAR Yojana and Ayushman Sahakar Yojna and various eligibility criteria. The queries raised by the participating farmers / beneficiaries were answered in detail like "how to start the business", the documents to be maintained, "the election procedure" and how to enroll new members" etc.

224 cases settled in Lok Adalat at Reasi

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REASI: Under the insightful directions of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Executive Chairman, JKLSA and radiant guidance of R.N. Watal Chairman DLSA Reasi (Pr: District & Sessions Judge Reasi), District Legal Services Authority Reasi on Saturday organized the General Lok Adalat in District Reasi. Three Benches were constituted for settling the referred cases. The Bench No.1 comprised Rekha Kapoor Nischal, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Reasi) and Priyanka Mahajan (Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Reasi), the Bench No 2 consisted of Manoj Kumar Parihar, Sub Judge, Katra and Sandeep Sen, Munsiff, Katra, while Bench No. 3 comprised of Mahavir Singh, Munsiff, Mahore and Advocate S.S. Sahni, Tehsil, Mahore. The matters placed before the Benches included all cases pending in the Courts of District Court Complex, Reasi and appropriate to be settled in the Lok Adalat, All Pre Litigation Cases, Criminal Compoundable Cases, Civil Cases, Matrimonial Cases and Traffic Challans.

A total number of 257 cases were taken up for amicable settlement out of which 224 cases were settled and an amount of 11,05,600 was realized as settlement amount.

DDC Rajouri reviews maintenance of Water Supply Schemes

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Saturday reviewed the repair and maintenance of water supply schemes here at a meeting of functionaries of Jal Shakti Mechanical division. Officers who attended the meeting included CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ExEn Jal Shakti Rajouri, Mushtaq Ahmed; ExEn Mechanical Rajouri, Manmohan Singh and other concerned officers. During the meeting, it was

informed that there are 324 schemes in the district out of which 08 are nonfunctional. The DDC was briefed about the status of ongoing repair work on these schemes and the progress achieved in this regard as of now. The DDC asked the concerned officer to restore all the non-functional water supply schemes at the earliest to provide adequate drinking water supply to the general public.

He said that the timely repair will benefit the community and people should not be

deprived of water which is a basic necessity of mankind. Seeking the status of works of mechanical division under District Capex Budget and untied grants, it was informed that 17 works have been taken up under District Capex Budget and 06 under untied grants and the tenders for all the works have been floated.

The DDC also asked the concerned officers to take effective measures to redress public grievances related to water timely so that they don't face any inconveniences.

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