

JPDCL Projects: DC Rajouri calls for quality work, timely completion



Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Monday reviewed the progress of ongoing JPDCL projects in the district.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Mohammad Khurshid; Executive Engineer (EXEN) of STD Kalakote, Hasan Mohd; Executive Engineer Project Wing; Aftab and other concerned officers.

The DC reviewed progress scheme wise status of ongoing power sector

projects and inquired about the bottlenecks, if any, hampering the smooth execution of work. The officials gave a detailed briefing on the progress made so far and the issues they are facing in the execution of these projects.

The DC emphasized the need to expedite the work on these projects and directed the officers to take all necessary measures to ensure timely completion. He also stressed the importance of ensuring quality work and instructed the officials to ensure that the projects are executed as per

the prescribed specifications and standards.

The DC also stressed the need to ensure the safety of the workers and the general public during the execution of these projects. He directed the officials to take all necessary measures to ensure the safety of the people and to strictly adhere to the safety guidelines.

The Deputy Commissioner urged the officials to continue working with the same dedication and commitment to ensure the timely completion of these projects. Additionally, he also reviewed the progress on works under RDSS scheme wherein he was informed that out of 97 feeders, the work on 05 feeders is in progress.

The district administration is committed to ensuring efficient, reliable, and sustainable power supply for the people of Rajouri, and such reviews and directives from the DC are a step in the right direction.

DIET Doda, Pratham collaborate to empower Grade 1-3 Mothers with Developmental Skills Workshop

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DODA: District Institute of Education Research & Training (DIET), in collaboration with Pratham Education Foundation Doda, organized a workshop for mothers of children in grades 1, 2, and 3.

This empowering workshop was hosted across 10 educational zones in the District with the aim of discussing the developmental skills goals of NIPUN BHARAT and FLN.

Recognizing the vital role of mothers in their children's life, the workshop emphasized the importance of their involvement in nurturing and shaping their young ones. During the first five years of a child's life, the synaptic networks in their brain are still forming, making this stage particularly crucial for



Officials of DIET and Foundation along with children during the event.

development. Children are highly receptive to human contact and interaction during this period, making it essential for parents to engage them in cognitive, social, and emotional activities that will shape their future selves. One of the key aspects discussed in the workshop was the significance of maintaining communication between mothers and their child's teacher. By staying updated on what their child is learning in the classroom, mothers can reinforce and

transfer this knowledge in the home setting. This collaborative approach extends the teaching beyond the classroom, resulting in a more positive learning experience for children. Ultimately, it helps children perform better in school, fostering their confidence and overall ability. The success of such workshops lies in their ability to establish a strong bridge between government schools and communities. By bringing together education professionals, mothers, and

other stakeholders, these workshops pave the way for achieving the goals of NIPUN BHARAT and FLN. Continued efforts in organizing such workshops in the future will further enhance the partnership between schools and families, leading to the holistic development of children and the realization of educational targets. The DIET Doda and Pratham collaboration have demonstrated a commitment to empowering mothers and harnessing their vital role in their child's education. Through these workshops, mothers are equipped with the knowledge and skills to support their children's learning journey effectively. By nurturing a strong bond between schools and communities, we move closer to the vision of NIPUN BHARAT and FLN, creating a brighter future for our children.

JU's Kathua Campus organises blood donation camp

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KATHUA: University Institute of Engineering and Technology, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu organised maiden blood donation camp in collaboration with Work for Blood Donor Society (WBDS), J&K for Thalassemia child patients in run-up to International Blood Donation Day. The WBDS team devotedly worked under the guidance of Akhil Sharma, Founder (WBDS). After proper donor screening and medical examination of all the voluntary donors, students, faculty members and civilians of Kathua donated blood for the noble cause.

Accentuating the importance of blood donation, Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu said that the blood donation is



A volunteer donating blood.

the opportunity of gifting somebody with new life and every healthy person should donate blood with full willingness as it is for the well being of every human being. She talked about the virtue of regular, voluntary and unpaid blood donations and also highlighted the commitment of Kathua Campus (JU) in creating a conducive environment. She further added that everyday an adequate amount of blood is required in all

the health care institutions to meet the requirement of the patients in need of blood. Further, she reiterated that such programmes encourage and motivate the civil society in general and students in particular. She administered the blood donation pledge and also praised the team of WBDS for helping the children suffering from Thalassemia.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, Incharge Coordinator,

UIET welcomed the WBDS and medical team and said that blood donation is the moral responsibility of all healthy people to donate regularly so that blood banks have sufficient units available in case of emergency. He further said the blood donation camp was organized to create awareness among faculty members and students of the Campus.

On the occasion, Shiwangi Rajwal (B.Tech, Civil) and Anamika Sharma (B.Tech, CSE) recited the poems whereas Nishant Manhas (B.Tech, CSE) gave a detailed presentation on the benefits of donating blood. A group of UIET students performed a skit emphasizing the importance of blood donation. Er. Palvi Verma delivered vote of thanks and Er. Komal Khadotra coordinated the whole programme. The

members of WBDS including Mr. Rajinder Singh, Mr. Bhuvan Balloria and Koushal Rajput along with Dr. Tasir and his team from GMC, Jammu were also present during the programme.

Dr. Seema Jamwal, Er. Sandeep Raj, Er. Amarjeet Chopra, Er. Amarshit Khajuria, Er. Sarvadhan Sharma, Er. Komal Khadotra, Er. Rajan Verma, Dr. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Rubby Mahajan, Er. Palvi Verma, Er. Archana Salaria, Er. Himani Khajuria, Ritu Sharma, Ritika Gupta, Er. Vishavjeet Singh, Er. Arooshi Mahajan, Er. Sourav Gupta, Er. Shivani Sharma, Er. Vedika Khullar, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Pranav Ratta, Dr. Zahin Ansari and Avni Sharma contributed for the Blood Donation Camp.

DDC member starts blacktopping of Kapaini-Di-Ban to Jhang road

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AKHNOOR: BJP leader and member DDC, Jammu Suresh Sharma on Monday started blacktopping of PMGSY road from Kapaini-di-Ban to Fagal Jhang of Panchayat Gangal block Chowki Choura of Chhamb Constituency. The complete project will be completed with an amount of Rs 4.71 crore.

Addressing the public, Suresh Sharma said that it is foremost objective of Modi government to provide road connectivity to each village for appropriate development and benefit of government schemes.

Suresh Sharma also ensured the public that construction work of some more new roads will also be started in block Chowki Choura in coming



Member DDC Suresh Sharma starting blacktopping work.

days. He also highlighted that Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is doing every effort for the last 9 years to empower the poor people and for it many schemes namely PM Kissan Samman Nidhi, Ujjwala Yojana, Ladli Beti, Awas, Yojana, Sukanya Yojana, Widow Pension etc

have been started all over India.

AEE PMGSY Ravi Sharma, JE Jitender Singh, Sarpanch Tarlochan Dutt, Former Sarpanch Milk Ram, Panch Ram Gopal, Mandal secretary Rakesh sharma, Titru Ram, Gushu Ram and many other prominent persons were present on this occasion.

PTTI Vijaypur celebrates Raising Day



A cop performing during the event.

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VIJAYPUR: Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur celebrated Raising Day of J&K Police with great enthusiasm and pomp show. On this occasion, Principal PTTI Vijaypur; Shiv Kumar; addressed staff and trainees and threw light on the history of J&K Police. He also interacted with staff and trainees. On this occasion a cultural programme was also organized in which besides musical party, Police trainees of the Institute

also displayed their talent by presenting various solo/group Patriotic/ Folk songs which enthralled the audience. Besides this, a Shabeel was also organized as a good will gesture on Gurh-Slathia road in front of the Institute and cold and sweet drinking water was offered to the road users and locals of the area. The PTTI complex was well decorated and was giving an attractive look. At last, a lavish Bada Khana was also hosted for Guests, Police personnel and trainees of the Institute. The occasion was also graced by Rakesh Dubey, Addl. Deputy Commissioner; Samba, Vinay Kumar; SDM Vijaypur; Ex. Principals of the Institute Rajneesh Pran and S. Bhopinder Singh; Rajinder Singh Rahi, SP, Dy.CO IRP-19th Battalion, Prof. Jagannathan, HOD, National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu, Ajay Anand, Dy.SP DAR Samba, Deepak Jasrotia, Dy.SP Zia-Ul-Haq, Dy. SP Dy.SP (Admn/Outdoor), Kuldeep Raj (Indoor/Tech.) PTTI Vijaypur; Insp. Asha Anand, Insp. Vishal Kumar; Insp. Knaawal Raina, Insp. Vivek Kalsotra, Insp. Mukl Raj, Insp. Bhopinder Singh, Insp. Tariq Mehmood, Insp. Anil Kumar; Insp. Pawan Kumar; Insp. Ram Lal, Insp. Himanshu Dutta, Insp. Rakesh Sharma, SI Sulinder Singh, SI Kapil Raina, SI Shakeel Singh, Narinder Kumar were also present on this occasion.

DC Kishtwar chairs meeting to finalize arrangements for Sarthal Devi Yatra

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav on Monday presided over a meeting of line departments and religious representatives to discuss and finalize the necessary arrangements for the upcoming Sarthal Devi Ji Yatra.

The meeting was attended by ADC, Inderjeet Singh Parihar; ACR, Varunjeet Singh Charak; ACD/DPO, Sanil Bhutyal; Vice Chairman, Shri Sarthal Devi Ji Trust, Sanjeev Parihar; President of SD Sabha, Surinder Sen besides District heads of various line Departments and other religious representatives.

During the meeting, the Shri Sarthal Devi Ji Management Council informed the chair that the annual Sarthal Devi Yatra, in honor of Shri Ashtadashbhujia Mata Sarthal Devi Ji, will take place on June 26th and 27th, 2023. The Shobha Yatra will commence from Gauri Shankar Mandir Sarkoot at 2 PM on June 26th, 2023, following the conclusion of the Hawan (religious ceremony) and Puran Aahuti (offering).

Emphasizing the importance of



DC Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav chairing a meeting.

timely arrangements, the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar urged the line departments to ensure that all necessary preparations are made ahead of time.

Police Authorities assured the meeting that foolproof security measures will be put in place, starting from the Gauri Shankar Mandir and extending along the route to Sarthal Mata Bhawan, on both days of the Yatra.

To ensure the successful conduct of the Yatra, the Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned line departments to make necessary arrangements, including uninterrupted water supply and provision of water tankers, power supply, installation of high mast lights at Sarthal Bhawan and other temples, provision of

healthcare facilities at the specially established Medical Camp at Bhawan, provision of an ambulance with medical staff and allied medicines, and the placement of fire tenders for emergency response.

Furthermore, ARTO Kishtwar was instructed to ensure an adequate number of vehicles with valid technical fitness certificates, as well as the preparation traffic plan within the town to mitigate congestion and traffic.

Assistant Commissioner Development, District Panchayat Officer, and Municipal Council Authorities were specifically tasked with maintaining cleanliness and ensuring the upkeep of streets, lanes, and drains under their

respective jurisdictions to guarantee the safety and well-being of the pilgrims.

The Deputy commissioner Kishtwar also instructed the ACD Kishtwar to expedite the beautification of Sarkoot Pond before the Yatra. This initiative aims to safeguard and promote the historical water body in the Kishtwar area, providing a tranquil experience for pilgrims and tourists visiting the Gauri Shankar Mandir.

The executing agencies responsible for road maintenance were directed to conduct necessary repairs and upkeep on the roads from Hasti to Sarthal.

ACD Kishtwar was entrusted with the responsibility of installing dustbins at the venue and taking appropriate measures to provide sanitary and toilet facilities at Bhawan.

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar appealed to both the local residents and pilgrims to uphold the Religious sanctity and environmental serenity of the region by strictly adhering to the government's guidelines, including the avoidance of plastic usage.

DLSA Udhampur hosts awareness programme on World Day against Child Labour



DLSA officials imparting awareness.

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UDHAMPUR: District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur, under the Guidance of Chairman DLSA, Haq Nawaz Zargar and under overall supervision of Secretary DLSA, Ajay Kumar organized an Awareness Programme on World Day against Child Labour at Trikuta Brick Kiln, at Neeli Nalha. The Programme was organized in

coordination with the Labour Department and under the supervision of Pradyot Gupta, Assistant Labour Commissioner. The aim of the Programme was to raise awareness about the serious consequences of Child Labour and educate the masses especially Children about the various provisions provided under Law against Child Labour. The resource persons ensured that no child is engaged as Labour in the Brick kiln. The Resource persons of the Programme were Panel Lawyers Adv. Nikhileshwar Singh and Advocate Aakash Samotra and assisted by PLVs Rajinder Kumar and Sham Lal. Later, Resource Persons thanked the Staff from the Labour Department present in the program and all the participants for the smooth conduct of the Awareness Programme.

KVK Reasi organises training programme on millets revitalisation

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies of Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised the training programme on "Revitalisation of millets for nutritional security" on Monday at Kans Brahman village of Pouni block in Reasi distt. of J&K which was actively attended by a number of farmers of the area.

The programme was organised under the dynamic stewardship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Director Extension (DE) of SKUAST-J, Prof. SK Gupta. Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi formally welcomed the participants and briefed the significance of the programme. He spoke in detail on the International Year of Millets-2023 and added that millets are the super food that can help to tackle the challenges of food security. He said that millets or coarse grains have been a part of Indian agriculture since ages and they are capable of preventing both climatic disorders and ailments associ-

ated with the sedentary life. He said that millets can act as balanced nutrition, which can be produced easily through natural farming by using less water and other agro-inputs. He discussed in detail on the production, consumption, nutritional security and climate resilience of millets. He elaborated the health benefits of various types of millets and discussed the ways and means of incorporation of millets in the diet. He urged the participants to cultivate millets and add them to their daily dietary habits. He gave a detail view on the cultivation practices of different types of millets. He said that millets are climate resilient and can be grown under rain fed conditions. He asked the participants to work towards increasing the share of nutri-cereals in the national food baskets. He said that millet based value-added products can be a good venture to increase the income of farmers. He also discussed on natural farming to produce the quality food. He narrated that millets like pearl millet, foxtail, kodo, barnyard, finger millet, amaranth etc. can be grown in Reasi distt. and farmers can generate more

income and employment by growing them.

Dr. Lal also guided farmers on the value addition in millets for more returns. During the programme an interactive session was also organized for the participants during which various queries regarding the millets were raised by the farmers which were answered satisfactorily by the KVK scientist. Farmers showed keenness during the programme. Quality millets seed was also provided to the farmers during the programme. Awardee farmers of the area, Ram Lal and Bansil Lal were also present during the programme who shared their experiences on natural farming to the other farmers. Farmers thanked KVK, Reasi for promoting millets in the area.

CMO inspects healthcare facilities in old SDH Bhadarwah

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DODA: To assess the quality of medical services & punctuality of staff, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Doda, Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar visited Old Sub District Hospital Bhadarwah. He took stock of the health care arrangements and received first hand appraisal about the



CMO Doda, Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar during visit to Old Sub District Hospital Bhadarwah.

functioning of the Medical Aid Centre. The CMO inspected all

sections of the hospital and interacted with locals regarding the provision of the healthcare facilities in the MAC. The CMO directed the health staff to work with dedication to ensure better health care facilities to the patients besides observing proper dress code and punctuality while discharging duties.

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