

Civil Work completed on 180 bedded additional building of DH Rajouri



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal during visit to District Hospital at Kheora.

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RAJOURI: To review the progress of work on the 180-bedded additional building, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Sunday visited District Hospital at Kheora.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the progress and quality of the work. He was informed that the civil work on the building has been completed, while the sanitation and electrical works are

pending.

The DC asked the concerned officers to expedite the pending work at the earliest so that the building can be handed over to the Health Department and put to use for benefit of the public.

Meanwhile, the DC also inspected the blood bank and directed the staff to start the component facilities to improve the blood transfusion services in the region.

Aghar Jitto Mela: DIPR Reasi organises scintillating cultural programme on Day 2

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REASI: Every year in the month of June Baba Jitto Mela, a cultural fair is organised to pay tributes to a great and revolutionary farmer Baba Jitto, who fought against the feudal system in the area and laid down his life to promote social justice.

On the second day of the mela, thousands of visitors from J&K, HP, Punjab, Haryana and other parts of India congregate to pay obeisance to the Jitto Mal Samadhi.

DDC Chairman Saraf Singh Nag was the chief guest on the second day of the historic mela.

Addressing a huge gathering, Saraf Singh Nag threw light on the life and sacrifice of Baba Jitto who



Participants being given certificates during the programme.

laid his life to fight oppression by landlords. He welcomed the devotees who have thronged the shrine of Baba Jitto and his daughter 'Bua Kodi'.

He said district administration Reasi has made elaborate arrangements and special awareness stalls to educate farmers and the general public about the new initiatives taken specifically for their benefit. The purpose of this

mela is to promote the region's rich tradition and cultural heritage.

He said that DIPR organised a wonderful programme and such types of events should be held on regular intervals as these act as a communication channel to pass on cultural heritage to coming generations and spread awareness about the government sponsored schemes.

The three day long annu-

Naryana Hospital organises cancer survivors' meet



Cancer survivors along with doctors at hospital.

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KATRA: On the occasion of World Cancer Survivor Day, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Naryana Hospital organised a gathering of cancer survivors who have under gone cancer treatment at the hospital. The theme of this year's meet was "Strength is their super power". The meeting was attended by prominent oncologists of the hospital including Dr Abhinav Choudhary (Surgical oncologist), Dr Rajeev Saini

(Medical oncologist), Dr Rajapal Singh (Radiation Oncologist) & Dr Deepak Bharti (Medical oncologist). Speaking on the occasion Dr Abhinav Choudhary mentioned to the survivors that in the journey of cancer treatment the resilience of the patient matters the most and it's their mental strength that eventually enables them to overcome cancer. The cancer survivors present at the meet were also felicitated by the faculty of the Hospital.

Thousands of devotees throng Sudhmahadev mela Day 2

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UDHAMPUR: Thousands of devotees and visitors thronged to Sudh Mahadev temple to seek the blessing of Lord Shiva amidst colourful festivity around the Mela site on Sunday.

During the second day of three day folk fair, the devotees first bathe in the Beenisangam which flows out from top of the Dhar Shivgarh and is considered an abode of innumerable saints. The devotees took in the holy spring (Pap Nashni bowl) situated just at the entrance of the temple, about which it is said that a holy dip in this spring shuns all evils.

District administration has made elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Mela like uninter-



Dignitaries being honoured during the Mela.

rupted power, safe drinking water; sanitation, medicare, Police Control Room, assistance booth and security have been made at the mela site beside various departments like Agriculture, Horticulture, Health, Handloom, Fisheries have put up their departmental stalls.

A number of temporary

sweet shops, toy shops and other eatable corners by the locals as well as outside vendors were the main attraction for the general public visiting the Festival site. Outnumbered children were seen enjoying the joy rides. Langers were also organised voluntarily by various organisations at the mela site.

Sant Nirankari Mission holds blood donation camp

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RAJOURI: With the divine grace of Nirankari Satguru Mata Sudiksha Maharaj and Nirankari Rajpita, a blood donation camp was organised in Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan, Rajouri in the presence of Rev. Saint BP Singh, Zonal Incharge, Udh-Zone, 1-A, JKUT, who inaugurated the camp along with District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal. All the blood donors, participated, voluntarily donated blood with full enthusiasm. DDC, Rajouri, lauded the Mission for all the selfless services they are doing from the last so many decades.

Describing the importance of blood donation, Rev. Saint B.P.Singh said, "the message of our Satguru Mata is 'Blood should flows in the veins, not in drains' that, while donating blood, we do not consider in whose body our blood is going, it is a social work which reflects human values. Blood donation is not a social factor but, a divine quality of humanity which reflects the spirit of contribution.

Satguru Mata further stated that



A volunteer donating blood.

blood donation is such a beautiful gesture of selfless service in which only the good of the world is in mind then, the feeling does not arise in the heart that not only our relatives or our family is important but, the whole world becomes our family.

He also added, "Sant Nirankari Mission has already hosted 7585 blood drives with a total of 12,47,367 units of blood collected, that is over 3.75 million lives potentially saved from last 37 years.

‘Stop shifting of proposed GDC from Rakh Rara to border village Palota’

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SAMBA: SSP. Col SS Pathania (R), President Sainik Samaj Party, JKUT expressed his concern and anguish, over shifting of proposed Government Degree College from village Rakh Rara to border village Palota. Government had sanctioned one Degree College in Ramgarh tehsil, district Samba along with other degree colleges sanctioned in various districts of JKUT in year 2019.

In consonance with government order village Rakh Rara was selected and laying of foundation stone and allotment of sixty kanal of land was made to higher



SSP. Col SS Pathania (R), President Sainik Samaj Party, JKUT along with locals.

education department in May 2020. However, after lapse of three years and inspite of numerous requests made by people, no construction were ever started.

"On 31 May 2023,

Principal Secretary Higher Education Alok Sharma and DC Samba announced through social media that proposed degree college at Rakh Rara, now will be shifted to a border village Palota

. This shattered the hopes of thousands of people belonging to near by villages, who were dreaming of good education through a government degree college, centrally located, having good connectivity

and adequate space for raising new infrastructure for education and sports both" he said adding that proposed site of village Palota is on a limb, next to Ditch. Cum Bandh, (DCB) our first line of defence and endanger the safety and security of children due to a volatile border.

He requested LG to investigate the matter and provide justice to the people of this area and affected students, by revoking the decision, if being contemplated by the concerned authorities, which includes, Secretary higher education and DC Samba.

GDC Kathua organises poster making, essay writing competition

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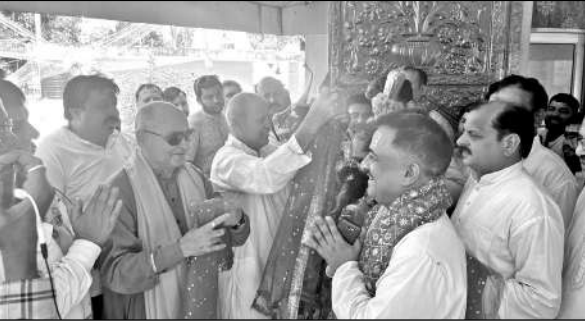
KATHUA: NCC Cadets of 4 J & K BN of Government Degree College Kathua Organised Poster Making and Essay Writing Competition on Sunday on the theme Plastic Free India, Bad Effects of Plastic and Plastic Ban for Future.

The Activities were conducted under the Aegis of Puneet Sagar Abhiyan and World Environment Day. A Total Number of 20 Cadets were participated in the event. Cadet Lucky Jasrotia stood first, Cadet Kartik

Majotra stood Second and Third place bagged by Cadet Akshya. The Principal of the College Prof Seema Mir was the Chief Guest on the Occasion. She felicitated the winners of the Competition. In her address she said that NCC Cadets of GDC Kathua always shows their active participation in all the activities. She said that there are primarily three ways of managing plastics: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Plastic. She advocates that it is the responsibility of all

the members of the Society to Keep their surroundings Plastic Free. She also advised the NCC Cadets that they should spread the message of Plastic Free India in every nook and corner of the society. She applauded the efforts of ANO of the unit Dr Verinder Singh for his tireless efforts in conducting the massive drive for making plastic free India. Others who present on the occasion were senior Faculty Member Prof Raj Kiran, Dr Rachana ANO Girls Wing and Dr Amrik Singh ANO Naval Wing.

Sudh Mahadev bound Yatra received at Kol Kandoli with religious fervour



Devotees being given warm reception at temple.

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NAGROTA: Amid spiritual ambience and recital of Shalokas and Mantras devotees, led by Senior BJP leader Som Nath Khajuria on Sunday received the Sudh Mahadev bound Yatra flagged at historic Kol Kandoli Temple in Nagrota.

The devotees were chanting bhajans and Keerthana. Shri Sanatan Dharam Samiti had organised a Langar on the

occasion in which hundreds of devotees took Parshad.

Praying for universal peace, Khajuria prayed for universal peace and brotherhood and hoped the Yatra to usher Jammu

and Kashmir in new era of peace and normalcy. He said such Yatra imbibe spirit of togetherness among the Sanatanis and inspires them to observe glorious traditions of Dharma.

Khajuria also prayed for well being and prosperity of the compatriots, hoping that the nation will scale newer heights of progress and development.

The Yatra originated from Jammu East and will proceed towards Sudh Mahadev with halts at various stations. A group of devotees joined the Yatra at Kol Kandoli Temple.

TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan: Screening camp held for workers at Khellani Tunnel construction site

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DODA: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Doda, the District Health Society Doda organized a Tuberculosis awareness and NCD screening camp at the construction site of Khellani Tunnel.

The camp was organized as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav activity under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) and was held under the supervision of CMO, Dr A H Zargar and District Tuberculosis Officer (DTO) Dr Versha Sharma.

During the camp, the workers as well as staff of NHIDCL Ltd were sensitized about the mode of transmission, symptoms and treatment of Tuberculosis.

The health officials apprised them about prevention and treatment of Tuberculosis and spoke about the TB free India campaign launched by the GOI for total elimination of Tuberculosis by 2025.

Around 100 persons were screened for TB as well as NCD by the health team deployed for the purpose

which included Dr Faheem Wani, Dr Anil Kumar, Sh Sunil Gupta (Phst), Sh Chaman Lal (Lab Tech), Sh Bhaveshwar Katech (MTS) and Sh Aditiya Kumar (MTS), all from Medical Block Assar District Doda.

TB screening is an effective method for identifying people who may not otherwise seek treatment due to misinformation or misunderstanding about their symptoms. It helps ensure that TB is diagnosed early and treatment is initiated as soon as possible, reducing the risk of transmission



Society members during cleanliness drive at Ramnagar.

"We visit this prominent spot of Tehsil Ramnagar on a regular basis to promote the place. This time, the Society organized the cleanliness drive in association with Progressive

Youth Forum on the eve of World Environment Day. A team of volunteers,

"The Society made special

GDC Surankote students visits Poonch City Forest

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POONCH: The NSS unit of Government Degree College Surankote on Sunday embarked on a field trip to City Forest Poonch as part of the ongoing five day international workshop on Environment Protection, under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav.

The event was inaugurated by the College Principal, Prof Dr. Rani Mughal, who flagged off the enthusiastic students.

The City Forest Poonch is a remarkable man-made forest that owes its flourishing existence to the late Mohammed Bashir Mughal sahib, a retired DFO and former President of Pir Panjal Environment and Eco Development Society,

Jammu & Kashmir.

The forest is a testament to late officer's dedication and commitment to preserving the environment. His efforts have resulted in a thriving ecosystem that provides numerous benefits to the local community, including improved air quality, increased biodiversity, and a natural habitat for wildlife.

During the enlightening tour, the students gained invaluable insights into the crucial role of forests in safeguarding our environment. The officials at Poonch City Forest highlighted various government schemes aimed at raising awareness about environmental protection.

The students were accom-

panied by NSS officer Prof. Khaleeq Qazi, Head of the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Syed Ovais, and Head of the Department of Political Science, Prof. Fatima Bi. The students absorbed knowledge while enjoying a memorable day in nature's embrace.

The visit to City Forest Poonch marked a significant milestone in the ongoing international workshop on Environment Protection, leaving a lasting impact on all participants.

The NSS unit of Government Degree College Surankote is committed to creating awareness about environmental protection and encourages students to take an active role in safeguarding our environment.

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