

BDA starts cleanliness drive of picnic spots in Baderwah as a part of World Environment Week



BDA officials (CEO) and others during the cleanliness drive.

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BHADERWAH: With an aim to promote cleanliness among visitors while observing World Environment Week and World Environment Day, Baderwah Development Authority (BDA) conducted massive cleanliness drive at different picnic spots and tourist destinations of Baderwah to spread message of clean and green environment.

SKPA holds investiture ceremony



Garib Dass, ADGP, Director SKPA Udhampur felicitating HC Dawood Ahmad Sheikh.

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UDHAMPUR: An investiture ceremony was held at SKPA Udhampur in which Garib Dass, ADGP, Director SKPA Udhampur alongwith Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP, Dy. Director (Indoor/Trg.) & Ramnish Gupta, SSP, Dy. Director (Admn.) decorated HC Dawood Ahmad Sheikh with the DGP's Medal who has been awarded with DGP's Medal/Commendation Certificate

JU inaugurates three-day theatre workshop

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KATHUA: Aiming at enhancing the foundational skills, techniques, and nuances of theatre arts, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu organises Three Day Theatre workshop in collaboration with the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu under Training Outreach Programme to extend the benefit of professional training/orientation to the students of affiliated colleges situated outside Jammu. The Workshop scheduled for 6th to 8th June, 2024 commenced today with an inspiring opening ceremony and an engaging Day 1 session, promising a transformative experience for all attendees.

CSIR IIIM distributes quality seed material to farmers

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DODA: CSIR - Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine Jammu organized a seed distribution cum skill development programme for the farmers of district Doda as a part of the area expansion vertical under CSIR-Floriculture Mission in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, here today at community hall Doda. The event was organized under the patron-

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ducted massive cleanliness drive at famous picnic spots including Nalthi Park, Lake View Resort and Telligarh areas of Baderwah to observe World Environment Week.

Every year, this week is observed as dedicated to educate about environment, plant trees and clean surroundings.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) BDA Bal Krishan along with Dr Ifikhar Malik, Amir Rafiqi Publicity Officer BDA inaugurated the drive from Nalthi park in which

beside staff of BDA, a large number of students from Atkhar Public School also participated in the cleanliness drive.

Meanwhile a plantation drive was also conducted at Nalthi Park by BDA in collaboration with Forest department, in which different saplings were planted to increase green cover.

CEO BDA Bal Krishan said the damaged ecosystem could be restored by planting saplings, greening cities and cleaning up rivers and

streams. "Revitalizing ecosystems, regardless of their size, will enhance the livelihoods of those who rely on them, help control diseases, and mitigate the risks of natural disasters," CEO added.

He appealed to the people to maintain a healthy and eco-friendly environment and requested all visitors to ensure a healthy and hygienic environment in and around the picnic spots.

He also lauded the efforts of his staff and students of private school, who participated in the drive. He emphasised upon the importance of such events as it aware people that environment should not be taken for granted and must be respected for its values.

Students also participated in the drive and clean maximum part of park at Nalthi. They appeal public to keep their surroundings neat and clean for a healthy environment.

Every effort would be made to increase stay of Yatris: DDC Reasi

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan alongwith Addl. District Development Commissioner Sukhdev Singh Samyal, Office bearers of Hotel & Restaurant Association, Katra comprising of its president Rakesh Wazir, Chairman Shyam Lal Kesar, Sr. Vice president Virender Kesar and others visited the places of tourist interest around Katra including Nau-Devian, Dhansar, Siad-Baba etc. and discussed in detail the measures to divert the visiting more than one crore pilgrims to these places.

Mahajan during tour while speaking to these Tourism Stake holders explained that these tourist spots have got the potential to attract majority of Vaishnodevi pilgrims and a joint strategy comprising of

Tourism Stake holders, District Administration, Shrine Board & Department of Tourism is required to be made including making of packages, providing of best quality transport and good service, wide publicity of these places and providing other facilities to these pilgrims is the need of the hour so that people visiting Vaishnodevi ji may visit these places as well and stay of Yatries in the Union Territory may increase and may add on to our economy and the recent holding of environment day at Chinkhal just recently and making it a festival was a step in this direction.

Wazir besides appreciating the efforts of Deputy Commissioner requested him for giving more publicity to these places besides increasing the facilities over there.

He further said that

Capacity Building Programme on "Good Agriculture Practices" organized at KVK Jammu

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R S PURA: Krishi Vigyan Kendra Jammu, R S Pura working under the Dynamic Leadership of Prof. B N Tripathi Vice Chancellor SKUAST- Jammu and the able guidance of Director Extension Dr. Amrish Vaid, organized Capacity building programme on "Good Agriculture practices and Seed Production of Kharif Crops" for officers of Jammu division.

Prof. Rakesh Kumar Salgotra, Director, Institute of Biotechnology, and Chief guest of the programme acquainted line department officers with the potential of latest Basmati Varieties JB 118, 123 and 138, released by SKUAST-Jammu and assured that while selection and developing such improved varieties all the quality parameters of Basmati 370 were taken into consideration to target the 7 crores dollar industry. He also suggested the house to



KVK officials along with participants during the programme.

promote hybrids or other high yielding varieties in non Basmati Geographical Indicators (GI) growing areas. At the outset Dr. Punit Choudhary, Chief Scientist and Head KVK Jammu welcomed the officers and resource persons. He emphasized on the importance of such training programmes before the ensuing season of sowing season of Kharif Crops and to cater the solutions of problems during Kharif season and also stressed upon farmer centric support provided through Holistic Agriculture Development Programme

(HADP) for seed production activities. Dr. Praveen Singh, Prof. (Plant Breeding) from SKUAST-Jammu also acquainted the house with the developments in the university to increase the productivity and production of the improved varieties and also helps in Doubling Farmers Income. Dr. Amitesh Sharma SMS (PBG) and coordinator of the technical programme of today appraised the house with technical Know-how of Participatory Seed Production (PSP) and Quality Seed Production. He also discussed the different

stages of seed production, benefits of Natural farming for Soil health and productivity of different Kharif crops and stressed upon the need of the hour for future Seed Entrepreneurs to increase the Seed Replacement Ratios (SRR). Dr. Muneeshwar Sharma, Scientist Plant Protection discusses the various deleterious problems caused by Biotic and abiotic factors in Kharif crops mainly Maize, Basmati and Sesame etc. and its remedies. Dr. Sheetal Badyal, Dr. Prem Kumar also participated in group interaction, during the programme. The programme was concluded with the feedback from the line department officers by submitting Post evaluation questionnaire, importance of Seed entrepreneurs of different crops to help in increasing the state agriculture GDP share and increasing horizontal spread of certified seed.

DC conducts inspection of Food Store Facilities and Doda-Ghat Road

STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: The Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh conducted inspection of food store facilities at a warehouse in Doda, alongside a thorough assessment of the Doda-Ghat road. The DC Doda was accompanied with the Tehsildar Doda Dr Subuh Ahmad Shad.

During the inspection of the food store at warehouse, the DC meticulously reviewed the storage conditions and adherence to safety protocols to ensure the quality and safety of food items stored. His visit aimed to guarantee that all necessary measures are in place to maintain the integrity and freshness of essential food supplies for the community.

DC Doda also inspected the Doda-Ghat road, emphasizing the importance of well-maintained infrastructure for seamless transportation and connectivity.



DC Reasi Vishesh Mahajan inspecting tourism spots.

though Yatra at Shiv-Khori, Nav-Devian, Dhansar has already crossed the figure of 20 to 25 lac yatries per year but these places has got the potential of increasing this figure to many folds.

He further requested him that water of Siar Baba is diverted to many villages and as a result the flow of water fall is decreased and suggested him that though the water

may be lifted but it be lifted from the point where water lands after falling from height so that beauty of the water fall may not decrease.

Shyam Kesar and Virender Kesar requested him for inviting top media & film personalities from all over India to these places in joint collaboration with association for giving these places more publicity. They also requested for early

start of Shiv Khori ropeway, Helicopter service between Katra-Shiv Khori-Katra, Re- start of live Arti from Shiv Khori, publicity of these places in trains and Railway Stations of Katra and Jammu, opening of Tourism Department's view point/Refreshment room at Siar Baba which is already existing but is not operational etc.

Mahajan listened the office bearers of HIRAK minutely and assured them that sympathetic consideration to each & every point discussed is the joint tour would be made and assured them that every effort would be made to increase the stay of Yatries by developing of these places and by creating awareness with regard to these places so that whole Reasi District may become the hub of Tourism activities.

"Tech Know Expert" 2K24 Fresher cum Farewell Function organized at JU's Baderwah Campus

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BHADARWAH: The Department of Computer Science at Baderwah Campus, University of Jammu, organized the "Tech Know Expert" 2K24 Fresher cum Farewell function for the students of Bachelors of Computer Application (BCA) and Masters of Computer Sciences (MCA). The event, aptly named "Techno Wonderland," was a blend of induction, welcoming the new batch, and bidding farewell to the outgoing students.

Prof. J P Singh Joorel, Rector Baderwah Campus, graced the occasion as the chief guest. In his inspirational address, Prof. Joorel warmly welcomed the freshers, emphasizing the significance of their new journey and assuring them of his full support and accessibility. He stated, "Our campus is dedicated to fostering an environment where every student



Faculty members along with students during the event.

can thrive. I am available 24x7 to support and guide you in your academic and personal endeavors."

Prof. Joorel also extended his heartfelt wishes to the outgoing students, appreciating their contributions and promising a due farewell celebration. "You have made us proud, and as you step into the next phase of your life, remember that you carry the values and knowledge from this campus. We will always be here to support you," he added.

Dr. Jatinder Manhas, Incharge Department of

Computer Science, addressed the students with great enthusiasm. He appreciated the efforts of the BCA and MCA 4th-semester students in organizing the event and welcomed the freshers with motivating words. "Your dedication and hard work are commendable. To the new students, seize every opportunity, work hard, and you will achieve your goals. To the outgoing batch, I wish you success in all your future endeavors," Dr. Manhas expressed.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr.

Abid Sarwar, followed by an insightful speech detailing the significance of the event, departmental infrastructure, and course offerings. The judges for the event, Dr. Shayan Javeed and Ms. Hardeep Kour, evaluated the performances and activities conducted during the function.

Prominent faculty members present at the event included Dr. Ashok Sharma, Dr. Neeraj Kumar, Dr. Ajay Lakhnotra, Bablu Sharma, Shailu Kotwal, Abrar Ali, Priya Rani, Waseem Akram, Yassir Ali, and Pervash.

Beekeeping training for 19 entrepreneurs conducted

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POONCH: Nineteen unemployed educated youth of different Panchayats of Zone Loran, who were registered on Daksh Kisan Portal completed their course of "Beekeeping for Entrepreneurs" at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Poonch.

The training programme was conducted by Department of Agriculture for Unemployed Educated Youths by Department of Agriculture Poonch. The main objective of these training courses is to provide knowledge and expertise to unemployed youths in different fields of agriculture department. So that these trained youths accommodated in different State/Central Sponsored Schemes run by Department of Agriculture Poonch. These training courses are conducted for Unemployed youths under the overall supervision of Chief Agriculture Officer Poonch.

Bharat Scouts & Guides organises camp



Officials of BBSVP Udhampur along with participants during the camp.

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UDHAMPUR: Brahmurshi Bawara Shanti Vidya Peeth (BBSVP) Udhampur organized three days long camp in school premises. Camp was organised under the aegis of J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides Association in their respective unit in which 72 Scouts and guides actively participated.

According to reports camp was organised under the guidance of Ashok Kumar VP Bharat S&G Association District Udhampur. During

the camp many activities were conducted for newly registered S&G like, knowledge of movement, S&G motto and sign, salute, Prayer, flag song, B.P six, wood craft sign, Yells, law and promise, lefthand shake, knots, first aid, patrol system and many more. All volunteers were mentally motivated and prepared to work for massive plantation in fact creat tiny jungles in the protected area no use of fire wood & water conservation. On the valedictory function S&G

prepared more than 20 dishes without use of fire & electricity. Principal Ashwani Kumar appreciated the efforts of trainers. In closing ceremony all S&G and trainers were blessed by Ashok Kumar Vice-President Bharat S&G share their camping experience with them. Other who present were Leader of course (LOC) Balwan Singh LT, Scout Master Jeevan Rajput (Advance), Guide captain Anuradha Verma (Basic) Guide captain Rohani Sharma.