DDC Kishtwar reviews progress on implementation of Poshan Abhiyan

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KISHTWAR: District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Singh Tara, today convened a meeting of all district officers to review progress on implementation of District Convergence plan under Poshan Abhiyan.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pawan Parihar, Joint director Planning Mohd Iqbal, Assistant Commissioner Development, Kishore Singh Katoch ,District Social Welfare Officer Tariq Ahmad Qazi, Chief Medical Officer, Dr R .S Manhas, Chief Education Officer, Dr Kuldeep Sharma , Assistant Director FCS&CA, Executive officer MC Tariq Balwan, Executive Engineer PHE N K Gupta besides other concerned.

DDC, Rajinder Singh Tara chairing a meeting.

Program Officer ICDS Kishtwar Pawan Parihar briefed the meeting about the progress achieved so far in implementation of Convergence Plan under Poshan Abhiyan.

DDC urged the heads of concerned departments to work in tandem to achieve tangible results under the Poshan Abhiyan.

DDC reviews progress made in various quarters including construction of government buildings for effective functioning of Anganwari Centres in rural areas , provision for safe drinking water and child friendly toilet facility in privately hired set ups, maintenance of database of all health checkups and and nutritional status of pregnant ladies, creation of dedicated Cooking facility in the Anganwadi centres, installation of Sanitary Napkins Vending machines at Govt Girls Higher Secondary School Kishtwar and in other identified high schools, providing Jal Jivan kits to AnganWari centres etc

DDC asked PO ICDS for conducting capacity building workshops and training programs for supervisors by the end of this week.

PO, ICDS and ACD Kishtwar were directed for quantification of funds under convergence plan and submit the proposals projected under B2V-2 in this regard for further course of action.

While emphasizing upon the role of PRIs and other religious leaders in effective implementation of Poshan Abhiyan and other schemes of ICDS at the gross root level, the DDC asked the Nutritional mobilizers to work in coordination to reach people at gross root level for success of the ambitious Abhiyan.

DDC constitutes committees for development of border blocks

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BARAMULLA: District Development Commissioner Baramulla Dr G N Itoo on Saturday chaired a meeting of the HoDs of various departments at Boniyar area of the district to discuss various measures and modalities for ensuring the saturation of Border Blocks across all sectors/schemes.

During the meeting, a comprehensive discussion on different strategies for developing border areas was held. On the occasion, the DDC constituted committees at Sub-divisional and village levels to overlook the implementation and monitoring of the entire saturation programme besides monitoring the pace and progress of each scheme in their jurisdictions.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC emphasized upon the committee members to work in coordination and cohesion for the desired results. He reiterated that administration is committed to develop border and remote areas on various aspects for which various policies and programmes are afoot. Moreover, DDC directed the concerned officers to work with added zeal and enthusiasm and ensure that all the undertaken works are completed within the fixed timeframe.

DDC Baramulla, Dr G N Itoo chairing a meeting.

Meanwhile, the concerned Block Development Council (BDC) chairperson highlighted various issues and demands of vital public importance including construction of community/individual bunkers for securing the human lives during cross LoC shelling, restoration of collapsed Boniyar bridge, effective implementation of Border Area Development Programme (BADP) etc.

Other issues that were raised, on the occasion, includes infrastructure development in PHC Boniyar, establishment of Fire Service Station for Boniyar, regulation of gypsum extraction, development of mobile towers, deployment of teachers for community level schooling in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak, 100% coverage of beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat programme, development of border tourism and other demands pertaining to developmental concerns.

The DDC gave a patient hearing to the grievances and demands and assured that all the issues shall be redressed in a time bound manner. He informed that about 40 community/individual bunkers have been approved among which 32 bunkers have been allotted. He also said that the proposal for the establishment of Fire Service Station for Boniyar have been forwarded to the concerned office.

Dr Itoo further added that administration has started the community level schooling in every area.

DC Baramulla, also sought cooperation from various stakeholders of the society in the complete eradication of drug menace adding that drug abuse is detrimental to the stability of the society.

Ensure no brick kiln is permitted to run in Reasi without compliance: DB

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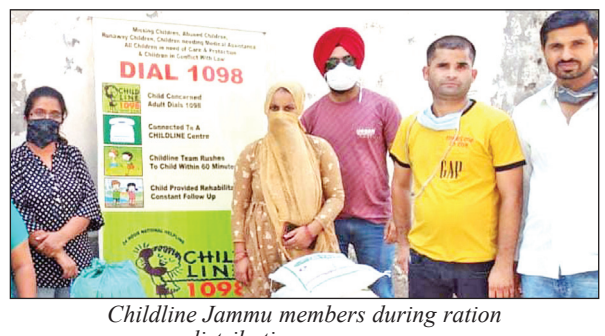
JAMMU: A Division Bench of J&K High Court comprising Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul on Saturday directed Divisional Commissioner, Jammu to ensure that no brick kiln is permitted to be run in Reasi without compliance with the requirements of the Jammu and Kashmir Brick Kilns (Regulations) Act, 2010, any other applicable statute and file an action taken report in this regard before the next date of hearing.

The court directions came in a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed over the issue.

Advocate Srishti Paul Mengi appearing for the PIL submitted that on 25th October 2010, the Jammu and Kashmir Brick Kilns (Regulations) Act, 2010 made it compulsory for existing brick kilns to apply for grant of license. "Almost ten years have passed since the passing of the law however the same is not being implemented by the respondents", the plea added. The grievance in the writ petition is that one of the respondents is running the brick kiln without fulfilling the requirements as required under the Jammu and Kashmir Brick Kilns (Regulations) Act, 2010.

Childline Jammu provides ration to needy



Childline Jammu members during ration distribution programme.

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MIRAN SAHIB: A programme of distribution of ration to needy families during the period of COVID-19 pandemic was organized by Childline Jammu in the collaboration with Samar Education Trust, Childline Jammu, works for children in need of care and protection, implemented by Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu, sponsored by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt of India, New Delhi.

The distribution of ration provided to needy families of village TCP Kharian, Miran Sahib , Jammu.

The District Coordinator Childline Jammu aware the families and people about the emergency service of Childline and our Toll Free No. 1098.

He added that helpline is operating 24×7 and will respond to any reported request of help.

Pinky Jain District Coordinator ,Childline Jammu, Pardeep Singh, Programme Coordinator , Samar Education Trust, Rashid Ahmed, Sunil and Rajpal ,Team member Childline Jammu were present.

DDC distributes motorised tricycles among specially-abled persons

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BANDIPORA: District Development Commissioner Bandipora Zahoor Ahmad Mir on Saturday provided motorized tricycles to 14 differently-abled Persons.

The distribution ceremony was organized by Social Welfare Department Bandipora.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Reyaz Ahmad Beigh, District Social Welfare Officer, Altaf Hussain Bhat besides all other officials of the department were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC complimented the Social Welfare Department for organizing the distribution camp for specially-abled Persons.

He said that the motorized Tricycles will empower the people with special needs and would help them in dealing with challenges for inclusion in the mainstream life .

He added that the mobility of the specially challenged people would be pivotal in earning sustainable livelihoods without inconvenience.

DDC also appreciated the efforts of department in reaching out to the marginalized and downtrodden sections of the society during lockdown.

Speaking on the occasion, DSWO informed that the department is committed to contribute towards the welfare of needy in the society.

He also informed that the department is consistently on the job to identify specially abled persons across the district.

Department will distribute another lot of motorized tricycles in the future course of time among the deserving persons, he added.

DDC reviews progress on 113 languishing projects

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BUDGAM: District Development Commissioner, Budgam Shahbaz Ahmad Mirza on Saturday chaired a meeting of officers and took review of ongoing work on 113 languishing projects across the district at New Conference Hall Budgam.

During the meeting, the DDC said with the projected cost of 408 crores, an amount of Rs. 270.58 crores have been approved by JKIDFC for work completion of languishing projects in district Budgam.

The DDC took sector wise review of the projects and emphasized on completion of work by October- 2020 as deadline.

Among others the meeting was attended by CPO Budgam, Rafiq Ahmad Dar, SE, Hydraulic, SE, EM&RE, CMO Budgam, Ex.Ens from R&B, PHE, Irrigation and other engineering wings, officers from JKPCC, Housing Board and other concerned.

DDC, Budgam Shahbaz Ahmad Mirza chairing a meeting.

The DDC stressed on concerned to expedite work on all projects and ensure all the projects are completed by the set deadline. He also directed concerned to submit progress reports regularly on monthly basis, besides stressed for timely updation of the work done along with photographic evidence on devised portals. The languishing projects include in the sector of Education, R&B, PHE, Irrigation, Health, Youth Service and Sports, Social Welfare, PDD, Housing and Urban Department and Industries and Commerce.

It is pertinent to mention here that PHE Department has the highest number of languishing projects in district standing at 34, followed by R&B and JKPCC (23) and health (22).

The DDC instructed XEns PHE to resolve the issue of procurement and laying of pipes at an earliest so that languishing projects are completed at an earliest well within stipulated time.

The meeting was apprised that many projects have been completed and are ready for e-inauguration. During the meeting, the DDC exhorted upon all the participants to adopt best practices to achieve progress in completion of languishing projects. The DDC assured that district administration shall provide necessary support as and when required for timely completion of languishing projects in district.

Joined Govt job in place of sister

Woman convicted for fake appointment in Animal Husbandry Deptt

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SRINAGAR: The Court of Third Additional Munsiff, Srinagar on Saturday convicted a woman identified as Ulfat, wife of Munshi Reyaz, resident of Zadibal for misrepresenting herself on behalf of her younger sister and obtained illegally the appointment order for Class IV job in Animal Husbandry Department at Zakoora.

The Court established the guilt of the accused for the commission of offense under section 419 and 420 of Ranbir Penal Code (RPC) and convicted her for the said offences.

The court directed that the accused is sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one year and is imposed a fine of Rs 3000 under section 419 of RPC.

It was further directed that the accused is sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one year and is imposed a fine of Rs. 5,000 under section 420 of RPC.

"Both the offences shall run concurrently and in case the accused will not pay the said fine then the imprisonment shall further extended for a period of six months', the Court opined.

It was directed that the accused present in the court be taken into custody and be sent to Central Jail Srinagar to suffer imprisonment under 562 CrPC.

According to crime branch, on April 26, 2005, police received a letter bearing no.5-source-SSP-SLK/VoS dated August 25, 2003, from Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Vigilance Organisation, Kashmir in which it has been alleged that one Shugufta, daughter of Nazir Ahmad Mir, resident of Nawakadal was appointed by the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar under SRO 43 as Class-IV employee and was posted in the office of Disease, Investigation & Research Institute at Zakoora, in Animal Husbandry Department. However, instead of Shugufta, her elder sister namely Ulfat, wife of Munshi Reyaz resident of Zadibal joined fraudulently at Research Project Zakoora. As such, Ulfat has fraudulently obtained the salary from the State Exchequer. Subsequently, after conducting a departmental enquiry in this matter, the allegations were found to be correct.

The Crime Branch was represented by APP Khurshid Ahmad Khan while Advocate Ab Majeed Najar appeared for the accused Ultas wife of Munshi Reyaz Ahmad.

Agriculture Deptt gears up to achieve 100 pc coverage of KCC

Agriculture Department officials showing KCC cards.

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JAMMU: On the mission to achieve target to cover 100% farmers under KCC, Agriculture Department on Saturday organised various programmes in Jammu District.

In Zone Channi Himmat Sub Division R S Pura Kissan Credit Cards were sanctioned and disbursed to farmers in the presence of Chief Agriculture Officer Jammu Farooq Ahmad Bhatt and Branch Head J K Grameen Bank Kanhal Indu Choudhary at Kanhal.

Pertinent to mention here that on the instructions of Navin Kumar Choudhary, Principal Secretary and under guidance of Director, Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Jammu Inderjeet, Department is organising camps in all the Panchayats and door to door reach out to identify farmers without KCC and to ensure its covering before July 15.

Later on the day Joint Director Slub Daisy Bhan also visited various Panchayats and issued necessary directions for 100% targets.

She also issued Sanctioned Letter to four farmers to their doorstep in Zone Channi Himmat.

Officers accompanied were DAO Extension Jammu Yadwinder Sasan, SMS R S Pura Karuna Nidhi, AEO Channi Himmat Surinder Kumar, Paramjeet Kour AEA, Gagandeep Kour AEA, Rahul Sharma and Kapil Slathia AEAs.

DLTFC meet held at Kulgam, Rs 1.48 crore approved in 33 cases

DDC Kulgam, Showkat Aijaz Bhat chairing a meeting.

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KULGAM: District Development Commissioner, Kulgam, Showkat Aijaz Bhat on Saturday chaired a meeting of the District Level 'Task Force Committee (DLTFC), to discuss financial assistance cases of the youth, whose applications were received by KVIB, to set up their business units under, JKREGP scheme.

The committee approved 33 cases and sanctioned an amount of Rs 1.48 crore in these cases to empower budding entrepreneurs to establish their own income generation units.

The meeting was attended by committee members and representatives of financial institutions operating in the district.

An interactive session with the applicants was held during which they shared their future action plan with regard to their self-employment plans before DLTFC committee.

The DDC, who is also the Chairman of the Committee said that all possible assistance is being extended to the unemployed youth to become entrepreneurs and to establish their own income generation units through various employment generation schemes.

Urged them to avail benefit of these schemes, he further stressed for generating awareness about different schemes and programmes among younger generation for better results.

DHSK holds training programme for law enforcers

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KUPWARA: The Directorate of Health Services Kashmir organized a one day Training programme for Law Enforcers/Enforcement Squads of District Kupwara under National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), here at Town Hall on Saturday.

The programme was attended by SSP Kupwara, Ram Ambarkar; District Health Officer, Abdul Gani Dar; Divisional Nodal Officer NTCP, Dr. Naheet Anjum Malik ; Executive Officer Municipal Committee Kupwara, BMOs and other concerned.

The experts highlighted various tobacco abuses through PowerPoint Presentation faced by the society as challenge and legal prohibitory statutes to curb the menace on ground. They also threw light on Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) 2003 and emphasized the role of law enforcing agencies especially police in controlling the menace.

Resource-persons emphasized that family as a first has a prime role and responsibly in curbing the drug menace as through proper counseling to the addicts.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Kupwara discussed various ill effects of tobacco consumption and assured cooperation from police for eradicating the evil from the society.

District Health Officer, Abdul Gani Dar said that the law needs to be implemented strictly in the district to ensure good health of the people.

ADC Handwara finalises arrangements for Kissan Pakhwada

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KUPWARA: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir on Saturday convened a meeting of all concerned officers to discuss the arrangements being put in place to observe 'Kissan Pakhwada' from July 7 to 21.

It was given out in the meeting that the objective of 'Kissan Pakhwada' is to increase flow of advances in the agriculture sector and double the income of farmers by way of their involvement in agricultural related welfare schemes like KCC, PM-KISAN and other schemes.

The ADC stressed upon all stakeholders to play a proactive role for making Kissan Pakhwada a successful mission in the sub division and ensure cent percent coverage of farmers including that belonging to Animal, Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries sectors under the purview of centrally sponsored PM Kissan and KCC schemes.

He also asked for launching of massive awareness regarding the Pakhwada and the schemes including new technologies of cultivation besides removing the bottlenecks in obtaining loans against KCC from different financial institutions.

He asked field functionaries and PRIs to ensure that all farmers are covered during the Kissan Pakhwada.

The ADC urged upon all the stakeholders to follow guidelines and SOPs related to COVID-19 while carrying out activities related to the campaign.

Among others the meeting was attended by the officers of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, and other concerned departments.

EJAC (R) urges LG to address employees' issues

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JAMMU: Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC) (R) has urged upon the J&K Administration to remove the pay anomalies in the grades of clerical cadre, restoration of old pension scheme, abolition of SRO-202 and regulations of daily wagers, contractual and casual workers.

While addressing a meeting, President EJAC Babu Hussain Malik flanked by Yashpal Sharma and other members, expressed serious concern over the delay being caused by the J&K administration in addressing the pending issues of the employees. He said the employees are facing stagnation at various levels and DPC be held at all levels.

They demanded removal of pay anomalies with amendment in SRO-333, regularization of daily wagers, contractual, Anganwadi Workers and helpers, pay grades as per central Government pattern, regularization of 10+2 contractual lecturers\ teachers, etc.

EJAC (R) requested LG Murmu and Chief Secretary to resolve all the pending issues of employees at the earliest.

Director Horticulture visits Fruit Plant Nursery Gopalpora

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SRINAGAR: Director Horticulture Kashmir, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat on Saturday visited to Fruit Plant nursery Gopalpora Budgam and inspected various developmental activities /works there.

During inspections, the Director instructed concerned for conducting time bound operations and proper maintenance of the nursery, while following the guidelines and SOPs related to COVID-19 Pandemic religiously. He said full attention is being given in production of true to type plant material for meeting the requirement of farmers of the area.

Director Horticulture also instructed all staff members of the Department to remain punctual, dedicated and honest in performing legitimate duties and maintain a close liaison with the growers/orchardists so that they get timely technical knowhow and benefits of departmental schemes.

Regarding celebration of Kisan Pakhwada from 7th of July 2020 to 21st of July 2020 instructions were given to organize the Kisan Mela's during the Pakhwada and maintain close liaison with the allied Departments for successful organizing of the programme while strictly following the SOP's for containment and management of COVID-19 Pandemic.