

DC Rajouri listens to people's issues, inaugurates construction of Water Supply Scheme

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Wednesday inaugurated the construction of Rapid Sand Filtration plant taken up under Jal Jeevan Mission here at Rajnagar lower in Block Budhal New. The Water Supply Project costing Rs 5.13 crore envisages providing Functional Tap Connections (FHTCs) to 557 Households.

The Rapid Sand Filtration plant will provide clean and safe drinking water to the people of Rajnagar and surrounding areas. The locals hailed the initiative as a significant step towards improving the overall health and well-being of the people.

Later, as part of the weekly Block Diwas, the Deputy Commissioner convened a public outreach camp to listen to the demands of the locals.

The Deputy Commissioner interacted with the locals and listened to their issues and concerns. He assured them that their problems would be addressed on a priority basis and directed the concerned officials to take necessary action.

The camp witnessed a good turnout as people from different parts of the block raised their demands and issues



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal speaking at the Public Darbar.

amid rainy weather.

The locals demanded macadamization of roads, up-gradation of schools, adequate staff in Government institutions and the augmentation of health infrastructure.

Specific issues highlighted during the event included establishment of tourist village at Rajnagar; up-gradation of PHC Budhal; meeting shortage of teachers; up-gradation of Government High School Ghabbar; renovation of Budhal to Gabbar road, provision of electricity poles, bridge from Ghabbar to Ghuleer; speedy implementation of

JJM schemes etc.

Responding to the demands, the DC sought active cooperation from the general public in achieving the development objectives. He called for close coordination among departments and PRIs to achieve desired development objectives.

He also urged the youth to avail benefits of self-employment schemes launched by the government to establish their own ventures. He encouraged the youth to become self-reliant and contribute to the development of the region.

He also took the opportunity to educate the locals about various

government schemes and programs, and urged them to take advantage of these initiatives. He emphasized the need to create awareness among the people about these schemes, so that they can benefit from them.

The DC passed on spot directions to the concerned departments for ensuring the redressal of issues highlighted by the public on priority and in a time-bound manner. Many issues were resolved on the spot with the intervention of concerned departments.

The public outreach camp was a success, with the locals appreciating the efforts of the administration in reaching out to them and addressing their grievances. The public outreach camp at Rajnagar served as an effective platform for the public to voice their concerns and for the government officials to take necessary actions to address them.

During the public outreach camp, the DC also inspected the nursery of the Horticulture department at Budhal New. He appreciated the efforts of the department in maintaining the nursery and urged them to continue their work.

Awareness Programme on NALSA held

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UDAHMPUR: District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur, under the guidance of its Chairman, Haq Nawaz Zargar and under overall supervision of Secretary, Ajay Kumar on Wednesday organized an awareness programme on NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganised Sector) Scheme, 2015 in coordination with Labour Department Udhampur, here at Salathia Chowk. The aim of the programme was to generate awareness about the Labour issues and educate the masses especially unorganized workers about the various provisions of the scheme. The resource person enlightened the workers of the unorganised sector regarding the benefits of the NALSA Scheme. The Resource person of the Programme was Panel Lawyer Adv. Sanjeev Bavouria and assisted by PLV's Rajinder Kumar and Brahmna Nand. Later, the Resource Person thanked the Staff from the Labour Department present in the program and all the participants for the smooth conduct of the Awareness Programme.

People seeks Tehsil & Block in Bhomag not in Reasi: Jugal



Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President DPAP chairing public meeting.

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REASI: Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President DPAP and Ex. Minister presided over a DPAP Party meeting at Tehsil Bhomag of Vaishno Devi-Katra Constituency, in which local people apprised him that the roads in the area have not been developed as road from Sujandhar to Sari Gabber has not been started.

"The road connectivity development in the area has been stalled ever since Jugal left office as MLA",

people said adding that no work has been done for the past 11 years. People also demanded Tehsil and block in Bhomag which is functioning in Reasi.

"PHE Pagan water scheme is stalled for the past 15 years and the water tanks are also getting damaged due to negligence of the PHE department" they said adding that strict action has to be taken for the same. The meeting was also attended by Sahil Singh District Vice-President.

DLSA Samba launches weeklong tree plantation drive



Yesh Paul Kotwal, Chairman, DLSA Samba planting sapling.

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SAMBA: In a significant move towards preservation and restoration of the depleting Environment, District Legal Services Authority Samba, under the supervision of the Chairman, Yesh Paul Kotwal (also Pr. Distt. & Sessions Judge), on Wednesday launched a weeklong tree plantation drive in collaboration with the Forest Division here in the District Court Complex.

The drive aims to stimulate

the worldwide awareness of Environment Conservation and was formally inaugurated by Yesh Paul Kotwal, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Samba (also Pr. District & Sessions Judge Samba). During the drive, around 400-500 saplings will be planted in and around the District Samba.

The event witnessed the participation of Adnan Sayeed, Additional Sessions Judge; Preet Simran K. Grover, Chief

Judicial Magistrate; Rekha Kapoor Nischal, Secretary, DLSA; Ananta Raina, Additional Spl Mobile Magistrate; Himani Parihar; Munsiff; Urvashi Raina, Additional Munsiff; Divisional Forest Officer; Officers of the Prosecution Wing of District Court Complex, Mandep Singh Sambyal; President Bar Association, Samba, Senior and other Members of Bar Association, officers of Legal Aid Defence Counsel System, Panel Advocates, staff of District Court Complex and District Legal Services Authority Samba and also PLVs.

The objective of organizing the Weeklong tree plantation drive is to raise awareness as to how these trees are an investment for the future generations that shall provide natural shade in open spaces and provide cleaner air to breathe by increasing green cover.

BVP Kathua celebrates Foundation Day

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KATHUA: Bharat Vikas Parishad Kathua branch celebrated the Foundation Day of the organization with great fervor and gaiety. In order to commemorate the foundation day of the organization BVP Kathua branch launched a plantation drive in and around Kathua from today onwards.

As a part of the drive about 100-150 saplings of Neem, arjun, mango and Jamun were planted in Govt. Hr. Sec. School Forelane (Bakhta) under the Presidium of Pinki Devi Sarpanch.

The beginning of the programme was marked by the recitation of 'Vande Matram' by students and members of the organization. All the members, students and staff of the Institution planted a tree each. The plantation drive was launched under the supervision of Ashok Raina Range Officer Social



A dignitary planting the sapling.

Forestry and his staff.

The students took a pledge to keep a strict watch and ward of the planted saplings and to put up their utmost efforts to ensure 100% survival of the plants. Sh. Ashok Raina highlighted the various schemes and projects undertaken by the Govt. of the India and U.T. of Jammu and Kashmir to protect and promote forestation in the Union Territory. Prof. Ram Murti Sharma the Patron of the organization in Kathua stressed upon the need of

the clean and green J&K so as to make our future generation to breathe in a clean and oxygen rich environment. Ashok Gupta President BVP Kathua emphasized upon the importance of plants for the survival and sustenance of human life on this planet earth. The geometrical increases in the growing population has resulted in the large scale cutting of trees thereby leading to deforestation.

This deforestation or the lack of green cover on the

earth has led to depletion of Ozone layer and global warming. The unpredictable climate changes are the result of this increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere thus leading to global warming. Pinki Devi Sarpanch lauded the role of the organization for selecting this far-off area for such a noble cause and assured of a complete watch and ward of these planted saplings by the Gram Panchayat functionaries as well. Principal Mangat Ram Sharma appreciated the initiative of the organization to select his institution for the purpose and extended an open

invitation to hold any further programmes of the organization in their institution. The dignitaries present on the occasion were Ditt kumar treasurer, Kartar Singh, G.S. Katal, Rajni Kant Sharma, Kapileswar Dogra, Manohar Lal Sharma, Pawan Sharma, Hem Raj, Khem Raj, Dewan Singh, Ravi Dass Sharma, Harbans Singh Katal, and local resident of the area. Vote of thanks was extended by Kuldeep Goswami Secretary. The programme ended with the chanting of National Anthem by one and all present on the occasion.

12th round of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan under HADP concludes

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RAMBAN: The twelfth round of ongoing Kisan Sampark Abhiyan (Farmers orientation programme- HADP) under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with the theme Aatmanirbhar Bharat was held successfully across 2 blocks of district Ramban.

The campaign ended today on a positive note as an overwhelming response was received from the farming community in all ten blocks of the district. Audio-visuals (AVs) aids were used to disseminate the information about different government sponsored schemes meant for the welfare of the farmers associated with Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture, Apiculture, Pisciculture, Sericulture etc. The resource persons from different departments raised awareness regarding various schemes among the participating farmers. Informative booklets in 03 (three) languages regarding the scheme of HADP were distributed among the participants. Moreover, farmers were also made aware about Daksh Kisan (online learning portal for skill development) and Kisan Sathi (IT Dashboard) portals regarding the digitalisation of various services' schemes. The resource persons urged farmers to ensure maximum participation in 'Kisan Sampark Abhiyan' to avail orientation and skilling courses for all interventions, latest techniques, explore new possibilities, and make farming more accessible and profitable. During the program, farmers also raised various queries, which resolved the concerned resource persons amicably. The event witnessed a huge participation of farmers' mostly unemployed youth at each venue and 326 farmers were registered during the twelfth round of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan for the baseline survey by the Skill gap study resource persons.

NABARD celebrates 42nd Foundation Day

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KATHUA: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) celebrated its 42nd Foundation Day on 12 July 2023 in a function at Sawla Village of Keeriyani Gandyal blockin Kathua. Amul Bhatia, SBILDM Kathua was the Chief Guest of the function. Amul Bhatia appreciated the contribution of NABARD in integrated rural development and highlighted various activities and assistance given by NABARD in different areas of country including Kathua District.

Earlier, Amit Kumar DDM NABARD Kathua, in his welcome address, briefed the villagers on the journey of NABARD over the years. He informed about some of the major initiatives of NABARD in Kathua District towards achieving holistic development of



NABARD Officials during the event.

rural & remote areas like facilitating FPO, OPPO, JLGs, SHG, Watershed Programs, SDP Trainings, livelihood development, viable banking plan for investment credit to agriculture, providing refinance to banks for capital growth in agriculture, assessment of potential for lending to priority sector, bank linkage programme and supervising cooperative banks among other initiatives. He informed about the support being provided to the State Government for implement-

ing major rural infrastructure projects-Lift Irrigation Scheme, Road, Animal Husbandry building in Hatli etc.

On this occasion, he officially inaugurated the Hatli-Sawla Springshed Program by run a plantation drive. All the guests planted horticulture and timber saplings in the Sawla school premises and started a tree plantation drive in the village.

Parasram, Director, R-SETI was also present. Around hundreds of farmers

from both Hatli & Sawla Panchayats & Springshed Development Committee Members were present in this inauguration ceremony.

Gulam Ishaq, Saqib Sadiq, Daleep Kumar and Pawan Kumar were present on the behalf of PIA SARDA. Jagdish Singh (Sarpanch Sawla), Bhupinder Sharma (Sarpanch Hatli), Bushan Kumar, Vijay Sharma, Rajesh Kumar, Balbir Singh and other villagers thanks to NABARD and SARDA for this plantation drive and shows their keen interest to active under springshed program in Hatli-Sawla villages.

At the end of Program SARDA Project Executive Gulam Ishaq thanked all the guestvillagers for their support and guidance which has enabled the organisation to serve the rural population, mother earth and sought continuous collaboration in future.

DDC member holds Janta Darbars, listens to public issues



DDC member Suresh Sharma speaking during public Darbar.

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AKHNOOR: BJP leader and member DDC, Jammu Suresh Sharma along with Sectoral Officers organised Janta Darbars in remote Panchayats Ghar, Majoor and Ghaneri of block Chowki Choura of Chhamb Constituency. The public and their representatives of PRIs apprised Suresh Sharma about their problems related to electricity, drinking water, road, education, rural development etc. Their problems were listened and some of them were solved on the spot. Suresh Sharma assured to solve the rest of their problems very soon.

Addressing the public,

Suresh Sharma said that in order to mitigate the problem of drinking water in the area, an amount of rupees 3.44 crore (pyt. Ghaneri), rupees 2.80 crore (pyt. Ghar) and rupees 2.54 crore (Pyt. Majoor/Sandal) shall be utilized for new water supply schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission. All the defunct and old water supply pipes shall be replaced, new water connections shall be provided and new dug wells and filter plants shall be constructed so that the public may not face any problem related to drinking water.

Suresh Sharma also asked concerned officers of PWD (R&B) to immediately restore services of roads that get blocked during rainy season so that public may not suffer.

Suresh Sharma also ensured the public that new transformers shall be provided to the villages that are facing the problem of low voltage and new poles be provided also wherever required.

XEN R&B, AEE R&B, AEE PDD, AEE Flood Control AEE PHE, TSWO Akhnoor Naib Tehsildar, AEO Chowki Choura, Sarpanch Madan Lal Sarpanch, Chuni Lal, Ashu Sharma, Naib Sarpanch Satpaul, Vijay Sharma Panches, Chiman Lal, Mukesh Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Suraj Parkash, Parshotam Lal, Vijay Kumar, Deepu Kumar Prem Nath, Sanjay Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Yashpaul, Sastri Sunil Sharma, Deep Singh and other Departmental Officers and Engineer were present.

DC Kishtwar reviews preparedness for Shri Machail Mata Yatra

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav on Wednesday conducted a whirlwind tour of Paddar area to assess the arrangements for the annual Shri Machail Mata Yatra, besides inaugurating the newly upgraded Bus

Stand Gulabgarh with the completion of Blacktopping work.

DDC Member Paddar, Hari Krishan Chauhan; SDM Paddar, Arun Kumar Badyal; Tehsildar Paddar, Satish Rana; BDO Paddar, Sanjeev Kotwal; AEE JPDCL, Sudhir Sharma; AEE PWD, Aijaz Ahmed Gagroo and other Engineers of PWD R&B accompanied the Deputy Commissioner.

During the visit, he engaged with the members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and the local populace and attentively listened to their suggestions and feedback to ensure the success of the annual pilgrimage, scheduled to commence on the 25th of July 2023.

The primary objective of DC's visit was to review

the preparations made by the concerned authorities and ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place for the smooth conduct of the Shri Machail Mata Yatra.

While interacting with the PRIs, Dr. Yadav encouraged them to actively participate in the planning and execution of the yatra, emphasizing the importance of their role in maintaining harmony and coordinating with the administrative machinery. He appreciated their valuable suggestions and assured them of the administration's commitment to incorporate their feedback to enhance the overall experience of the yatra.

Later, he inspected ongoing construction work of Yatri Bhawan, Sapphire Guest House and

Mushroom Tents in Gulabgarh. The concerned authorities were directed to work in double shifts and make the facilities available for pilgrims well before the start of the yatra.

SDM Paddar was directed to monitor the progress of work on these projects and ensure quality of work.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the administration's commitment to provide adequate facilities, including healthcare, sanitation, water, electricity, langar points, accommodation, and security arrangements to the devotees undertaking the Shri Machail Mata Yatra.

He directed the concerned departments to meticulously implement the prescribed guidelines,

ensuring a seamless and enjoyable pilgrimage experience for all participants.

Dr. Yadav expressed his gratitude to the PRIs, local community, and all stakeholders involved in the preparations for their wholehearted cooperation and support. He urged everyone to work together in a coordinated manner to create an atmosphere of positivity and warmth during the yatra.

Earlier today morning, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar visited langar point Galhar and directed Tehsildar Nagseni and BDO Nagseni to extend every possible support from their end.

Also directed to make the defunct lying bathrooms functional alongside the Galhar road so that the same can be used by the yatries.

Intensified Mission Indradhanush: Block level training organised across Doda

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DODA: In the run up to launch Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0, the health department organised a series of training sessions for the health workers in each medical block of the district.

The training sessions were held under the guidance of respective BMOs and overall supervision of the Chief Medical Officer. The Dy CMO Doda is also monitoring the ongoing training programmes in the district. At SDH Bhaderwah, the training programme was chaired by Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ab Hamid Zargar in presence of BMO Bhaderwah, Dr. Mohammad Ashraf, which was attended by ANMs, ASHAs, FW Staff, Field Workers who were trained for carrying out IMI 5.0 and operating the U-WIN portal. The staff was educated to identify children and conduct a head count survey in their villages to strengthen the routine immunization planning and delivery mechanism. At Doda, the training was held at ANMT School and chaired by Dy CMO, Dr. Om Kumar and attended by the ANMs and other concerned staff from Block Ghat. The staff was briefed about the importance of IMI 5.0. The Dy CMO who imparted training to the staff, enjoined upon them to work in a mission mode and participate actively in awareness of beneficiaries i.e pregnant woman and child & their mobilization during the different phases of the programmes. Similarly, the Block Medical Officer Assar Dr. Tanveer Ahmed, BMO Gandoh Dr. Dr. Ghanasham Singh and BMO Thathri Dr. Shafiqat Javeed also organized training cum workshop on IMI 5.0 at their respective block headquarters.

The training emphasized on selecting the right beneficiaries, areas, drop outs and left out children under the immunization process besides adhering to different parameters while conducting IMI 5.0.

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