

# KVKs celebrate 95th ICAR Foundation & Technology Day



KVK officials during the event at Poonch.

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POONCH/REASI/SAMBA: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Poonch working under the auspices of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) on celebrated 95th ICAR foundation day at its office campus in which a large number of farmer men and women participated. The programme was held as per the directions of DDG, Agricultural Extension, ICAR.

On the occasion, Dr. Mushtaq Guroo of KVK Poonch gave a detailed lecture on ICAR and its role and said that the foundation

of this autonomous organisation was laid on 16th of July, 1929 at PUSA New Delhi and is engaged in coordinating, guiding and managing research and education in agriculture including horticulture, fisheries, and animal sciences. Dr. Muzafar Mir, Scientist KVK Poonch while highlighting the role of ICAR, said that the development of climate resilient varieties of different crops is the main focus of ICAR and its associated institutions so as to ensure zero hunger and food security coupled with nutrition for all by 2030.

The farmers thanked the KVK Poonch officials for inviting them for partici-

tion in this important programme. The programme ended with vote of thanks presented by Dr. Mushtaq Guroo.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi also celebrated the 95th Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Foundation and Technology Day here today at KVK, Reasi campus which was attended by a large number of farmers, farm women, rural youths and Self Help Groups (SHGs) of the area. The programme was organised under the guidance of Director Extension, Prof. SK Gupta of SKUAST-Jammu. Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal started the programme with the warm welcome of the participants. While speaking during the inaugural session he highlighted the achievements of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for the growth and development of the farmers in the country and abroad.

Dr. Suja Nabi Qureshi said that the ICAR has played a pioneering role in ushering Green Revolution and subse-



KVK Scientists and locals during the programme at Reasi.

quent agricultural developments and research across the country. He narrated that the ICAR plays a significant role in promoting excellence in higher education in agriculture.

Preeti Chaudhary spoke in detail on weather forecasting and urged farmers to avail the benefits of Distt. Agro-metrological Unit (DAMU) established at KVK, Reasi. The programme was assisted by Manohar Lal, Preeti Chaudhary and Mohd. Iqbal and concluded by Dr. Suja Nabi Qureshi with formal vote of thanks.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Samba also celebrated 95th ICAR Foundation

Day & Technology Day at KVK Samba today on 16-07-2023 under the dynamic leadership of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, SKUAST-Jammu. 133 farmers/farm women participated in the programme. On this Occasion, an exhibition was also organized, where different types of specimens, exhibits and agricultural tools and implements were displayed.

Initially, the programme was started by Dr. Sanjay Khajuria, Chief Scientist & Head, KVK Samba. He welcomed all the farmers and highlighted the impor-

ance of 95th ICAR Foundation Day. He stressed upon the need to practice various Innovative Agricultural Practices in order to ensure the soil and human health and make agriculture more profitable.

Dr. Neerja Sharma Senior Scientist Horticulture discussed in detail about the various post-harvest and value addition of the fruits and vegetables in the Samba district, so that their income can be increased to manifold. Dr. Abhay Kumar Sinha, Senior Scientist Agricultural Engineering described that Farm Mechanization has proved a game changer in the field of Agriculture under which introduction of Farm Machinery like tractors, tillers, farm machinery banks, Custom hiring centers, manual weeder, Irrigation Pump sets, Brush Cutters, innovative farm tools to the farmers has reduced farm drudgery to a greater extent. Speaking on the occasion,



Foundation Day celebrations at KVK Samba.

Dr. Saurav Gupta, Scientist, Entomology briefed in detail about the importance of innovative farming as it offers a solution to various problems, such as food insecurity, farmers' distress, and health problems arising due to pesticide and fertilizer residue in food and water, global warming, climate change and natural calamities.

Dr. Vijay Kumar Sharma Scientist, Animal Sciences discussed the various welfare schemes of central and state governments in animal husbandry sector. He also sensitized about the different parasitic diseases

of livestock, their prevention and control strategies. Dr. Shalini, Programme Assistant, KVK Samba emphasized the importance of soil in agricultural productivity. She stressed upon that farmers should use organic farming techniques to promote soil health. Dr. Amit Mahajan discussed in detail about the various weed management practices in the kharif crops. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Saurav Gupta. Others who participated in the programme include Bharat Bhushan, Tajinder Singh and Pawan Singh.

## DDC member reviews development works under PWD (R&B)



Member DDC Suresh Sharma chairing a meeting.

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AKHNOOR: BJP leader and member DDC, Jammu Suresh Sharma on Sunday conducts a review meeting with the officers of PWD (R&B) Department. The agenda of the meeting was to review the status of development works that shall be undertaken in the forthcoming days in block Maira Mandrian and block Chowki Choura of Chhamb Constituency. The officers were asked to ensure that transport is not affected during the rainy season the work of restoration of roads affected due to floods/rains shall be completed quickly.

Suresh Sharma asked the officers to start the constructions of roads immediately after rainy season whose tender works have been completed. The tender work of Kathar to Balsaro road has been completed and its work should be started as soon as possible. Suresh Sharma also discussed the status of roads that shall be constructed under NABARD like Adgan Khakhyal road, Kah road, Ardhan ring road, Kamani road, Gharattal-Keri road, maira Sathar road, Mandrian Nardi road, Mandrian Badhan di Chhapri road, Kandi Sira

Chhappar road, Kufi-Dhana road, Godhan-Tupa road, Gheur-Meeni road, Ghar-Sanori road, Ghar-sidhra road, Rameen Makhyan road, Gharneri-Bindal road, Tilla road Rah, Budhi road, Major Cheral road, Juthal Balsaro road etc. Those roads whose DPRs were prepared have been submitted for sanctioning and the DPR of the rest of the roads shall also be prepared at the earliest so that the roads are constructed well in time and public is provided road connectivity which is also a dream of government.

Besides, Suresh Sharma also discussed the status of roads to be constructed under District Sector, State Sector, pothole, non-plan, city and town Sector etc.

On this occasion, Sunil Dogra Executive Engineer PWD (R&B), Angrez Singh AEE, Rakesh Sharma JE, Som Nath JE, Vinod Singh JE and other officials were present in the meeting.

## Samba Admn hosts Amawas festival at Purmandal-Utterbehni

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SAMBA: Deputy Commissioner Samba Abhishek Sharma and SSP, Benam Tosh on Sunday reviewed the arrangements for the upcoming Amawas festival at Purmandal-Utterbehni here at a meeting with the Stakeholders.

The Deputy Commissioner discussed in detail the arrangements for the festival being held tomorrow.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sub Divisional Magistrate Vijaypur, Principal Government Degree College Purmandal, Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Executive Engineer PWD (R&B), Chief Medical Officer and other senior officers also attended the meeting.

Deputy Commissioner Samba asked the Secretary J&K Dharmarth Trust to raise their issues/demands if any so that the same are resolved well before time.

The chair directed ARTO/Dy. SP (Traffic) Samba to make all necessary Traffic/Transport related arrangements. The ARTO Samba, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic) and Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Samba were asked to submit a traffic plan to SDM Vijaypur for smooth regulation of traffic in the area.

The Dy. SP (Traffic) was asked to



DC Samba Abhishek Sharma and SSP, Benam Tosh chairing a meeting.

deploy an adequate number of personnel to regulate the traffic to avoid congestion and smooth parking of vehicles at appropriate places during the entire Festival/Mela.

The XEN PIIE Samba was asked to make provision of drinking water in and around the Temple area and at the parking site.

Executive Engineer, R&B Division Vijaypur and STD, Jammu was directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply to prevent any inconvenience during the celebration of Amawas.

For the Security Arrangements, Samba Police was told to make appropriate deployment of security personnel and to utilise the services of NSS unit of Degree College Purmandal and the volunteers of

Civil Defence in the premises of the temple.

Regarding Medical Arrangements, the Chief Medical officer, Samba was asked to deploy a team of Doctors and Paramedical staff in all dispensaries and hospitals 24 x 7 basis.

He was directed to arrange a First Aid Team along with one standby Ambulance and medical team in Purmandal/Utterbehni area where devotees are expected in large numbers.

The DC asked the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Samba to ensure the repair/maintenance of the road leading to the Utterbehni/Purmandal to avoid inconvenience to the general public and devotees on this occasion.

Assistant Regional Transport

Officer was directed to enhance the number of buses during the Amawas festival particularly for Purmandal/Utterbehni and to ensure regulation of parking of vehicles/Buses at appropriate places.

The chair directed the Chief Executive Officer Surinsar-Mansar Development Authority to make arrangements for maintenance of the Toilet Complex under his control at Purmandal/Utterbehni Shrines. The Block Development Officer, Purmandal along with Executive Officer, Bari Brahmana were given the responsibility to maintain sanitation in the Purmandal/Utterbehni area. The EO's were entrusted with the job to maintain sanitation in Utterbehni/Purmandal Shrine. EO, Bari Brahmana was asked to deploy the adequate numbers of Safai Karamcharis at the festival/Mela for cleanliness operations especially in Purmandal/Utterbehni area.

Thesildar Bari Brahmana was nominated as the magistrate for the entire festival.

For ensuring fire safety, the Divisional Fire Officers, Fire and Emergency Services Samba were asked to keep standby fire tenders at Utterbehni/Purmandal i.e. 24x7 during the celebration of Amawas festivals 2023, directed the chair.

## DC Rajouri reviews tendering of works under Capex budget

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Sunday visited the office of the Executive Engineer of the Rural Engineering Wing (REW) to review the progress of tendering of works under Capex budget.

During the visit the Deputy Commissioner inquired about the status of various ongoing tenders. The Executive Engineer

time frame.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for timely completion of the tendering process for the development projects proposed under different schemes. He stressed that the tendering process must be carried out in a fair and transparent manner.

The Deputy Commissioner also advised the officials involved in the tendering



DC Rajouri Vikas Kundal during visit to office of the XEN REW.

REW informed the Deputy Commissioner that the tendering process is being carried out in a transparent and efficient manner. He assured the Deputy Commissioner that all necessary steps are being taken to ensure that the tendering process is completed within the stipulated

process to ensure that there was no delay in the issuance of tenders. He urged them to take all necessary steps to avoid any delays or obstacles in the tendering process.

## AHD Kishtwar launches 3rd Phase of Foot & Mouth Disease vaccination



Deptt officials and animal owners during the camp.

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KISHTWAR: The Department of Animal Husbandry Kishtwar, under the guidance of Director Animal Husbandry Jammu, initiated the third phase of Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccination (FMD vaccination) as part of the National Animal Disease Control Program (NADCP).

The launch event was held at Suresh Dairy Farm in Indra Nagar and witnessed active participation of vaccination teams and Veterinary Assistant Surgeons supervised by Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Sen.

The Chsief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO) highlighted the significance of the vaccination and informed the attendees that the campaign will span for a duration of 45 days during which all bovine animals will be vaccinated against Foot and Mouth Disease.

He emphasized that the vaccine will be provided free of cost to all livestock owners. The Department of Animal Husbandry has directed the vaccination teams to ensure the convenience of farmers by extending doorstep vaccination services.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar Sen urged all farmers to take advantage of this opportunity and ensure the vaccination of their animals.

It is pertinent to mention here that, Foot and Mouth Disease is a highly contagious viral infection that affects cloven-hoofed animals, including cattle, goats, and sheep. It can lead to significant economic losses for farmers due to reduced milk production and impaired meat quality.

The National Animal Disease Control Program aims to control and eradicate this disease through strategic vaccination campaigns and improved animal health management practices.



JKGTF delegation after meeting CEO Kathua.

tant, teachers having 5 years stay in odd station may be transferred, modify the unsuitable transfer order.

The delegation stated that teachers having longest stay in hard zones are not trans-

ferred but having shortest stay got their choice of posting. The teachers are not transferred as per the requirements of the school of ruler area. The violation of Education transfer police is

still prevailing. The forum members appealed to provide teachers and clerical staff to all school.

The Chief Education Officer Kathua heard patiently and informed that "I have already directed to all ZEOs for the entry of performed duties during summer vacations. All other issues shall be resolved. We did our try best for suitable transfer of teachers" Parveen Singh was accompanied by Jagdish Chander District President, Jaswant Singh, Jagdish Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Raj Kumar, Ajay Kumar and Mohan Lal.

## Fatehpur people stage protest, seek early start of Timbra-Kalani to Fatehpur road

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POONCH: Fatehpur people under the supervision of renowned social activist Javid Reshi staged a protest against PWD (R&B) Department in village Fatehpur of Poonch on Sunday.

Speaking with media persons, Reshi said that the government has sanctioned a road by the name "Construction of road from Timbra-Kalai to 9th kilometre PMGSY road Fatehpur via mohalla Kheir" which can connect Baila, Mohrban, Danna Dhakran, Dhara, Fatehpur, Haribudha upper and Kehnu Kalani upper Panchayats with their district headquarter and block headquarter Sathra with shortest span.

He further said that the



Local residents staging protest.

said the road was sanctioned in 2022, the rendering process was done vide e-NIT number 73 which was delayed due to negligences of department. Reshi said, he has put this matter before Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent Engineer PWD Rajouri Circle, but they didn't take this matter seriously and people are deprived of road con-

nectivity. Protestors further allegedly said, "the concerned department of working under the influence of a particular contractor due to unknown reasons and ignoring common masses.

They said that the such negligent contractor be blacklisted who is against the general public and the work can be re tendered.

## New team of Rotary Club Kathua installed



Governor, Rotarian Vipin Bhasin along with new team.

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KATHUA: New team of Rotary Club Kathua has been installed in Rivaz Palace Lakhampur by the Governor, Rotarian Vipin Bhasin, Rotary International Distt. 3070, who also paid his official visit to the club.

Rtn.

Uma Chhiber installed as Club President and Rtn. Sunil Kumar as Club Secretary along with their team for the year 2023-24. A colourful function has been organized by honouring the reputed doctors of the locality

which includes Dr. A. K. Gupta, Dr. Hardev Gupta, Dr. Mohinder Lal, Dr. Mukul Ubbot, Dr. Amit Kuttu, Dr. Pushpa Raina, Dr. Rajeev Mengi, Dr. Reva Sharma. Medical Representative Chhuni Lal was also honoured in the function. Club members who participated are Rtn. Indu Rekha - Immediate Past President, Rtn. Satya Deep - Assistant Governor and Past President, Rtn. Subhash Kumar Sharma, Rtn. Dr. Pushpa Raina, Rtn. Neelam Gupta, Rtn. Dr. Reva Sharma, Rtn. Kusum Salaria, Rtn. Ritu Gupta, Rtn. Angrez Singh, Rtn. Parvinder Paul Singh, Vinod Kumar and Rtn. Chhuni Lal.

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