

Secretary Cooperatives holds public outreach programme

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RAJOURI: Secretary Cooperatives, Babila Rakwal, held a public outreach program at Bajabain in Sundarbari block. She was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat besides others. The event served as a platform for direct interaction between the government and the public, addressing an array of critical issues. Several issues of public importance were brought to the forefront during this engaging session. The Secretary conveyed commitment towards addressing the pressing issues brought forward by the local community. She emphasized that the top pri-



Secretary Cooperatives, Babila Rakwal handing over tractor keys to a beneficiary.

ority of the government is to ensure that basic facilities and services are delivered to the general public in an efficient, time bound and transparent manner. Babila Rakwal assured the attendees that their concerns would be redressed at the priority. She affirmed that the Government would take concrete action to address the raised issues and work towards fulfilling the demands of the community. She underscored the com-

mitment towards transparency and accountability within government institutions, highlighting the significant strides made in ensuring these principles. Emphasizing the significance of the cooperative movement in raising the socio-economic status of public, the Secretary also highlighted the crucial role cooperative societies in promoting economic growth and social welfare. She stressed the importance of computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and urged upon the public to form cooperatives, as the Ministry of Cooperation is taking new initiatives in the sector. Later, as a gesture of respect and to raise aware-

ness under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign, the Secretary distributed baby care kits among the mothers of newborn infants. The event was attended by DDC Member Sunderbani, Rajinder Sharma; ADC Sunderbani, Rajeev Magotra; GM DIC, Fareed Kohli; CPO, Maqsood Ahmed; CMO, Dr Manohar Rana; LDM, Sanjeev Bhasin; DSWO, Abdul Raheem; Dy Registrar Cooperatives, Adnan Rathar; AD FCS&CA, Rohit Kumar; EXEN PDD Rajouri, Mohd Rashid; EXEN PWD(R&B) Nowshera, VK Raina; Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Nowshera, Bipin Kumar and other concerned district and sectoral officers.

3-day long annual Sarthal Devi Yatra 2024 concludes

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KISHTWAR: Three days long annual Sarthal Devi Yatra 2024 concluded with the offering of a Thali to the deity in a traditional manner today. The Yatra was organized by the Management Council of Shri Sarthal Devi Ji Trust under the patronage of Dr Karan Singh, Sole Trustee and Vikarmaditya Singh Chairman Trustee of the Trust. ASP Kishtwar Rajinder Kumar Sharma, ACD Kishtwar Phulail Singh also visited the Bhawan and paid obeisance during the yatra. Today the members of Management Council performed Saptshati Yaga in the temple premises. Prasad was also served to the devotees on the concluding day. Sanjeev Parihar, Vice Chairman Sarthal Devi Ji Management Council said that the most revered Sarthal Mata is considered as re-incarnation of Goddess Durga and is the chief deity of Hindus in Kishtwar. He said that this ancient temple was renovated by Maharaja Hari Singh in 1936. Parihar said that this Yatra is a symbol of the age-old tradition of Kishtwar. He thanked the district and police administration Kishtwar for extending the support during the yatra.

DLC approves 06 cases of 'Change of Land Use' in Rajouri

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RAJOURI: The District Level Committee (DLC) on change of land use in Rajouri gave its approval for six cases of converting agricultural land to non-agricultural use. In a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat detailed discussion was held on the applications received from various areas of the district. After careful deliberation, the committee approved six cases of converting agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes. In addition, the concerned departments were given specific instructions to ensure the prompt issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) in the cases fulfilling the criteria laid down in the matter as per norms. It was emphasised that proper verification of documents and adherence to the regulations under the Land Conversion Regulations of 2022 should be carried out in each case. Officers who attended the meeting were DFO Rajouri; SE PWD(R&B), Devi Dayal; SE I&FC; ACR, Mohd Jhangir Khan; CAO, Sohan Singh; EXEN PDD Rajouri, Mohd Rashid; AD Fire and Emergency Services and other concerned officers.

SKPA, JU's Law School organise workshop on 'New Criminal Laws'

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UDHAMPUR: Sher-I-Kashmir Police Academy (SKPA), Udhampur in collaboration with the Law School, University of Jammu, organized an online workshop focusing on recent reforms in criminal laws. The workshop was inaugurated by Garib Dass, ADGP, Director of SKPA Udhampur, and began with insightful discussions on the evolving legal landscape. Dr. Seema Rohmetra, Director of The Law School, emphasized the pivotal role of awareness in fostering societal change and commended SKPA for leading an awareness campaign in this crucial area. The workshop comprised three informative sessions, each delving into amendments introduced in prominent laws. Rajinder Kumar Gupta, IPS, SSP, Dy. Director SKPA led the session on Bhartiya Nyaya

Director Horticulture Jammu launches plantation drive

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KATHUA: Director Horticulture Jammu Chaman Lal Sharma conducted an extensive tour of Kathua district and launched the plantation drive under the scheme Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) by planting saplings of Mango plants in the farmer's field at village Hira Nagar and Barnotiin in the presence of Chief Horticulture Officer Kathua Ashwani Sharma, District Horticulture Officer, Horticulture Development Officer & Farmers. During the programme, the Director had an interaction with the farmers wherein he stressed the need to encourage High Density Plantation in the area. He said that the Government is providing all assistance to the farmers and they should take all the benefits of the centrally and UT sponsored schemes of the department with a special focus on the Holistic



Director Horticulture Jammu Chaman Lal Sharma and others planting a sapling.

Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). He elaborated on the benefits these schemes offer, particularly to unemployed youth. He also stressed the importance of these initiatives in promoting sustainable agricultural practices and enhancing the economic stability of farmers. "The HADP is designed to provide comprehensive support, enabling farmers to harness modern techniques and resources for better produc-

tivity and profitability," he said. During the programme, the Director also handed over keys of Tractors & Power Tillers to the beneficiaries under HADP (Farm Mechanization & Automation) at Hira Nagar village. The Director Horticulture Jammu take the pledge to Green Jammu with 10 lacs fruit plants during the Rainy Season. CHO Kathua asked the farmers to come forward to avail the benefits of various schemes and also addressed the technical issues of the farmers related to the production of fruit crops. Further, the Director Horticulture chaired a meeting of the District Officers, Horticulture Development Officers, officials & field functionaries of district Kathua. At the outset, Chief Horticulture Officer, briefed the chair about the progress made under all the schemes being implemented in the district. While taking a review of the ongoing schemes, Director Horticulture impressed upon all the officers and officials to expedite the works undertaken for the development of the departmental nurseries and organize awareness camps, KissanGoshitis, etc. to ensure better implementation of departmental schemes for the ultimate benefit of the fruit growers.

DC Poonch reviews preparations for I-Day Celebrations 2024

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POONCH: The Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary chaired a meeting of concerned district level officers to review the necessary preparations and arrangements for Independence Day Celebration 2024 at the Dak Bungalow Poonch. The Deputy Commissioner meticulously went through various aspects of the Independence Day celebrations, including security arrangements, venue decoration, public address system, seating arrangement, fire safety, cultural programs, parade preparations, refreshments,

uninterrupted power and water supply on the day of the celebrations. Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner informed that a full-dress rehearsal will be held on August 13, and screening of cultural activities will take place at Sheesh Mahal on August 10, 2024. The Information Department has been tasked with making arrangements for a fault-free public address system and comprehensive media coverage of the event, which will commence with the playing of Shahnai by the department. The Deputy Commissioner has also directed the concerned executive engineers to ensure adequate arrangements for barricading, seating, drinking water supply, and uninterrupted power supply on the day of the function. Additionally, he has passed instructions to the concerned officers to make provisions for ambulance, fire tender, security, and adequate manpower at the venue.

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Adi Shakti Seva Sansthan Udhampur organises 18th Pingla Mata Akhand Jyoti Yatra

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UDHAMPUR: One-day annual Pingla Mata Yatra was taken out today with religious fervor and enthusiasm, organized by Adi Shakti Sewak Sanstha, Pingla Mata Udhampur. Additional Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Joginder Singh Jasrotia was the Chief Guest who formally flagged off the yatra on the occasion. Former Legislator, Balwant Singh Mankotia, Former President MC, Jogeshwar Gupta, Ex-BDC Chairman Ghordi, Aarti Sharma, Ex-Councillors, Prominent citizens, Station House Officer, Raghuvir Chaudhary, President, Adi Shakti Sansathan Pingla Mata, Ashok Gupta were present on the occasion. While speaking on the occasion the Chief guest congratulated the organiser for holding such a religiously affair. He said that such type of efforts will go a long



ADC Joginder Singh Jasrotia flagging off Yatra.

way to inculcate religious beliefs and keeping society away from drug addiction. Devotees were seen enthusiastic to pay their obeisance at the sacred shrine of Pingla Mata situated on a hill top at village Pinger in Tehsil Rammagar of district Udhampur. President ASSS Pingla Mata, Ashok Gupta said that in the annual affair, free langar and light refreshment stalls were organized by the Sanstha and local people at different locations en-route the Cave Shrine. Beside this bus services were also arranged for the devotees from Udhampur to Village Kahua the base camp of the Cave Shrine. He thanked the devotees in general and people in particular who came forward to support the Sanstha in organising such affairs in a successful manner. He also extended heartfelt gratitude to the district administration for elaborate arrangements of security, drinking water, power, sanitation etc.

DDC Reasi reviews functioning of School Education Department

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REASI: District Development Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan convened a meeting today to thoroughly review the status and performance of the School Education Department in Reasi. Chief Education Officer Mushtaq Ahmed provided a detailed overview of the education sector during the meeting. In his remarks, DDC Mahajan emphasized the importance of nutrition and education, particularly through the mid-day meal program. He mandated that schools participating in the mid-day

meal program establish kitchen gardens, with assistance from the Agriculture Department. Addressing the academic challenges, DDC Mahajan instructed that additional classes be arranged for students struggling in specific subjects. He also suggested implementing online classes in schools facing teacher shortages and emphasized the need for regular doubt-clearing sessions to support student learning. DDC Mahajan reviewed the performance of the 10th and 12th-grade students. He expressed concern over schools with pass rates below 50% and announced stringent measures, including the suspension of salaries for the entire staff in such schools, to ensure accountability and drive improvement in educational outcomes. He directed teachers to conduct regular class tests and urged teachers to provide the best possible education to students for the betterment of the district. ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samyal, CPO Narinder Kumar, Heads of the educational institutions, ZEO's and other officers were present.

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JKESL members and others during the programme at Udhampur.

Kashmir began in October 1947, the trouble in the Poonch area had already become widespread with the collaboration of the local Muslims. When the raiders infiltrated the area, the Muslim personnel of the 2nd Jammu and Kashmir infantry which had been posted in this sector, deserted to the enemy side. The State Forces were hard pressed as they were less in numerical strength and realized the difficulty in defending the area against Pakistani invaders and local rebels. The only hope was a reinforcement of troops

from Jammu and Srinagar. To recapture the picket a small group of Indian army was deputed by Captain Kripal Singh, Company Commander of 8th J&K rifles under the command of Subedar Krishna Singh Jamwal. During fierce fight took place between the Indian forces led by Krishna Singh and the Pak-led tribals. Ultimately the picket was recaptured by the Indian group but unfortunately, Subedar Kishan Singh along with sepoy Bua Ditta lost their lives while fighting and safeguarding the Indian territory. Later, the place where the brave soldiers lost their lives was titled Krishna Ghati in the Poonch sector as a mark of respect to the martyrs. The village Uralian where the valiant soldier was born was now popularly known as Mata Maha Maya Goan-Uralian. further, a committee was constituted by the martyr's relatives and residents of the village named Krishna Singh Jamwal memorial welfare committee to serve those martyrs who had laid down their lives for the sake of the nation and still remained unsung.

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