

DC Poonch reviews Muharram arrangements

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner of Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary on Monday chaired a comprehensive meeting to review the arrangements and took necessary actions for the Muharram days. The DC directed the Poonch Municipality and MC Surankote to ensure proper cleanliness in all mosques and Imambargahs. Similar instructions were given to the Block Development Officers of Mandi and Mendhar. The Deputy Commissioner asked the Chief Medical Officer to arrange for adequate medical facilities and



DC Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary chairing a meeting.

emergency services during the Muharram processions and gatherings at the Imambargahs. The Public Health Engineering Department

and Power Development Department were directed to ensure uninterrupted water and Power supply to the mosques, Imambargahs, and the venues of the

Majlis. They were also asked to provide water tankers to support the processions. The Deputy Commissioner also instructed the Assistant Director of Food Supplies to ensure the availability of ration and LPG as per the requirements during the Muharram days. The Regional Transport Officer was directed to coordinate with the police to ensure smooth regulation of traffic and the maintenance of street lights and roads. The meeting discussed various other arrangements in detail to ensure the peaceful observance of the Muharram in the district.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police, Yougal Manhas, Chief Medical Officer, Dr.Zulafkar Ahmed, Tehsildar Haveli, Azhar Majid, ARTO Poonch, Taramani, AD Food, Adil Shabir, District Culture Officer, Dr.Alamdar Adam, Xen PDD, Aftab Hussain, EO Municipality, Yaqoob Choudhary, Tehsildar Mandi, Ashfaq Hussain, AEE PHE, Asiq Hussain, Tehsildar Hqr, Incharge, Nawab Ahmed, besides prominent citizens Taj Mir, Adv Mohammad Zaman, Surjan Singh, Ishrat Bhatt, and other officials and religious heads.

BJP leaders visit Shiv Temple in Darmari after vandalism incident



BJP leaders at Shiv Temple in Darmari.

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REASI: BJP leaders visited Shiv Temple in Darmari, under District Reasi after the vandalism incident. J&K BJP Secretary & District Reasi Prabhari Arvind Gupta, District President Rohit Dubey, District Vice President, and District Bar Association President Advocate Pawan

Dev Singh, under the directions of BJP State President Ravinder Raina and State General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, visited Darmari, the place where the act of vandalism took place by the miscreants. BJP leaders denounced the attack on the temple, urging the administration to take stringent action against the

perpetrators. They met with the local people and discussed the matter with the SIT team to gather information. They appealed to the people of Reasi to remain calm and maintain peace & communal harmony in the area. They also assured the people that all the necessary actions would be taken including the restoration of the temple.

Kisan Sampark Abhiyan 3.0 launched in Reasi

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REASI: Kisan Sampark Abhiyan-3.0, under holistic Agriculture Development Programme, was launched today in different panchayats of 12 blocks of Reasi District. The Abhiyan was launched today under the instructions and overall guidance of Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, who is also Chairman HADP, and under close supervision of Director Agriculture Jammu who is also the Supervisory officer of the programme. The purpose of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan 3.0 is to create increased awareness regarding the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme and expedite implementation of the projects under HADP for the welfare of the farming community. The training was conducted today simultaneously at 12 locations of District viz. Dadura, Agharjito, Gran

Byotran, Dehote, Bidda, Dangakote, Thub, Chinkah, Chaklas, Baddar, Neoch, Chassana in the District. Training is being imparted to farmers by the resource persons of agriculture and allied Departments through Various audio visual aids. The Baseline survey is being conducted by the skill gap study person of the farmers who attended the training programme. Officers and officials of allied departments besides a large number of farmers participated in the training programme. District Nodal officer HADP, Chief Agriculture officer Reasi Harbans Singh informed that during KSA 3.0, a special focus was laid on awareness of credit linked schemes and purpose of opening Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) in various Panchayats. He also called upon all the stakeholders to come together to ensure the effective implementation of a holistic agriculture development plan.

Cleanliness cum awareness drive conducted at Devi Pindi



Members of Helping Hands Jammu during the cleanliness drive.

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REASI: A large-scale cleanliness drive was organized at the Devi Pindi shrine area by Helping Hands Jammu under the leadership of Sourav Sharma. This initiative, aimed at preserving the natural beauty and sanctity of the site, saw enthusiastic participation from local youth and community members. The drive focused on cleaning the river and its surroundings, ensuring the environment remains unpolluted and pristine. Volunteers actively engaged in removing litter and debris, contributing to the overall cleanliness of the area.

In addition to the physical cleaning efforts, the team also conducted an awareness campaign targeting local shopkeepers and visitors. They urged them to maintain the sanctity of the shrine by disposing of garbage properly and refraining from polluting the river. This dual approach of cleaning and educating aims to create a lasting impact on the community and visitors alike. Sourav Sharma, Founder of the Helping Hands Jammu the driving force behind this initiative, praised the efforts of the volunteers and his team, stating, "Our goal is not only to clean the area but also to instill a sense of responsibility in everyone who visits Devi Pindi. It is heartening to see the youth come forward and take active roles in preserving our natural heritage. Without the cooperation and dedication of the entire team, this drive would not have been possible." The event saw balanced participation from both boys and girls, with everyone working in unison to achieve the common goal. The boys focused on maintaining the natural beauty of the river and the pathways, while the girls, including Shina Gupta, Priya Sharma, Meenu Bhagat, Lovely and many more also actively participated, showcasing a commendable spirit of teamwork and dedication. Helping Hands Jammu remains committed to environmental conservation and community welfare, and this drive at Devi Pindi is a testament to their ongoing efforts to create a cleaner and greener future.

Implementation of criminal laws: PTTI Vijaypur organises public awareness campaign



Zia-ul-Haq, DySP PTTI Vijaypur addressing participants.

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VJAYPUR: On the occasion of the day of "Implementation of three New Criminal Laws" in the country, Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur organised a general awareness programme at the Institute by inviting guests including locals/ respectables/youth of the area and trainees in order to aware them about these laws. The programme was organized on the directions of J&K Police Headquarters with an objective to apprise the general public about the key features and advantages of new Criminal Laws recently promulgated by the Central Govt. The programme was presided over by Zia-ul-Haq, DySP PTTI Vijaypur who in his address, told that motive behind organizing such programme is to spread awareness among the general public

regarding the implementation of all the three new Criminal Laws viz., Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam. After short briefing by the officer on the subject, Inspr. Ram Lal and Inspr. Surrinder Singh of PTTI Vijaypur speaks on the occasion and delivered an impressive lectures to the guests/trainees focusing on understanding the New Criminal Laws. The programme ended in a very cordial atmosphere and the presiding officer thanked all the visiting guests for sparing their time for attending the programme at the Institute. Among others, Inspr. Kulbir Singh, Inspr. Bhopinder Singh, Inspr. Mulk Raj, Inspr. Himanshu Dutt (CTI), SI Sulinder Singh (SM Outdoor), SI Shakeel Singh (Lines Officer) were present on the occasion.

Tehsildar conducts market checking in Gool Poonch police organises awareness programme on new criminal laws



Tehsildar Gool, Harjeet Singh during market checking.

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RAMBAN: Tehsildar Gool, Harjeet Singh, accompanied by TSO Gool, Sham Singh, NT Gool, and police officers, conducted a surprise market

check at Gool Main Market, Ramban on Monday. The inspection aimed to ensure quality control, price regulation, and to keep a vigil on erring traders.

During the inspection, the team found several shopkeepers violating legal regulations and realized a fine of Rs. 15,000 from the offenders. The checking team seized several items that did not meet the quality standards. Tehsildar Gool, Harjeet Singh, warned the shopkeepers to adhere to the legal regulations and maintain quality standards, failing which strict action would be taken. The market checking was conducted to protect the interests of consumers and to ensure a fair trade practice in the area.

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POONCH: Police Department of Poonch organised an awareness programme on the occasion of rolling out and implementing three new criminal laws. The event took place at the auditorium of Government Degree College Poonch and was presided over by the Honorable Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, through a virtual mode. Inspector Kunal Singh Janwal, Station House Officer (SHO) of Police Station Poonch, briefed the Lieutenant Governor



Police officials and others during the programme.

Virtually about the benefits of the newly implemented criminal laws. These laws are expected to bring significant improvements to the criminal justice system, enhancing efficiency, transparency, and fairness. In his address, LG Manoj Sinha emphasized the importance of these new laws in strengthening the legal framework and ensuring

justice for all citizens. He appreciated the efforts of the Police Department in organizing such a crucial awareness programme and encouraged active participation from the community to understand and uphold these laws. The event saw the participation of various dignitaries, college faculty, students, and local residents,

and to all participants for their enthusiastic involvement. The Police Department of Poonch reaffirmed its commitment to upholding the rule of law and serving the community with dedication and integrity. CJM Madan Lal, DDC tazeem Akhter, DC Poonch Yasin M Choudhary, Yougal manhas SSP, Jhangir Mir Ex Depty Chairman, Taj Mir, Exclusive MLA Shah mohd Tantra, KD Mani Principal MH Shah, Principal Jasbir Singh, Pardeep khanna, S Balbir Singh Advocate Mohd Zaman, President Sanatem darn Saba Master Khaterpal pal Sharma, S Narinder Singh, Surjan Singh Shazad Azari, S surjan Singh, Ret Principal GL Sharma, among Prominent Persins of poonch attended the function.

Director JKEDI awards certificates to Tejaswini Scheme beneficiaries

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JAMMU: Director Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) Rajinder Kumar Sharma on Monday awarded training certificates among 22 aspirants trained under Tejaswini scheme of Mission Youth at district centre Ramban. He also reviewed the functioning of the Centre and status of registrations under J&K Startup Policy and recovery of loans in the district. Interacting with the trainees, the Director KEDI assured them of all possible support for establishing their business ventures. He applauded the determination of the aspiring women entrepreneurs for attending the training despite the difficult terrain of the region. The Director also discussed the relevance of the training programme to the respective business ventures and sought suggestions from the trainees



Director JKEDI Rajinder Kumar along with beneficiaries during the programme.

for any improvement or modifications needed in the current work schedule of Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDPs). The Director also reviewed the registrations, Entrepreneurship Awareness Programs (EAPs), and Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDPs) conducted in the year

2024, formulation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), Recovery status-Chronic as well as Chronic activated and demand notices issued. District Nodal Officer JKEDI delivered the vote of thanks, while all faculty and non-faculty members were present on the occasion. The JKEDI has been providing training to the candi-

dates registered under Tejaswini scheme and preparing their detailed project reports to help them establish business ventures. By providing a supportive environment and necessary resources, JKEDI is empowering the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to turn their ideas into successful business ventures.

DC Udhampur reviews revision of PDA Master Plan

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai today reviewed the progress on the revision of the master plan for the Patnitop Development Authority (PDA) and other related issues here at a meeting held in the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex. During the meeting, concerned officers and stakeholders explained different aspects of the plan and its impact on the region. The DC enquired about the sta-



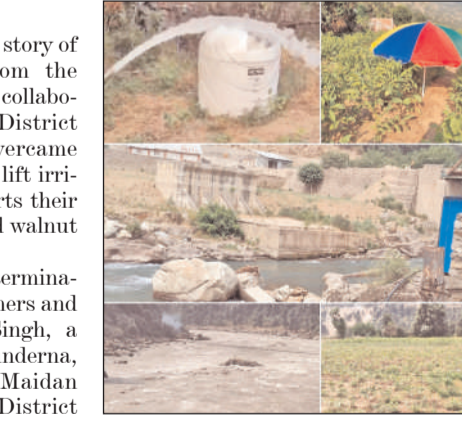
tus of the current land use and directed the preparation of a complete analysis report of the same compared to the previous master plan. The DC emphasized the importance of revision of the master plan for the PDA that

incorporates all concerns and objections. The meeting was attended by CEO PDA, Devendra Singh Bham; SDM Chenani, Gurdev Kumar; Tehsildar Chenani, Pankaj Kumar; and other concerned officers.

They sought technical and financial assistance from Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav to lift water from the Sigdi Chatroo River to irrigate their orchards and hybrid walnut nurseries and farms, which are crucial for their livelihood and income. The journey was fraught with challenges. The nearby river is approximately 400 meters away from the agricultural lands and nurseries, and crossing this distance for water uplift was a significant obstacle. Additionally, the high-flowing Mawarsudhar River from Marwah, which flows in between, posed another challenge. The Mawarsudhar River is 500 feet deep, flows rapidly, and carries a high silt load, which could damage the motors required for the lift

Overcoming Challenges: Kishtwar farmers successfully commission Lift Irrigation on Sigdi-Chatroo River in collaboration with District Admin

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KISHTWAR: This is a success story of how progressive farmers from the Satarwajan, Dadpeth area, in collaboration with the District Administration Kishtwar, overcame the challenge of establishing a lift irrigation system that now supports their horticultural setups and hybrid walnut nurseries. In a remarkable feat of determination and perseverance, the farmers and orchardists, led by Suneel Singh, a progressive orchardist from Gunderna, Tagood, Tehsil Mughal Maidan approached the District Administration to seek help and to achieve the breakthrough. They sought technical and financial assistance from Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav to lift water from the Sigdi Chatroo River to irrigate their orchards and hybrid walnut nurseries and farms, which are crucial for their livelihood and income.



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The solution was in the Sigdi Chatroo River, which is clean and flows slowly, making it suitable for water lifting. Despite the challenges, the farmers and progressive orchardists employed innovative solutions to overcome these hurdles. The farmers approached Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav, who provided financial and technical support. The technical resolution involved using 18mm steel wire and 50mm HDPE pipes to cross the rivers, drilling holes, and erecting pillars on both sides. Despite the odds, the persistent efforts paid off and the set up successfully lifted water from the Sigdi Chatroo River. The total project cost was substantial, with a major portion funded by the District Administration

Kishtwar under the convergence of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and other agriculture schemes, while the remaining contribution was made by the progressive farmers themselves. The successful endeavor exemplifies the achievements possible through the convergence of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and other agricultural schemes. By proactively engaging with these government initiatives, farmers can significantly benefit. The results of this achievement are manifold, boasting high-value crops in the area. For example, one of the farmer's nurseries bear 20 varieties of walnut plants, totaling 40,000 plants, along with other fruit nurseries, including pecan nuts, kiwi, and apricot. The high-value crops now grown in the area have not only boosted yields but also enhanced the farmers' income, improved food security, and stimulated local economy. Additionally, this success has inspired other farmers to adopt similar practices, leading to overall agricultural development and sustainability in the region. This success story is a testament to the power of determination, hard work, and the collaborative efforts of the administration and farmers in tapping the horticultural potential of the area by utilizing the ongoing HADP and agriculture schemes.

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