

DC, SSP Kishtwar pay rich tributes to police martyrs



DC Dr. Devansh Yadav, SSP Abdul Qayoom and others paying tributes to police martyrs.

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KISHTWAR: In a deeply moving tribute, the District Police Kishtwar, led by SSP Abdul Qayoom and DC Dr. Devansh Yadav organized a solemn event to honor the courageous martyrs of the J&K Police who made the ultimate sacrifice in the battle against terrorism. The event underscored the profound respect and gratitude for the lives lost in service to

the nation.

The ceremony commenced with a visit to the martyrs' memorial located in front of the DPO Kishtwar, where SSP and DC Kishtwar, along with the Next of Kin (NOKs) of the martyrs, paid heartfelt tributes. They laid wreaths and offered their solemn respects to the fallen heroes whose sacrifices have safeguarded the security and integrity of the

region. SSP Kishtwar 1 reassured the NOKs of continued support from the J&K Police, promising assistance with educational needs and other life challenges.

The tribute was followed by a significant environmental initiative. SSP Kishtwar and DC Kishtwar, accompanied by police and civil administration officials and family of NOKs of martial,

launched the plantation drive on the theme of "Ek Ped Shaheedon Ke Naam". This project aims to plant a tree in honor of each J&K Police martyr, symbolizing the enduring legacy of their sacrifice and promoting environmental stewardship. The drive reflects the commitment to enhancing community engagement and underscores the joint responsibility of the police

and public in national upliftment and conservation.

The event concluded with the felicitation of the NOKs of martyrs. SSP and DC Kishtwar also presented gift tokens to the families, reinforcing a sense of community and shared purpose. This gesture was a heartfelt acknowledgment of their enduring strength and a symbol of collective respect and solidarity.

Chairman DDC Doda inaugurates Girls Hostel under KGBV scheme at Nai Dangri

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DODA: Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Doda, Dhananter Singh Kotwal along with DDC Vice Chairperson, Sangeeta Bhagat inaugurated Girls' Hostel at Nai Dangri educational zone Doda under Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme (KGBV).

The inauguration ceremony saw the presence of Chief Education Officer, Parkash Lal Thapa and Zonal Education Officer, Rahmatullah Dev.

The newly inaugurated hostel aims to provide a safe and supportive environment for girls, ensuring

their academic and personal growth. The event highlighted the importance of girls' education in driving social change and empowering communities.

It was informed that newly constructed hostel can accommodate 100 girls at a time and has state of art facilities and amenities, 24/7 security and supervision, nutritious meals etc.

While speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairman said that education is the key to unlocking the potential of our girls. This hostel will be a beacon of hope and opportunity for them.

Sewa Bharati holds meet at Kadmal



Committee members after the meeting.

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KATRA: A meeting of the Managing Committee of the Sewa Bharati held at Disha Chateravas Kadmal in Katra (Reasi) to discuss and decide issues of utmost importance.

The meeting held under the chairmanship of vice president of Sewa Bharti Jammu Province, Sushil Dubey; Shiv

Kumar Sharma, Patron in chief, Sewa Bharti J&K and vice president, Triloki Nath Negi.

Others who attended the meeting included Rajesh Gandotra, Atul Sharma (secretary), Raman Goswami (cashier), Raj Kumar Padha (president Chamber of Tourism Katra and

Abhishek.

The meeting discussed and decided celebration of Independence Day, World' Senior Citizens Day (August 21) and Raksha Bandan.

A number of other demands from secretary Sewa Bharti, Atul Sharma were accepted by the Managing Committee.

Secy Planning addresses public Darbar at Poonch

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POONCH: Secretary, Planning Development and Monitoring department (PDMD), Mohammad Aijaz Asad, addressed a massive public darbar at Krishan Chander park here.

The event witnessed massive response as people from all walks of life actively participated in the darbar and raised their issues and genuine grievances before the Secretary.

General public and their representatives holistically projected matters of urgent public importance pertaining to socio-economic infrastructure like connecting Bridges, Trauma Hospitals, Water Supply and Electricity during the darbar.

More specifically, the major issues pertained to completion of Mini-secreatariat at both Poonch and Mendhar for ease of general public. Another issue related to Sawjain to Gulmarg



Secretary, PDMD, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, addressing public darbar at Poonch.

Road also gained attention of Secretary.

Citizens also demanded a trauma hospital on Mughal road, increased allocation under NABARD projects, GMC for Poonch, women degree college at Poonch, protection work of Betar Nalla bridge, completion of various lift schemes and other major issues of general importance.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Yasin M. Choudhary along with the

team of district officers were present in the Darbar. All concerned district officers provided prompt reply to all grievances raised by citizens.

The Secretary also met DDC council. They also raised their specific demands and reiterated some demands already raised by general public.

The Secretary assured them that all of their genuine grievances will be addressed on priority.

Area domination drills by police on Buddha Amarnath Yatra route

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AKHNOOR: Police in Akhnoor conducted area domination drills along with SOG jammu and Army on and around NH144-A.

As a domination drill a joint exercise was started in Nonaath and Nathal area of chowki Choura by police and army for sanitisation and domination of areas nearby national highway 144-A.

The exercise was conducted for two hours and was



supervised by senior officers from police and army.

Nowshera Forest Division create Navagrah Vatika as tribute to martyrs



Family members of martyrs and officials of Forest Deptt during the programme.

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NOWSHERA: Forest Range of Nowshera Forest Division organized plantation drive under the banner Ek Ped Shaheed Ke Naam. An immensely reverent ceremony was conducted at Nagarvana Nowshera to honour the indomitable spirit of martyrs who manifest unparalleled valour and devotion toward their duty.

The planted trees shall stand as the reminder of the supreme sacrifice made by martyrs Joginder Singh, Kuldeep Raj & Gurdeep singh

as well as the sacrifices made by such brave hearts for the nation. The ceremony was further graced by the families of Martyrs and local peoples. Sandeep Kumar, IFS (Conservator of Forests, West circle, Rajouri), Shweta Deonia, DCF (Divisional Forest Officer, Nowshera) Ram Paul Sharma (Tehsildar, Nowshera), Anil Kumar (Range Officer, Nowshera), Sushel Kumar (Bo Nowshera) Mohd. Alfaz (Bo Jhanger) Mustafa Charak (Bo Androoth) and PRI member were among the noble attendees of the ceremony.

Prerna Puri visits Doda; reviews progress on 2nd SSR in district

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DODA: Commissioner Secretary, Information and Technology, Prerna Puri, who is also Electoral Roll Observer for Doda District, today conducted a review of ongoing 2nd Special Summary Revision (SSR) 2024 during a meeting here.

District Election Officer Doda, Harvinder Singh, briefed the Commissioner Secretary about the latest achievement under 2nd SSR 2024 in the district through a detailed Power Point presentation.

It was informed that the district has three Assembly Constituencies; 51- Bhaderwah, 52-Doda and 53-Doda West with 534 polling stations across the district for 307548 already



Commissioner Secretary, Information and Technology, Prerna Puri chairing a meeting.

enrolled voters. The Gender Ratio of Electors in the district stands at 940 and Electoral Population ratio is 63.42.

To manage the electoral process effectively, three Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), 17 Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs), 51 Election Supervisors and 534 Booth

Level Officers (BLOs) have been appointed in the district.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, the Commissioner Secretary stressed on the importance of completing the revision process, which includes the addition of new eligible and left out Electors, correction of any omissions and removal of duplicate entries, within the specified timeline. She

emphasized on the need to expedite the enrollment of Persons with Disabilities (PWD) voters and ensure that no voter is left unregistered in the district.

The Commissioner Secretary emphasized on the officers and officials associated with the SSR to work with dedication and enthusiasm to achieve 100 percent enrolment of eligible voters.

Later, Commissioner Secretary interacted with representatives from various political parties and advised them to appoint Booth Level Agents at all polling stations and seek their cooperation for healthy Photo Electoral Roll in the district.

She urged them to raise public awareness and motivate maximum voter enrollment in the district. She also interacted with some newly eligible electors, students and Booth Level Officers during the visit.

The meeting was attended by ACR Doda (ERO AC 52-Doda), SDM Assar (ERO AC 53-Doda), all Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (Tehsildars), Nodal Officer SVEEP and other concerned officials.

SKUAST-J, KVK Reasi organise ‘Sensitization programme on Agri-entrepreneurship Development’

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REASI: Agri-Business Incubation Centre, SKUAST-J in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the patronage of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu organized a "Sensitization program on agri-entrepreneurship development through ABI, SKUAST J" at KVK Reasi which was attended by a number of progressive farmers, innovative youth & local artisans of nearby villages of Reasi region. The program was organized under the guidance and support of Director Extension, SKUAST-J, Prof. Amrishi Vaid & Head, KVK Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal. Dr. Lalit Upadhyay, Senior Scientist, KVK Reasi initiated the program with the warm welcome of the main expert, Prof. Jyoti Kachroo, PI/CEO, Agri-Business Incubation Centre & Head, Division of AEABM, SKUAST-J along with all the other participants.

He gave a detailed overview of farmer outreach programmes & activities of KVK, Reasi and appealed the audience to divert themselves from their traditional agriculture practices and shift to a more commercial agri-business based approach that would help in enhancing their income and lead to improved financial security and self reliance for them & their families. Prof. Jyoti Kachroo, in her detailed presentation described the scope and opportunities of agri-entrepreneurship in today's scenario. She informed the gathering about the constructive role being played by ABI, SKUAST-J in the training & development of innovative agri start-ups from J&K UT and its surrounding regions through uniquely designed Agri-entrepreneurship training & funding programmes namely UDGM (Idea Stage Program), PRAGATI (Seed Stage Program) and Student Financial Assistance Program. She also outlined

that 78 potential agri-entrepreneurs in 7 batches have already been incubated at SKUAST-Jammu under these programmes and funding to the tune of Rs. 2.88 crores in total has been sanctioned in favour of 26 start-ups from 6 batches by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, GoI. The application process for admission to the 8th batch is also underway currently. Prof. Kachroo exhorted the audience to make full use of these opportunities at ABI, SKUAST-J by applying for these programmes as agri-business enterprise formation is the present and future of agriculture development. She informed the audience about how a simple innovative idea can be turned into a huge business just by converting it into a practical form through precise planning and actions. She also narrated the success stories of start-ups of ABI, SKUAST-J who are making waves at national and international level through

their innovative products and best practices. Dr. Sanjay Koushal, Scientist (Agronomy) discussed about diversified farming and guided the farmers on scientific & innovative cultivation of cereals, pulses and oilseeds. Dr. Arvinder Kumar (Extension Specialist) asked the farmers to adopt eco-friendly agricultural technologies for sustainable agriculture. Mr. Tarunjeet Singh from ABI, SKUAST-J explained about the application and selection procedure of agri-entrepreneurship training programmes and distributed the pamphlets outlining the detailed information to the gathered audience. Many queries and doubts were raised by the members of the audience during the programme, which were answered in an illustrative and satisfactory way by Prof. Jyoti Kachroo and the KVK scientists. The program was assisted by Sh. Manohar Lal from KVK Reasi who also presented the formal vote of thanks at the end.

Chairperson DDC Ramban visits Bajnari Upper Mahoo, highlights development initiatives



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RAMBAN: Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Ramban, Dr. Shamsad Shan conducted a visit to Bajnari Upper Mahoo to review and highlight various ongoing and upcoming development initiatives.

During the visit, the

Chairperson engaged with the local community, addressing their concerns and ensuring that developmental projects are being executed efficiently.

The visit focused on the assessment of infrastructure projects, health and education facilities, and the imple-

mentation of various government schemes aimed at improving the quality of life in the region.

The Chairperson reiterated the commitment to ensure that all schemes and projects will be implemented in a timely manner, with transparency and accountability.

The Chairperson also held discussions with local officials and stakeholders, emphasizing the importance of community participation in the development process.

The community members expressed gratitude for the Chairperson's visit and the attention given to their needs and concerns.

The Chairperson assured them that their feedback would be taken into consideration in planning and implementing future projects.

BGSBU to start admissions for FYDYD program

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RAJOURI: The Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University will start admissions to Four Year Undergraduate Program 'Design Your Degree' from the current academic session. The decision in this regard was taken in a high level meeting of senior functionaries of the University under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Akbar Masood. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Akbar mentioned that Four Year Undergraduate Design Your Degree is an important initiative of the Higher Education Council of UT of Jammu and Kashmir as per the guidelines NEP-2020 to develop industry ready human resources.

Prof. Akbar said that the University has made the necessary preparations to roll out this innovative four years Design Your Degree program

from the current session. On the occasion it was informed that the Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies and Research will offer this program from the current academic session. Prof. Akbar Masood said that the Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies & Research (CMSR) is envisioned as a proactive embodiment of excellence, leveraging quality research, innovation & entrepreneurship. Prof. Akbar mentioned that the Centre will be an amalgamation of research and development activities for improved coordination, compounded results & sustainable growth of the University.

Those who were present on the occasion included Dr. A A Shah, Associate Dean Academic Affairs, Dr. Shams Kamal Anjum , Associate Dean School of Languages and Islamic Studies and Dr. Titi Xavier, Associate Dean School of Nursing and Biomedical Sciences.

GDC Katra organises poster making competition

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REASI: The Road Safety Club and NSS unit of the Government Degree College Katra today organised a Poster Making Competition on the theme "Freedom Movement and its Heroes" as a part of Independence Day celebrations.

The program was conducted under the patronage of Principal, Dr. Rajni Bhagat, and the overall supervision of Prof. Shikha Bhasin.

Five students participated in the competition with great enthusiasm and each participant was given one hour to complete their poster.

The purpose of the program was to display the valour and bravery of the freedom fighters. Prof. Mohd Younus Saleem (HOD English) coordinated the event with the able guidance of other faculty members. Dr. Harmeet Kour (HOD Punjabi) and Dr. Usha Sharma (HOD Sociology) served as jury members and compiled the results.

Priyanka Anthal a student of B.A. Semester V secured the first position, while Shubham Gupta and Amit Sharma both from B.A. Semester III clinched the second position. Anshika Sharma a student of B.A. Semester V was awarded the third position.

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