

Passing out parade for 29 Forest Guards held

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JAMMU: The Forest Department organised passing out parade for 29 trainees of 58th Forest Guard Training Course on completion of their six month training at Forest Guard Training School, Doomi here on Tuesday.

Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Sanjeev Verma, was the chief guest on the occasion.

The event was attended by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Dr. Mohit Gera and Chairman Training Schools, J&K Forest Department, along with other senior officers of the department.

The programme started with presentation of Guard of Honour to the chief guest followed by Passing Out Parade by the trainees of 23rd Kashmir Forester's Training Course, contingent of Forest Protection Force



Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Sanjeev Verma during passing out parade.

and the Brass band of CRPF, Paloura. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary congratulated the trainees for completing their training successfully. He praised the frontline staff of Forest Department for their presence in field which creates a deterrence among forest offenders. He applauded

the role of Forest Guards in providing ecological security to the forest resources. He exhorted upon them to dedicate themselves towards protection of green gold of Jammu & Kashmir. He called for effective management of forests with active participation of PRIs and people.

He asked the passed out trainees to gear up for protection of forests against hazards like forest fires, encroachments so that the forest wealth is protected. He assured that all cadre related issues of Forest Department will be addressed in a phased manner.

Dr. Mohit Gera, said that the job of frontline staff is tough since they are serving in their own locality and under harsh conditions.

He spoke in detail about the changing and expanding role of forest frontline staff and highlighted the importance of PRI and other grass root level institutions with which the Forest Guards will be closely working.

Earlier, the dignitaries conferred awards to the best performing trainees.

In academics, Arun Kumar, Forest Guard of Nowshera Forest Division secured first position, Bilal Abbas Wani, Forest Guard of Marwah

Forest Division secured second position and Vipin Pathania while Forest Guard of Billawar Forest Division secured third position.

In the Endurance Run, Sanjeev Kumar, Forest Guard of Anantnag Forest Division secured first place, Ajit Kumar, Forest Guard of Ramnagar Forest Division secured second place and Mohammad Ishaq, Forest Guard of Rajouri Forest Division secured third place.

Besides, Vipin Pathania, Forest Guard of Billawar Forest Division was declared as best Silviculturist and Vipin Jamwal, Forest Guard of Jammu Forest Division as all round best trainee.

Earlier, Sandeep Kujur, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Research & Training delivered welcome address while Principal Forest Guards Training School Doomi presented the course report.

EPFO takes several initiatives to tackle workload

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JAMMU: EPFO Jammu has taken several initiatives to tackle the workload, redress public grievances. Being a service oriented Organisation, EPFO in J&K and Ladakh has been facing some specific challenges viz. non-compliance, inadequate member details, lack of awareness amongst the members and employers, etc. to overcome these challenges, EPFO Regional Office Jammu has adopted flexi hours for facilitating stakeholders in an efficient manner. The Office from 6 AM to 11PM, and officials have liberty to work in flexi hours. Most of the Senior Social Security Assistants have preferred working in flexi hours, considering system speed in non-peak hours.



EPFO employees working during flexi hours.

Three Hundred Seventy Four claims were initiated by SSSAs in the morning shift (till 9.15AM), whereas by 5.03PM Seven Hundred Claims were initiated by SSSAs.

A number of visitors, facing different issues visited the

office and met P F Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin, where a dedicated team consisted of Mukesh Kumar, SSSA and Kanchan, DEO helped the visitors in best possible manner.

Nitin Bhatia from an employee of M/s Mahavir

Labour Contractor visited the Office to update his missing details. The same was processed by Sanjeev Kumar (SSSA). Md. Bhutwa, an ex-employee of M/s Pahalwan, had submitted Joint Declaration, which had more than 3 years' variation in date of birth. He provided an ESIC Card and Passport as supporting documents. The Joint Declaration was immediately processed by Arun Kumar (SSSA).

Rishab Jandial, an ex-employee of M/s Gurjeet Labour Contractor visited Office to withdraw his provident fund. It was found that "Date of Exit" was not marked. His employer was advised to mark "Date of Exit". He would accordingly submit his claim in form 19 along with form 15-G. An employer from M/s KC Public School visited the office to enquire how to correct "Date of Exit", he was advised to submit Joint Declaration.

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Among others the press conference was attended by Sh. Gurdas Sharma (General Secretary), Ram Langer, (Treasurer) and Jatinder Aggarwal, (Trustee).

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He further informed that those who

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parents, friends, relatives and well wishers at Shree Ganga Ji Ghat Haridwar, may contact our Central Office Mohalla Darugiran, Kanak Mandi, Jammu over Mobile No. 9419662100, 7051122990 (Helpline Jammu) and 09897128391 (Helpline Haridwar)," he said.

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