

DC felicitates meritorious girl students under BBBP

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REASI: District Administration Reasi Saturday organised a felicitation ceremony for meritorious girl students of government schools of the District. The event was held under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative here at PM SHRI Government Girls Higher Secondary School.

Deputy Commissioner Kumar Abhishek, the chief guest felicitated the meritorious girl students for their outstanding academic achievements and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence in life.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner congratulated the students on their academic success and appreciated

the efforts of teachers and parents in shaping their achievements. "Education is the most powerful tool for uplifting families and transforming society," he maintained. Emphasizing the importance of continuous learning, he encouraged students to aim higher and become role models for others. "Your good marks are only the beginning. This is a platform from which you have to move forward and achieve greater success in life," he said. Highlighting the significance of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign, the Deputy Commissioner said that the confidence and enthusiastic participation of the girl students reflected the positive impact of the initiative.

He also urged students to focus on their holistic development by maintaining good health, participating in sports and engaging in co-curricular activities. He further assured the students and school administration that the District Administration would organise career counselling and guidance sessions whenever required. A pledge was also administered under the Nasha Mukti Jammu Kashmir Abhiyan, reaffirming the commitment of all participants towards building a drug-free society. The programme was attended by the Principal, Government Girls Higher Secondary School Reasi, District Social Welfare Officer Reasi, Tehsildar Reasi, teachers and students.



DLC on Change of Land Use meets at Ramban

RAMBAN: A meeting of the District Level Committee on Change of Land Use (CLU) was convened Saturday to review the status of Change of Land Use (CLU) cases. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alys Khan and attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Shokat Hayat Mattoo; ACD Sheraz Ahmed; GM DIC Ravinder Anand; DFOs, CHO, CEO Municipal Committee; Executive Engineers of PMGSY, PWD, Jal Shakti and JPDCL; officials from NHAI and BRO along with other concerned officers. The Committee reviewed eight applications seeking land use change with thorough scrutiny of documents and verification of compliance with existing rules. Decisions were taken after confirming adherence to land conversion regulations. The meeting also reviewed revenue records, status of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) and overall progress in disposal of CLU cases.

Training program for enumerators, supervisors concludes at Bhaderwah

BHADERWAH: The 3-day training Program for enumerators and supervisors in connection with the upcoming census 2027 concluded Saturday at the community hall Bhaderwah. The session was conducted under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Doda Krishan Lal, who is also Principal Census Officer for the district. The training sessions were conducted by District Master Trainers Dr. Yunus Rasheed and Dr. Bharat Singh, imparting detailed guidance to participants on enumeration procedures. The three day training program, in municipal limits held from May 21 to May 23 2026, aimed to equip enumerators and supervisors with the necessary skills and knowledge for the house listing and house Census.

DC reviews disaster preparedness of departments ahead of Monsoon season

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda Krishan Lal Saturday chaired a comprehensive review meeting at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex to assess the district's readiness for handling emergencies arising due to heavy rainfall, flash floods, landslides, road blockades and other weather-related incidents ahead of monsoon season. The meeting was convened in view of the upcoming high-level review by the Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, scheduled for May 25, 2026. The DC

stressed the need for timely preparedness, inter-departmental coordination and quick response mechanisms to minimize risks and ensure public safety across vulnerable areas of the district. The Deputy Commissioner reviewed in detail the preparedness and arrangements related to pre-flood emergency services, availability of rescue machinery, manpower and emergency response infrastructure in the district. The meeting discussed the availability and procurement requirements of essential rescue and disaster management equipment

including rescue vehicles, inflatable rubber rescue boats for operations in the Chenab River, diving suits, water rescue helmets, search lights, dewatering pumps, raincoat suits, tracking suits, snow shoes, megaphones, rechargeable battery cells, first aid kits, casualty bags, fire extinguishers and fire extinguisher balls. Availability of emergency stock, funds and engineering machinery at district and zonal levels was also assessed. "All departments must maintain sufficient emergency response equipment and manpower in sensitive and

disaster-prone areas for prompt restoration and rescue operations," the DC emphasized. The Deputy Commissioner directed PWD (R&B), PMGSY, NHIDCL, BRO and other stakeholders to prepare and submit detailed contingency plans regarding deployment of machinery and manpower on roads vulnerable to landslides and blockades. The PWD department informed that emergency response cells have already been established for ensuring immediate availability of machinery during emergencies. Directions were also issued to the Power

Development Department to prepare a comprehensive disaster response plan and ensure advance arrangements of solar lights and portable generator sets for emergency situations. Jal Shakti Department was directed to maintain adequate drinking water supply arrangements and submit resource and manpower deployment plans to tackle water scarcity and emergency situations. The DC further instructed all departments to notify and widely circulate emergency contact numbers. He further asked the department to strengthen coordination for timely restoration of es-

sential services. The meeting also focused on strengthening control rooms, formation of early response teams, conduct of mock drills and awareness programmes and preparedness for handling heavy rain and snow-fall situations. The DC directed ADC Bhaderwah, SDMs, Tehsildars and BDOs to conduct disaster management meetings in their respective jurisdictions and ensure preparedness of rescue teams including deployment of SDRF personnel, Aapda Mitras, volunteers and ex-servicemen for emergency response.

SDRF conducts disaster management awareness Session at GGHS Pul Doda

DODA: A Disaster Management Awareness Session was successfully organized Saturday at Government Girls High School Pul Doda by the SDRF Team Doda to educate students and staff about disaster preparedness, emergency response techniques and safety measures during natural and man-made disasters. The programme was conducted under the guidance and supervision of the Headmaster Indu Bhushan, who appreciated the initiative and highlighted the importance of awareness among students regarding disaster management and public safety. The SDRF team provided detailed information about first aid, fire-fighting methods, rescue operations and precautionary measures to be adopted during emergencies such as earthquakes, landslides, floods and fire incidents. The trainers emphasized the importance of timely response, presence of mind and community coordination in minimizing risks and saving lives during disaster situations. A practical demonstration of CPR and other life-saving techniques was also conducted using specialized training equipment. The students actively participated in the demonstrations and interacted enthusiastically with the SDRF personnel to understand the functioning of rescue operations and emergency handling procedures. The awareness programme aimed at building confidence, preparedness and a sense of responsibility among students to effectively respond during emergencies. Speaking on the occasion, the school administration lauded the efforts of SDRF Team Doda for organizing such an informative and beneficial programme for young learners. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, wherein the participants expressed gratitude to the SDRF team for spreading awareness about disaster preparedness, safety practices and emergency response management.

Ramban conducts Jan Sunwai Camps at Khari, Dedha under PM JANMAN, DA-JGUA Abhiyan

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RAMBAN: As part of the "Jan Bhagidaari - Sabse Door Sabse Pehle" campaign, the District Administration Ramban under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alys Khan, conducted Grievances Redressal Camps (Jan Sunwai) at BDO Office Khari and Village Dedha in Gool Sub Division, witnessing enthusiastic public participation from remote and tribal areas. At Khari, a three-day Grievances Redressal Camp concluded successfully under the supervision of BDO Urfan Yousuf Khan. The camp focused on on-the-spot verification of cases and fast-track disposal of public grievances. A large number of residents attended the camp and projected issues related to Revenue, Rural Development, Social Welfare, Health, Public Works and other departments. Different line departments participated in the



Jan Sunwai and informed the people about government welfare schemes, particularly those for the Tribal community. Dedicated counters were established by several departments to provide on-the-spot services, resulting in immediate resolution of many public grievances. Meanwhile, a similar outreach programme was organised at Village Dedha in Gool Sub Division, where officers from various departments interacted with local residents and extended on-the-spot assistance. During the camp, people raised issues concerning water supply, road connectivity, educational facilities and other developmental concerns. The officers patiently heard the griev-

ances and registered them for prompt redressal. Several issues at both venues were resolved through inter-departmental coordination, while timelines were fixed for cases requiring further action. The designated nodal officers reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring that welfare schemes reach the most remote and marginalized sections of society in a time-bound manner. The local ST community and residents appreciated the administration for bringing multiple departments under one roof, stating that the initiative saved them considerable time and travel expenses while ensuring easy access to government services and welfare schemes.

DDC reviews progress of PMAY-G in Reasi district

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REASI: District Development Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek Saturday chaired a meeting to review the progress of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) 1.0 and 2.0 in the district and assess the status of implementation across various blocks. The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Narinder Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Development Mukesh Sharma, Block Development Officers and officials of the Rural De-

velopment Department. During the meeting, the DDC conducted a detailed review of the physical and financial progress achieved under the rural housing scheme. Discussions focused on the status of sanctioned houses, completion targets, utilisation of funds and timely disbursement of instalments to beneficiaries. Emphasising the need for expeditious implementation, the DDC directed the Block Development Officers to ensure speedy completion of all pending houses

within the stipulated timelines so that eligible beneficiaries receive the intended support without delay. He also instructed the officers to initiate recovery proceedings in cases where beneficiaries have failed to begin construction despite receiving financial assistance under the scheme. Further, the BDOs were directed to verify the five percent survey conducted in their respective blocks by Panchayat Secretaries under PMAY-G 2.0 to ensure accuracy and transparency in beneficiary identification.

DC inspects ANPR installation at Chingus; reviews tourism infrastructure projects

RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma Saturday visited Chingus to inspect the installation of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system on the Rajouri-Poonch National Highway. He also chaired a meeting with concerned officers to expedite its operationalization. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for early integration of the ANPR system with the VAHAN portal so that over-speeding vehicles can be automatically detected and challaned. He said the initiative would help in effective traffic monitoring, improve road safety and reduce the chances of accidents on the Rajouri-Poonch National Highway. The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned agencies to ensure timely completion of all technical and infrastructural requirements for making the system fully functional at the earliest. Later, the Deputy Commissioner also inspected the ongoing construction works at the Tourism Department site in Chingus, including the development of a bunker and a small theatre being constructed for the entertainment and convenience of tourists visiting the area. Emphasizing the tourism potential of Chingus, the Deputy Commissioner issued directions for the development of a tribal theme-based park adjacent to the historic Chingus Sarai to promote local culture and enhance tourist attraction in the area. The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by ARTO Rajouri Ashiq Rafiq Malik and other district and sectoral officers.

Yajna is supreme path to universal welfare: Swami Ram Swarup at Yol

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YOL: On the 42nd day of the ongoing 78-day Yajna of the four Vedas at Ved Mandir, Yol, Swami Ram Swarup Ji, Yogacharya, explained the essence of Yajurveda Mantra 1/2 to devotees and described Yajna Karma as the supreme deed of the world. "Yajna is the deed that benefits all creation and leads one to the Supreme Lord. It shows all happiness and is highly praiseworthy," Swami Ram Swarup said. He noted that in the mantra, God instructs: "O learned ones and Yajmans! Never abandon this Yajna Karma that sustains the world and grants supreme happiness." By following this divine command, he said, we can attain true happiness in life.



Explaining the science of Agnihotra, he said that when fragrant, nutritious, germicidal, and sweet substances are offered with Vedic mantras into the blazing fire of the Havan Kund, they transform into a very subtle form. These particles stabilize in the air and sunrays, spread across the universe, purify the atmosphere, and

cause pure rainfall. Such pure rain gives us pure water, which in turn yields pure crops, grains, and fruits. Consuming them makes our children pure in intellect and strong in body, thereby strengthening the nation. Swami Ram Swarup added that this sacred teaching was also given by Lord Shri Krishna in

Bhagavad Gita, Shloka 3/14. "Bhagwan Shri Krishna and Shri Ram performed Yajna/Agnihotra throughout their lives and, walking the path of the Vedas, nourished and sustained the entire earth," he said. He expressed concern that in the present age, people are distressed because they do not adopt these ideals in life. Referring again to Yajurveda 1/2, he said the mantra declares that Yajna sustains all happiness, upholds the world, brings joy to all beings, and destroys diseases. "It is by abandoning such a great and auspicious Yajna that people are suffering. Yet the public does not realize that their misery is due to not performing Yajna, because in the current age hardly anyone listens to the Vedas," Swami Ram Swarup concluded.

VC, SKUAST-J chairs Kisan Sammellan at KVK Poonch

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JAMMU: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Poonch working under the aegis of Directorate of Extension today organized Kisan Sammellan on the theme 'Natural Farming for Sustainable Livelihood' under the chairmanship of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, at its office campus. Over 100 farmers from across Poonch district participated in the programme. While interacting with the farming community, Vice Chancellor commended KVK Poonch for effectively serving farmers despite limited staff strength. He called for identifying specific areas in Poonch suitable for crop diversification to enhance farmer's income. Emphasizing inter-departmental convergence, he directed that the impact of scientific interventions and training programmes

be systematically evaluated and suggestions of farmers may be incorporated while formulating annual action plans. During the event, Prof. Tripathi inaugurated Farm Implement shed, Sale Counter and Hi-tech poly-house established under HADP project at KVK Poonch for the benefit of farming community. Prof. Tripathi also urged farmers to actively support the Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan to safeguard future generations from the menace of drug abuse. Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu, appreciated the progressive farmers for excellence in agriculture and allied sectors. He advised replacing traditional long-duration maize varieties with new hybrids/composites for higher productivity and urged expansion of area under pecan nut for better remuneration.