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Rana attends Juniors Graduation Day of JPS Emphasises physical fitness, mental alertness among students

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Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmad Rana, today attended the pre-primary Graduation Day of Jodhamal Public School.

While speaking on the occasion, the Minister congratulated the junior students and attributed their achievements to their hard work and the dedication of their teachers. He emphasised the importance of education as a key to unlock an individual's potential, enabling them to become great and influential leaders.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister said that it is an absolute delight to be here today, celebrating a truly special milestone in the lives of these wonderful young children, their transition from kindergarten to primary school. "These young graduates are the future of our nation, full of promises and endless possibilities," he said.

He exhorted upon the children to keep asking questions, exploring new

ideas and believing in themselves.

Rana emphasized the importance of instilling physical fitness, mental alertness and spiritual highness in children to create a better society. He encouraged the school authorities to prioritize these traits in their students, recognising the crucial role school education plays in shaping young minds.

Highlighting the role of parents in overall develop-

ment of a child, Rana said that their encouragement, guidance, support and sacrifices play an invaluable role in shaping the early years of a child for better.

He commended the school's efforts in nurturing young minds, acknowledging the hard work, dedication and love invested in helping them grow into responsible and capable individuals.

"The dedicated efforts by the school management in

laying a strong foundation will help these children grow into a responsible and capable individuals," he added.

Jodhamal Public School has a reputation for excellence in Jammu and Kashmir, renowned for its commitment towards quality education.

The event was attended by school trustees, management, teachers, students, parents and civil society members.

Dy CM lays foundation for road link, inspects mining sites; emphasises environmental sustainability

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Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today reiterated government's commitment to speed up the infrastructure development besides addressing the environmental concerns.

He was interacting with the locals after laying foundation stone for a road project from Santokh Vihar besides allied links at Kunjwani.

The road will address the connectivity concerns of a large number of population living in the area and is being undertaken by the R & B department.

The Deputy Chief Minister also inspected the pace of work on the Buffalo farm being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.12.67 crore at Chatha. The stipulated time for completion of the project is 2 years.

He inspected the ongoing construction work to assess

the progress and address any bottlenecks in smooth execution of the project.

A team of DIQC officers was also accompanying the Dy CM which conducted an on spot assessment of the material being used in construction of the ongoing project.

In addition to infrastructure development, the Dy CM visited several mining sites to evaluate adherence to environmental norms. He emphasised the impor-

tance of responsible mining practices, urging the officials and stakeholders to prioritize ecological balance while extracting the resources.

"The government is committed towards sustainable development and is ensuring all projects must align with the environmental regulations to prevent degradation," he stated during his inspection. He directed the authorities to enforce strict measures against illegal

mining and take corrective actions wherever necessary.

The visit also included interactions with the local residents and officials, where he assured them of the administration's dedication towards addressing their concerns and accelerating developmental initiatives in a responsible manner.

He was accompanied by the senior officers of local administration, DMO Jammu and officers of R&B department during his visit.

SWD organises Nukkad Natak to generate public awareness

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In an effort to raise awareness and promote "Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan," the Department of Social Welfare organised a Nukkad Natak, here today.

The event, which aimed to address the growing issue of substance abuse, was held at prominent public places, including the Bus Stand and Historic Chowan Grounds, attracting the attention of a large number of local residents.

The Nukkad Natak was held under the close supervision of DC Rajesh Kumar Shavan and the guidance of District Social Welfare Officer Zubair Ahmed, who ensured the event's successful execution.

Through their powerful performance, the artists emphasized the harmful effects of drug addiction and encouraged individuals to be a part of the national initiative for a drug-free society.

Similar Nukkad Natak will also be held at promi-



nent places in all Sub-division of the district including Subdivision Paddar, Sub-division Chatroo and Sub-division Marwah.

The Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan is a nationwide campaign launched by the Government of India, focusing on educating the

public, especially the youth, about the dangers of substance abuse and promoting healthier, drug-free lifestyles.

National Lok Adalat held at Ramban

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In accordance with the National Legal Services Authority's (NALSA) annual Calendar of Activities and under the directions of the Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority, the first National Lok Adalat of the year 2025 was held at the District Court Complex Ramban and other subordinate courts in the district.

The event was organized under the patronage of Chairman District Legal Services Authority Deepak Sethi and with the assistance of Secretary DLSA Priyanka Mahajan.

The Lok Adalat was inaugurated by the Chairman DLSA Deepak Sethi. He highlighted the significance of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in delivering timely and affordable justice to the public.

A total of eight benches were constituted across the

various courts in District Ramban to facilitate the swift and amicable settlement of pending cases. In total, 980 cases were taken up, including 853 post-litigation and 127 pre-litigation cases.

Out of these, 440 post-lit-

igation cases and 45 pre-litigation cases were successfully disposed of, resulting in a total settlement amount of Rs. 3,04,80,025 in post-litigation cases. The total amount settled across all cases amounted to Rs. 3,16,23,941.

This initiative has significantly contributed to providing an accessible platform for people to resolve disputes in an efficient manner, thus promoting a culture of legal awareness and peace within the community.

Army organises Veterinary Aid Camp

RAJOURI, MAR 09: A Veterinary Aid camp was Organised at Vill Rani, Distt Rajouri under the aegis of Indian Army on 9 Mar 2025. The camp was attended by Col B Rajakumar, Officer Commanding, 30 Army Dog Unit along with two Nursing Assistant Veterinary from 1 Advance Field Veterinary Hospital (AFVH).

The veterinary camp was set up at Rani Vill to address the pressing needs of the region's rural farming communities, where animals are crucial assets

for sustenance and livelihood. Rani village is geographically isolated and has limited access to veterinary services, many of these animals suffer from untreated illnesses and injuries.

As a part of Op Sadbhavana, the Indian Army organizes Veterinary Camps in a significant display of humanitarian efforts aimed at providing essential medical care to animals in remote and underserved areas. The initiative, held as part of the Army's continuous outreach to rural communities, focuses on

the welfare of livestock, which plays a vital role in the livelihoods of the local population. 149 livestock owners brought their livestock and the animals were examined for common diseases and conditions, such as infections, malnutrition, and skin ailments, and were treated/advised accordingly. 297 x Cattle, 314 x Buffalo, 1245 x Sheep, 1487 x Goat, 201 x Canine, 01 x Feline, 60 x Poultry and 40 x Equines were treated/provided with supplements/ deworming during the Veterinary Camp.

DODA, MAR 09: As part of ongoing outreach and helping local population, the Indian Army located at Bhaderwah has taken an initiative to conduct a Medical and Veterinary Camp at Jai Ghati in Area of Responsibility on 08 Mar 2025. The camp was inaugurated by Officer, who assured the locals of unconditional and everlasting support of Army. A medical team of this unit including Medical Officer/Nursing Assistance for providing the much needed medical cover to the gents, ladies, children and elderly people during the camp. A large num-



ber of patients turned up for the medical check-up from the nearby villages. This medical camp was organized by making necessary arrangements in-

cluding various types of medicines, medical equipment and facilities for examination of patients. Wide publicity was given to ensure that maximum people avail this opportunity to attend the camp.

During the camp a total of 130 patients including various animals were treated which included 59 x ladies, 42 x gents and 29 x children including Gujjar & Bakkarwal community. The local population were grateful to the Army for their concentrated efforts and assistance in providing medical aid at their door step.

Identify, eliminate unnecessary compliances, outdated regulations for business growth: CS

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today directed for identification of all the unnecessary compliances existing in government departments to be done away with for the ease of citizens and business establishments.

Dulloo made these remarks while chairing a meeting held to review the progress of various departments in implementing the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) 2024, aimed at enhancing Ease of Doing Business (EODB) in the Union Territory.

Present in the meeting were ACS, Jal Shakti Department; Commissioner Secretary, Forest Department; Commissioner Secretary, I&C; Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA; Secretary,

RDD; Commissioner, JMC; Director I&C, Jammu besides other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary directed the departments to identify and eliminate unnecessary compliance burdens on businesses and citizens at the earliest. He emphasised the need for broad-based consultations with the stakeholders to gather feedback for a comprehensive analysis and action based on merit. He advised for holding separate feedback sessions with all the concerned citizens and other stakeholders in both the divisions to ensure inclusivity in the decision-making process.

Recognizing the significance of a structured approach, Dulloo instructed the Industries & Commerce (I&C) Department to compile department-wise suggestions for deregulation. He



noted that the removal of all such outdated regulations should aim at reducing compliance burden on our businesses and citizens alike.

Reviewing the Single Window System, the Chief Secretary stressed the importance of ensuring that all services under the system are provided digitally

within a defined timeframe. He directed the I&C Department to analyse whether services are available online or offline at the backend and submit a detailed report with recommendations for making this system useful meeting the original objectives in letter and spirit.

In a significant move towards

digital transformation, Dulloo also instructed the department to expedite the digitisation of data related to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). He called for appointing Director Industries, Jammu, as the nodal officer to oversee and accelerate this process.

The Chief Secretary empha-

sized that this initiative should comprehensively document key business aspects including trade details, working capital, credit portfolio, transactions, manpower, and machinery. He highlighted that this analytical data would enable the government to provide timely support, credit linkages and policy interventions to strengthen the MSME sector across the length and breadth of J&K.

Earlier, Commissioner Secretary, I&C, Vikramjit Singh, briefed the meeting on the UT's progress in BRAP 2024 implementation. He informed that out of 434 reform points across different departments, 424 have successfully been implemented, with the remaining 10 set for completion before the sunset date of March 15th.

He further stated that all nec-

essary evidences have been uploaded on the national portal and final assessment, based on user feedback, will be conducted by DPIIT with results expected in April 2025.

Pertinent to mention here that the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), developed and distributed by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), aims to simplify business regulations and create a more business-friendly environment across India by assessing states and UTs based on reforms undertaken.

Till date six editions had been completed from its starting in the year 2015 and BRAP 2024 along with BRAP+ and RCB+ is its seventh edition that is going to be culminated by 15th March, 2025 in all the States/UTs across India.