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DC Jammu reviews preparations for annual Jhiri Mela



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Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, today chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for the annual Jhiri Mela.

The meeting was attended by Additional

Deputy Commissioner Shishir Gupta, Superintendent of Police (Rural) Brijesh Kumar Sharma, Mela Officer and other concerned district officers from different departments.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasised the need for seamless coordination among all depart-

ments to ensure the safety and convenience of the large number of devotees expected to attend the mela. He stressed the importance of making adequate arrangements for drinking water, sanitation, healthcare and security.

The Jhiri Mela, celebrated annually, draws

thousands of pilgrims and tourists to the Marh area, necessitating well-structured logistical support. The Deputy Commissioner directed the officials to complete all arrangements well in advance, including traffic management and crowd control, to facilitate smooth proceedings.

Free Medical Camp organised by GMC Doda at Bhaderwah Village

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The Department of Community Medicine Government Medical College (GMC) Doda organized a free medical camp here today at Panjgrani Malothi, as part of its ongoing health outreach activities.

The camp was held under the guidance of Principal Dr. Rakesh Bahl and the close supervision of HoD Medicines Dr. Suresh Kotwal. This initiative aimed to provide essential healthcare services to the local population, demonstrating GMC Doda's commitment to community welfare and public health.

A total of 180 patients received free medical consultations and medicines during the camp by a medical team. The local residents expressed gratitude for the



free healthcare services, recognizing the valuable efforts of GMC Doda in reaching remote areas with much-needed medical attention.

The camp was led by Dr. Khalid Khurshid, In-Charge Medical Officer, RHTC Bhalla, and supported by

Dr. Arusa Anjum (Junior Resident) along with a dedicated team of paramedical and field staff.

Additionally, over 50 patients received free ophthalmic consultations from an Ophthalmic Technician from UHTC Ghat, addressing eye health needs in the

community. This initiative is part of GMC Doda's continuous efforts to improve public health in the region by extending medical services to underserved areas, reinforcing their commitment to promoting healthcare access for all.

DC Poonch reviews implementation of HADP at District Level Committee Meeting

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District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting of District Level Committee here in the conference hall of the DC office to review implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) in the district.

Officers from stakeholder departments, including Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Sericulture, Fisheries, floriculture etc presented a thorough update on the current status of program registrations



across varied components, departmental approvals and project deployments.

The DDC, who is also the Chairman of District Level Committee (DLC), accorded approval to 343 proposals in favour of eligible persons of the district.

The DC emphasized that

the HADP is a major step towards creating a sustainable and profitable agricultural ecosystem.

"The programme aims to empower farmers with knowledge and tools that can help them enhance their productivity and profitability while also con-

tributing to the overall growth of the agriculture sector", he added.

The meeting was attended by General Manager DIC, ACR, Officers from Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and other concerned departments.

Traffic Police Rural Jammu launches special road safety awareness drive

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Traffic Police Rural Jammu today launched special drive on National Highway and interior locations in the areas of Kathua and Samba Districts to aware the general public and drivers of matadors/auto PSV and truck drivers regarding importance of following traffic rules and regulations to ensure hassle free/noise free vehicular movement.

The awareness drive was launched by Dy. SP (T) Samba-Kathua Sukhdev Singh and assisted by DTI Kathua Inspector Pawan Singh; DTI Samba Inspector Ajaz Pervaiz; DTI Bari Brahmana Inspector Kapil Manhas and Incharge DTI Billawar SI Kartar Nath on the directions of M. Suleman Choudhary, IGP Traffic J&K and Dr. Mohammad Haseeb Mughal, DIG Jammu Range.

The main objective of the special awareness drive was to educate the general public, transporters and drivers/vehicle operators re-



garding traffic rules and regulations. The move further aimed to restrain visible traffic violations by the vehicle operators including using pressure (honking) horns, overloading by trucks, dumpers tippers and long route buses on NHWs/SHWs/interior locations, besides over speeding, rash & negligent, stunt driving,

wrong parking on roadsides, plying without crash helmets/seat belts.

Traffic Police Rural Jammu under the close and effective supervision of SSP Traffic Rural, Jammu Vinay Kumar continuously launched awareness drives for road users/transporters unions/drivers/motorists in routine manner for effective

traffic management. SSP (Traffic) Rural Jammu stressed on the traffic cops to ensure proper discipline, accountability and transparency in traffic management system, so that the violators could be handled strictly under the provisions of Motor Vehicle Act/rule

Vinay Kumar also appealed to the owners of the vehicles, transporters and agents to extend full cooperation to the traffic cops to keep a close check on the traffic violators/infractions is maintained. "The general public, as a whole, has to participate in this process and to take responsibility for hassle free movement of vehicles for the convenience of themselves and other road users," he added. The officer especially advised the youth to ensure wearing of crash helmets, while driving bikes /two wheelers including the pillion rider and avoid triple riding for their safety /security.

SSP Traffic Rural further said that special enforcement drives will get more stringent in coming days.

DC Reasi discusses rate revision of minor minerals with stakeholders

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan today chaired a meeting of District Level Task Force Cell to discuss Rate Revision of Minor Minerals (Finished/Raw).

After a thorough discussion with the stakeholders including miners, crushers and officials, the DC asked them to submit a Cost Analysis report for further deliberations. Responding to issues raised by stakeholders, he emphasised the need for strenuous mea-



asures to control illegal mining particularly alongside riverbeds.

Emphasizing zero tolerance against illegal mining, he asked for proper demar-

cation of mining blocks and crushers with mandatory provision of weight machines & CCTVs. He instructed officials to seal the stone crushers operating

without NOC.

Highlighting the environmental concerns, he instructed them to cover the material and avoid overloading of Trucks.

The DC, who is also chairman of District Level Task Force cell, asked enforcement departments to demonstrate added dedication and sincerity keeping in check on illegal mining.

ADDC Sukhdev Samyal, ACR Anshumali Sharma, ASP Itikhar, DFO Sunil Manhas, DMO Mohd Intiaz, DIO Ino Ujwal Sambyal and other officials attended the meeting.

DDC Chairman inaugurates newly constructed additional block at GHSS Dradhu

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The much-anticipated 10-room additional block at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Dradhu was inaugurated today by Dhananter Singh Kotwal, Chairman District Development Council (DDC). The significant infrastructure project, aimed at enhancing educational facilities has been completed by the Public Works Department (PWD) at an approved cost of ₹1.20 crore.

The inauguration ceremony was held in presence of Harvinder Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Yudvir



Singh Thakur, DDC West, and Sangeeta Bhagat, Vice Chairman DDC. Also in attendance were Ashok Kumar Sharma, Ex-Sarpanch

and National Awardee, who contributed to the project's success with his leadership and vision for educational growth in the region.

The construction of this additional accommodation at GHSS Dradhu is a step towards meeting the classroom requirement of the growing student strength and improving the learning environment. The project reflects the administration's commitment towards investing in educational infrastructure, ensuring that students in rural areas have access to better facilities and opportunities.

This initiative is expected to greatly benefit the local youth, providing enhanced classroom space and improved educational infrastructure, which will in turn contribute to the holistic development of the students.

KVK Kathua-IFFCO organise Rabi Kissan Mela cum seminar on efficient use of Nano fertilisers

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Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kathua, under the administrative control of SKUAST-Jammu, today organised Rabi Kisan Mela in collaboration with IFFCO Jammu to familiarise farmers about latest agriculture techniques to increase production of Rabi Crops.

More than 500 farmers participated in the event including farm women besides former Sarpanches and Panches of the different panchayats of Hiranagar tehsil participated in the mela.

The mela was inaugurated by Dr B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, in the presence of Dr S K Gupta, Director Research; Dr Amrish Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu, S. Sukhpal Singh Sidhu, State Marketing Manager and Dr. Ramesh Verma General Manager,

IFFCO, New Delhi, Satish Sharma, Joint Director (Extension), Department of Agriculture, Jammu and Dr. Vishal Mahajan, Chief Scientist and Head, KVK Kathua.

Dr B. N. Tripathi along with the dignitaries inspected different stalls of agriculture and allied sectors like Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sericulture, Fisheries and KVK besides stalls of private players dealing with agriculture inputs, farm machinery and organic products were also installed during the event. The stalls displayed and highlighted various farmers' welfare schemes and programmes.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr B. N. Tripathi emphasized upon the role of KVKs for bringing positive change in the lives of farmers through technological interventions in the field of agriculture. He stressed upon the adoption of integrated and diversified farming systems for better returns un-

der diverse agro-climatic zones. He suggested farmers to have sustained contact with KVK for advancement of their knowledge and skills.

He emphasized upon the role of women in development of agriculture. He highlighted the role of women for promoting diversification in agriculture through adoption of enterprises such as mushroom, beekeeping, vegetable, floriculture and value addition. He discussed the role of high-tech agriculture in enhancing the income from farming under a changing climate scenario.

Dr S K Gupta deliberated upon the recent farm technologies recommended by the University. He discussed the research initiatives in various fields and suggested farmers to harness benefits by adopting high yielding varieties recommended by the University. While emphasizing upon the role of Kisan melas for farmers, he

discussed innovative schemes offered by the department for enhancing farmers' income.

Dr Amrish Vaid discussed the role of the extension system of the University in providing an efficient seed production programme of the University. He suggested undertaking proactive steps for skill development of farmers.

Earlier, Dr Vishal Mahajan, Chief Scientist & Head, KVK Kathua, discussed various programmes being organized by KVK Kathua for the benefit of farmers.

S. Sukhpal Singh Sidhu discussed the initiatives taken by IFFCO for increasing agricultural production. He informed about the nano-fertilizers technology, especially Nano Urea Plus and Nano DAP launched by IFFCO for increasing effectiveness of fertilization. Satish Sharma underlined the projects under HADP implemented by the government of Jammu and Kash-

mir. While emphasizing upon the role of Kisan melas for farmers, he discussed innovative schemes offered by the department for enhancing farmers' income and stressed upon the need for engaging rural youths in agriculture for a sustainable and profitable future of farming.

During the mela, technical lectures were delivered by Vivek Verma on Nano fertilizers and its efficacy, Dr Vishal Sharma on production technology of rabi crops, Dr Anamika Jamwal on pre-seed treatment and Mushroom production technology, Dr Berjesh Ajrawat on crop insurance and new schemes launched by the Government and Dr. Gurdev Chand on vertical farming.

Queries of farmers were attended and suitable recommendations were made by experts.

An exhibition was also organized during the mela in which district de-

partments, including Agriculture, Sheep Husbandry, Floriculture, Animal Husbandry etc and private agencies like IFFCO showcasing their products and technologies and schemes related to seed, chemicals, implements etc.

During the exhibition, CAO Sanjeev Rai apprised the VC that in a few years Kathua has taken the lead in Mushroom and Honey production. The main attraction of the mela was the Hydroponic unit which was demonstrated by the Division of Plant Physiology, SKUAST-J which is helpful for soil less culture and for exotic vegetables. Besides, women self help groups of agriculture also showcased products like pickles and canned vegetables.

Progressive farmers of the area appreciated the event and suggested that such events should also be organized in border areas for awareness of farmers regarding various schemes.