

Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust distributes relief material among needy families

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A commendable initiative of social service was witnessed in Dharp Panchayat of R.S. Pura—Jammu South Assembly constituency, where relief material was distributed among needy and underprivileged families by Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust (Regd.). The aim of this service activity was to support the weaker sections of society and provide them with essential daily-use items.

On the occasion, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, attended the program as the Chief Guest.

While appreciating the noble work carried out by the Trust, Baldev Singh Billawaria said that helping needy and poor families is the greatest humanitarian duty. He stated that when individuals and social organizations come forward to participate in such service activities, it spreads positive energy in society and strengthens the spirit of brotherhood.

He further said that such service initiatives are not limited to the distribution of



relief material, but they also reinforce the values of humanity, cooperation, and sensitivity within society. Efforts like these inspire others to step forward and contribute towards helping the needy and building a stronger and more compassionate society, he added.

Billawaria congratulated the entire team of Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust, especially Sohan Katal (Sonu), for this admirable initiative and expressed hope that the Trust will continue to carry forward such service activities in the future as well. He added that promoting the spirit of service and cooperation in society is the need of the hour, and such initiatives play a vital role in

achieving this goal. Speaking on the occasion, President of Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust, Rajiv Sharma, stated that the Trust has consistently remained committed to supporting the needy and underprivileged sections of society.

He further emphasized that the primary objective of the Trust is to assist deserving families and strengthen the spirit of service, unity, and cooperation within society. Reaffirming the organization's dedication to social welfare, Rajiv Sharma reiterated that Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust will continue to work tirelessly for community service and upliftment of the underprivi-

leged. Local residents also appreciated the efforts of the Trust and said that such initiatives send a positive message in society. The beneficiary families expressed their gratitude to Chief Guest Baldev Singh Billawaria and the members of the Trust, stating that the assistance has provided them with much-needed relief.

Among those present on the occasion were Isher Singh, Sohan Katal (Sonu), Rajinder Singh (Poppy), Mohan Singh, Rajinder Kumar, Ashwani Kumar, Jasbir Singh, Kulwinder Singh, and Dr. Jaimal Prasad, along with several other dignitaries.

Mega ex-servicemen rally organised at Churu

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The Indian Army's Ranbakra Division under the aegis of Sapta Shakti Command successfully organised an Ex-Servicemen Rally and Medical Camp christened as Gaurav Senani Rally at Churu on 08 Mar 26 for the eight Tehsils of Churu. The event organised at SAI Stadium, Churu, witnessed an overwhelming participation of over 10000 veterans, Veer Naris, Veer Matas and their Next of Kin (NoK) from the region.

Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan attended the event as Chief Guest. Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh; Army Commander, Sapta Shakti Command, Mrs Barinder Jit Kaur; Regional President, Sapta Shakti AWWA and Lieutenant General Shamsher Singh Virk; GOC, Chetak Corps along with civil dignitaries were also present. The Large representation from the state and district civil administrations reaffirmed the commitment of civil authorities towards ensuring sustained support, timely delivery of entitlements and structured engagement with Ex-Servicemen welfare mechanisms. The event included a vibrant cultural programme, adventure activities, combat demonstration by military helicopters, equipment display and military pipe band display, celebrating the spirit of soldiering and the pivotal role of veterans in nation building.



Various Record Offices, Banks and Government Welfare Agencies including DIAV, AWPO, ECHS and Zila Sainik Boards established help desks and stalls to assist Ex-servicemen in grievance redressal, documentation updates, pension-related queries and employment opportunities. Establishment of stalls by Revenue departments for the first time was a unique initiative. A Medical Camp provided comprehensive health check-up and specialist consultancy to the attendees.

In his address, the hon'ble Chief Minister reiterated that the state govt is making holistic endeavours towards establishment of Integrated Veteran Welfare Complexes to provide all essential facilities under one roof.

sArmy Commander also addressed the attendees & reaffirmed the commitment

of Sapta Shakti Command towards ensuring regular communication, interaction, empowerment, felicitation and comprehensive care for our Veterans, Veer Naris and Veer Matas. He also reiterated that in the present geo-political environment, where dangerous wars were being fought in many parts of the world, it is imperative that we remain prepared across all the dimensions of national defence. In such a scenario our veterans will play a crucial role, standing tall as the 2nd and 3rd line of defence.

The Rally included a felicitation ceremony wherein Veer Naris, Veer Matas and War Wounded Veterans were honoured with tokens of appreciation for their distinguished service and sacrifice for the Nation. Additionally, mobility aids and essential equipment including sixteen three-wheeler scooters, one hundred and

thirteen Wheel Chairs, eighty Hearing Aids, twenty nine Walkers and twenty nine electronic patient beds, BP machines and substantial financial aid was presented to a number of disabled Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris and Veeranganas.

The Sapta Shakti Command remains steadfast in its commitment to the welfare and well-being of Veterans and their families. The Ex-Servicemen Rally 2026 at Churu stands as a testament to the Indian Army's enduring bond with its Veterans and Veer Naris, reaffirming the Nation's collective respect, gratitude and responsibility towards those who have served with honour and pride. The event also re-emphasised that Veteran welfare is a shared national obligation requiring integrated efforts from the Army, civil administration and society at large.

Saplings International School Jammu celebrates Annual Day

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Saplings International School celebrated their Annual Day with great zeal and enthusiasm. The theme of this year's celebration, "WAQT-Ek PAL, a moment, beautifully depicted the contrast between traditional values and modern lifestyles, highlighting how society has evolved while still holding on to its cultural roots.

The event was graced by Yasha Mudgal, IAS, Commissioner Secretary to Government, Cooperative Department, who attended as the Chief Guest.

DIG JAMMU Shiv Kumar Sharma was also present on this auspicious occasion

Anwar Ul Haq, JKPS, SSP Anti Narcotics Task Force, was present as the Guest of Honour.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome to the distinguished guests, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the beginning of the celebrations. The ceremony was accompanied by the Chairperson Mrs. Roopam Kaur Soni, Man-



aging Director Mr. Ajeet Singh Soni, and Amanpreet Kour and other eminent dignitaries.

Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries appreciated the efforts of the school in nurturing young minds and emphasized the importance of strong values, education, and cultural awareness in shaping the future of children.

The highlight of the evening was the captivating performances by the little tots of Pre-Primary and Primary classes. Through vi-

brant dances, melodious music, and expressive acts, the students beautifully portrayed the theme "Old Times and New Times," presenting glimpses of traditional lifestyles alongside the fast-paced modern world. Their energetic and graceful performances left the audience spellbound and thoroughly entertained.

The event reflected the creativity, confidence, and talent of the young students, while also emphasizing the importance of un-

derstanding and appreciating both tradition and progress.

As a token of gratitude, the school presented mementos to the esteemed guests who graced the occasion.

And Vote of thanks was presented by Mrs. Vasundhra Dube, the Principal DRS KIDS, Chatha.

The programme concluded with the National Anthem, marking the successful culmination of a memorable Annual Day celebration.

Review meeting held on Digital Crop Survey Implementation in Bandipora

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A review meeting regarding the implementation of the Digital Crop Survey was held at Mini Secretariat Bandipora, which was chaired virtually by Deputy Commissioner Bandipora to assess the progress and preparedness for the survey in the district.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Bandipora, Shabir Ahmad Wani, District Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Tehsildar Bandipora, Block Development Officers, Naib Tehsildars, Patwaris, besides Nodal Officers, Master Trainers and Supervisors/Enumerators associated with the survey process.

During the meeting, an overview of the Digital Crop Survey was presented and key features of the mobile application being used for data collection were highlighted. It was informed that 60 villages have been selected for the survey in the district and the exercise



will be completed within a timeline of 40 days.

The Digital Crop Survey is a flagship initiative of the Government of India aimed at collecting real-time and accurate data on crop sown area and crop conditions using digital technology. The initiative is expected to enhance transparency, support evidence-based agricultural planning and facilitate efficient implementation of various farmer welfare schemes.

During the review, em-

phasis was laid on coordinated efforts among all concerned departments and field functionaries to ensure smooth and timely completion of the survey. All stakeholders were urged to perform their responsibilities with diligence so that the survey is conducted accurately within the stipulated timeframe.

It was also directed that the progress of the survey be shared on a daily basis to enable close monitoring of its implementation across

the district.

A training session for Supervisors and Enumerators was also conducted by the District Nodal Officer after the meeting to familiarize participants with the survey process and the use of the Digital Crop Survey mobile application.

The session focused on field data collection methods, reporting procedures and adherence to prescribed guidelines to ensure accurate and timely completion of the survey.

International Women's Day celebrated at Baramulla

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International Women's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Baramulla, today at Dak Bungalaw.

The programme, organized by the Social Welfare Department Baramulla was attended by Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Syed Fakhruddin Hamid as the Chief Guest.

The event witnessed a large gathering of women from different walks of life who participated with enthusiasm.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that women today are excelling in every sphere of life and playing a vital role in the progress and development of society. He emphasized that empowering women



through education, skill development and economic opportunities is essential for building a strong and inclusive society.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner felicitated women achievers from different fields in

recognition of their outstanding contributions. Meritorious female students were also honoured for their academic excellence.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner inspected various stalls installed by NRLM, the Employment

Department and other departments. Several Self Help Groups (SHGs) also showcased their products and locally prepared items, highlighting their entrepreneurial initiatives and livelihood activities. The Deputy Commissioner interacted with the participants and appreciated their efforts in promoting self-reliance and women empowerment.

During the programme, sewing machines, educational kits and sports kits were distributed among beneficiaries to support women empowerment and encourage education and sports among girls.

The Deputy Commissioner also handed over cheques to beneficiaries for establishment of units under Mission YUVA, aimed at promoting self-employment and entrepreneurship among youth.

DLSA Srinagar observes International Women's Day

SRINAGAR, MARCH 08: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar today observed International Women's Day at the District Court Complex Srinagar under the guidance of Haq Nawaz Zargar, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (Pr. District & Sessions Judge).

The programme commenced with the screening of a short video highlighting that every woman carries immense responsibilities in society, whether she is a working professional or a homemaker. The video beautifully depicted the invaluable role played by women in balancing multiple responsibilities and contributing significantly to family and society.

In this regard, a programme was organized at

the Conference Hall, District Court Complex Srinagar, which was attended by the Ld. Judicial Officers.

On the occasion, Chairman, DLSA Srinagar deliberated upon the significance of recent judgments of the Supreme Court of India recognizing the concept of notional income of homemakers, observing that the invaluable contribution of women in managing households and caregiving deserves due legal recognition.

While highlighting the theme of this year's International Women's Day, "Give to Gain," he emphasized that societies progress when equal opportunities, respect and support are extended to women. He stated that by giving women their rightful place, dignity and opportu-

nities, society ultimately gains stronger families, progressive communities and a more just social order. He further stressed the importance of promoting gender equality, dignity and empowerment of women in all spheres of life.

Kusoom Lata Pandita, Additional District Judge (Bank Cases), Srinagar, in her address emphasized the vital role of women in shaping a progressive and equitable society. She highlighted that the judiciary has consistently played a pivotal role in safeguarding the rights and dignity of women through progressive interpretation of laws and stressed that empowering women through legal awareness and education is essential for ensuring justice and equality in society.

Meanwhile, another programme was conducted at the ADR Centre, District Legal Services Authority Srinagar, wherein the Secretary,

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