

Sourabh Bhagat chairs awareness, enrolment prog on Solar Powered Agriculture Pumps



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BUDGAM, DEC 19**

An awareness-cum-enrolment program on solar powered agriculture pumps under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhayan (PM-KUSUM) scheme was held today in Budgam. The session was presided over by Sourabh Bhagat, Commissioner Secretary, Science and Technology department. Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner, Budgam, besides other senior officers were present on the occasion. The event witnessed active participation from stakeholders including farmers and officials from the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments besides representatives from J&K Bank. The pro-

gramme was aimed at to create awareness and enrol farmers under PM Kusum scheme enabling them adopt solar powered pumps to enhance agricultural productivity and reduce dependence on conventional energy sources. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner Secretary underscored the significance of PM-KUSUM scheme in advancing sustainable agriculture while ensuring clean and affordable energy solutions for farmers. He emphasised the government's commitment towards empowering local communities while engaging local youth on need basis at the district level for maintenance and operation of solar powered machines. He said special courses will be introduced in ITIS

and polytechnic colleges to provide skill training and awareness about the PM-KUSUM scheme. These initiatives aim to generate employment opportunities and equip youth with the technical expertise needed for the scheme's successful implementation. During the awareness programme, an insightful PowerPoint Presentation was given wherein numerous benefits of solar powered pumps including reduced irrigation costs, enhanced agricultural productivity and eco-friendly energy solutions were highlighted. The presentation also outlined the subsidy structure and the ease of availing the scheme. The farmers were encouraged to adopt solar technology for sustainable farming prac-

tices. On the occasion, the DC emphasised the need for transition to renewable energy in the agriculture sector, particularly in areas like Budgam where farming forms an important sector of the livelihood. He urged JKEDA to conduct such programs in other sub-divisions of budgam also so that awareness reaches every beneficiary farmer. He highlighted the benefits available under PM-Surya scheme and called for its implementation across the district. On the occasion, the progressive farmers and experts from the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments elaborated on the technical and financial aspects of the scheme including the process of availing subsidies and operational benefits of solar powered pumps. The interactive session concluded with stakeholders expressing their enthusiasm for adopting solar powered pumps for sustainable agricultural practices. Later, the Commissioner Secretary inspected the stalls where in demonstration of solar pumps was being shown to the participants.

Induction training for SI trainees concludes at ETI Nagrota



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A spectacular valedictory function was held today at Excise and Taxation Training Institute, Nagrota to mark end of one month Induction training for Sub Inspectors (Finance Department, UT of Jammu and Kashmir). A batch of 47 Sub Inspectors (Finance Department, UT of Jammu and Kashmir) comprising 39 males and 8 females from different educational backgrounds passed out successfully after the completion of one month induction training programme. The parade was reviewed by the chief guest on the occasion, Excise Commissioner, UT of Jammu and Kashmir Subash Chibber. The occasion was also graced by the Additional Commissioner (Administration & Enforcement), State Taxes

Department, Namrita Dogra. In the welcome address, Principal Training Institute, Renu Bhasin gave a detailed overview of the one month long induction training programme where trainees were well trained for taking up any task and challenges in their professional journey. This was followed by investiture ceremony marking a moment of pride and honour as the badges of ranks are presented to them and there is an official induction of the recruits. It was further followed by the award distribution ceremony where the trainees who have excelled in different spheres such as academics, physical test, overall performance, sports and cultural activities were appreciated and awarded. Speaking on the occasion, the Excise Commissioner congratulated all the trainees and the award winners for their hard

work and overwhelming performance during their training at the training institute, Nagrota and appreciated their impeccable turnout and drill movements during the parade. In his address, he stressed upon the importance of discipline, decision making and positive approach in their professional as well as personal life. Also, the trainees were addressed by the Additional Commissioner (Administration & Enforcement), State Taxes Department Namrita Dogra who stressed upon the sincere working and encouraged them to work with passion and contribute in the nation building. Also, present on the occasion were Deputy Excise Commissioner (Distilleries), Deputy Excise Commissioner (Accounts) and Excise and Taxation Officers of the department.

GDC Marh organizes maiden MISSION YUVA –Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan

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Government Degree College Marh organized maiden MISSION YUVA: Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan, a new initiative introduced by J&K government to provide employment opportunities to the youth of the Union Territory for the students of all the semesters. Mission YUVA has objective of creating various employment opportunities through entrepreneurship. The whole programme was conducted under the mentorship of the principal of the college Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul who motivated the students to become self employed to enhance the culture of job givers instead of job seekers. The chief Guest for the programme was Pawan Kumar Parihar Special Secretary, Labour and Employment Department who gave the overview of Mission YUVA, its mission, vision, present population of states and employment scenario/landscape of the entrepreneurship, programme targets. Government Structure, Overarching Strategy, 4C key interventions, Implementation roadmap, nano loan facilities and establishing J&K as thriving hub of enterprises and employment by fostering equity and dignity income and unlocking its inherent potentials to transit towards pros-



perity. The Nodal Officer Mission YUVA Dr. Vishal Sharma Higher Education Department was the guest of honour who threw light on the importance of this mission for enhancing capacity, capital and connectivity of the youth through different entrepreneurs for the holistic growth of the J&K UT. The chief guest and guest of honour were presented mementos as a token of souvenir.

The programme was coordinated by the cultural committee of the college headed by Dr. Ashu Jolly. Dr. Sheetal Sharma and the nodal officer of YUVA club of the college Dr. Shakun Sharma.

The programme was anchored by Associate Professor Madhvi Prashar (HOD Botany) and the

vote of thanks was given by Dr. Priya Sharma (HOD Economics). The college faculty, Prof. Anita Kumari, Prof. Imitiaz, Dr. Ram Dayal, Dr. Rahul Sharma, Prof. Anjana Chib, Dr. Balwinder Saini, Prof. Sachin Kumar, Dr. Sheetal Devi, Prof. Surbhi, Ravi Kumar, Dr. Shiksha Rani, Dr. Ruchika Kumari, Gurleen Kour, Dr. Mohd. Younus Bhat, Nadeem Frooq Abbasi along with the students of the college/school attended the programme.

The guests visited various departments and were exposed to the research and latest equipments and latest developed infrastructure like fully functional college canteen, automation of library etc.

A plantation drive was also observed for creating a memorable touch to the whole programme.

Kishtwar admin hosts Autumn Fest, All-India Kavi Sammelen, awareness program by BOPEE

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KISHTWAR, DEC 19**

The District Administration Kishtwar, led by Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan, on Thursday organized the Kishtwar Autumn Fest at the historic Chowgan Ground, Kishtwar, and an All-India Level Kavi Sammelen/Mushaira at Government Degree College, besides an Awareness Program by BOPEE. The Autumn Fest and Awareness Program by BOPEE witnessed participation from over 30,000 people.

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan inspected the various stalls set up during the event. ACP Para Archer and a proud daughter of Kishtwar Sheetal Devi, was warmly welcomed by the Deputy Commissioner. Local MLA Shagun Parihar was also honored during the event. The program was inaugurated by lighting the ceremonial lamp by the guests. The Deputy Commissioner congratulated Sheetal Devi, recognizing her as the pride of Kishtwar. He also highlighted the implementa-



tion of flagship Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the district.

Chairperson of BOPEE Meenu Mahajan, along with Secretary Shabeer Ahmed Keen, provided insights into the mode of Entrance Examination conducted by the Board. Renowned singers including Chaman Leht and Zahida Taranum graced the event with their performances. Local singers, including Vivan Goswami, Shafkat Rasool, Nidhi Aryan, Suraj Aryan, Falak Bilal, and Burhan Sheikh, Anuj Manhas also captivated the audience with their talent. A mesmerizing group dance

performance by Kishtwar Act Production added to the festive atmosphere. Tavishi Anand, International gold medalist in dance, delivered an enthralling performance. All participants were honored with mementos as tokens of appreciation. The event saw active participation from senior government functionaries including SSP Javed Iqbal, ADC Pawan Kotwal, PO ICDS/CEO KDA Rishi Kumar Sharma; CPO Shahnawaz Bali; CPO Idrees Lone; ACD, SDM Marwah, SDM Chatroo, SDM Paddar, and others. In another event, an All-India Level Kavi

Sammelen/Mushaira was organized at the GDC Auditorium, featuring renowned poets from across the country.

Prominent poets included Shakeel Azmi, Sampad Saral, Liaquat Jaffery, Deepak Arsi, Varun Anand, Ramesh Mostana, Suhail Siddique, Adil Farhat, Ramesh Chander, Dr. Shaida, Surinder Sen, Ashok Koul, K.K. Sharma, Parvez Inetnyab, Ab Salam Zargar, Sagar Sarfaraz, Altaf Kishtwari, Om Goswami, Dr. Tariq Tamkeen, Prabhat Sharma and Ahmed Arslan, Dr. Rajinder Kumar (CMO Kishtwar).

DC Rajouri reviews achievements under Cooperative sector, execution of World's Largest Grain Storage Plan

**GY CORRESPONDENT
RAJOURI, DEC 19**

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma on Thursday chaired a meeting in the DC Office Complex to review the cooperative sector achievements and the implementation of the plan for strengthening the world's largest grain storage plan. Emphasizing the need for better implementation of cooperative schemes, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of increasing the number of food processing units across the district. He directed departments to work in close coordination, particularly Agriculture, Fisheries, and Sheep Husbandry, to ensure holistic development.



Highlighting the potential for crop-specific processing in different areas, the Deputy Commissioner noted the scope for maize processing in Nowshera, where the functioning of the cooperative society was reviewed. The Deputy

Registrar Cooperative Registrar Cooperative Adnan Mir, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, AD Fisheries, and other district and sectoral officers, who were instructed to ensure the seamless execution of plans and schemes under their respective domains.

Groups (SHGs), DC Sharma emphasized their engagement in tourism activities. He directed that SHGs should be involved as tourist guides and tasked with providing trekking materials and tents on rent to boost local tourism. The meeting was attended by senior officials, including CPO, Maqsood Ahmed, ACR, Mohd Jahangir Khan, Deputy Registrar Cooperative Adnan Mir, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, AD Fisheries, and other district and sectoral officers, who were instructed to ensure the seamless execution of plans and schemes under their respective domains.

DC Kathua reviews implementation of POSHAN Projects

Directs for expediting construction of Anganwadi Centres



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KATHUA, DEC 19**

Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas today chaired a meeting to review the overall progress of POSHAN projects in the district. The meeting was attended by PO POSHAN Shakat Mahmood, ACR Kathua Vishav Partap Singh, CPO Kathua Ranjit Thakur, CMO Dr. Vijay Raina and CDPOs. The DC took stock of the construction of Anganwadi Centres being relocated from rented accommodations

nearby Government School premises. It was informed that a proposal for constructing 143 Anganwadi Centres has been formulated, while 127 Government Schools have also been identified for the purpose. Dr. Minhas directed ACR Kathua to ensure that the remaining 16 Anganwadi Centres are provided suitable land through coordination with concerned Tehsildars under the Convergence of Schemes initiative. The CDPOs were directed to liaise with ZEO concerned for reversion of the

identified schools making the headway for construction of required infrastructure of proposed Anganwadi centres. The meeting also reviewed the physical and financial achievements under key welfare schemes, including the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and the Ladli Beti scheme. PO POSHAN Shakat Mahmood briefed the meeting on the progress of recruitment of Sarginis and Sahayikas under various project phases. The DC instructed CMO Kathua to regularly share data on the periodic health check-ups of children enrolled in Anganwadis and Government Schools. He emphasized intensified care for children identified under the Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) categories to improve their overall health and well-being.