

World Environment Day; Satish Sharma calls for urgent measures to preserve ecological balance

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"Environmental preservation is not merely a choice, but a necessity for survival of humankind. We must act decisively to maintain the ecological balance through all necessary measures," stated Minister for Food, Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma.

The Minister, while addressing today during celebration of World Environment Day at the Road Transport Corporation Complex, Jammu, emphasized the critical importance of balancing conservation and sustainable development. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the senior officers from various departments, environmental



enthusiasts and RTC officials. The Minister highlighted the growing environmental challenges faced by the world and stressed emphasized the need for collective responsibility and action to preserve the nature. He called upon the departments under his charge, especially those

dealing with transport and youth services, to lead by example in adopting eco-friendly practices. He urged the youth to become active participants in the green movement, stating, "the younger generation holds the power to shape a sustainable future. It is our duty to equip them with the awareness and

tools necessary for environmental stewardship."

On the occasion, Managing Director RTC, Rakesh Sarangal, outlined various steps being taken by the Corporation to reduce its carbon footprint. These included introduction of energy-efficient vehicles and digital solutions to minimize paper usage. As part of the celebration, a tree plantation drive was carried out within the premises, reinforcing the message of sustainability and care for nature. This year's theme of the Environment Day "Our Land. Our Future," resonates strongly with the initiatives and commitment shown during the event. The event concluded with a pledge by all the attendees to adopt environmentally responsible behaviour in both personal and professional spheres.

Kishtwar admin reinforces regulation of heavy vehicles associated with Power Projects

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Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan today convened a review meeting to discuss reinforcement measures to regulate the heavy vehicles associated with Hydro Electric Power Projects in the district, including Kiru HEP, Kwar HEP, CVPPL and others.

The review was conducted in light of the public complaints about alleged overloading, over speeding and other road traffic violations by vehicles associated with the power projects. The Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Tasleem Wani apprised the Deputy Commissioner that a fine of Rs. 12.18 lakh has been recovered last month from the vehicles attached to HEP Projects



for violations of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988. It was further reported that in several cases, the actual weight of transported material exceeded the permissible limit, while the receipts reflected significantly lower weights, indicating potential malpractice.

Taking serious note of these irregularities, the DC directed the ARTO and Police Department to carry out random inspections and take stricter action against violators to ensure road safety and compliance with traffic laws. Furthermore, the DC

instructed the Heads of Power Projects (HoPs) to organize sensitization programs for drivers engaged for the transportation of materials, emphasizing safe and lawful driving practices. Responding to concerns raised by project authorities regarding sanitation facilities for drivers, the Deputy Commissioner assured that a dedicated toilet facility will be constructed at Fagumrah Hasti to address the issue. The meeting was attended by ARTO Kishtwar Tasleem Wani, Dy Sp Police Dr. Ishaa Gupta, HoPs of Power Projects in Kishtwar, representatives from Traffic Police, Tour and Travels via virtual mode and others.

Div Com Kashmir reviews preparations for the National Integration NCC Camp

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To ensure the successful organization of the National Integration NCC Camp in Srinagar, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, convened a meeting of officials on Thursday to assess the necessary arrangements for the event's effective execution. The meeting witnessed the participation of the

is set to take place from June 17 to June 28, with 330 participants from across the nation expected to attend. Addressing the meeting, Div Com instructed the officers to ensure seamless execution of the event. He directed the Floriculture department to facilitate the entry of Cadets into Mughal Gardens during their visit to explore the renowned parks. Archives, Archaeology & Museums department



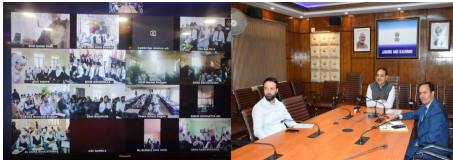
Director of Colleges, the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Srinagar, and representatives from relevant departments viz. School Education, Tourism, Floriculture, LCMA, SKICC, Sports Council, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, along with the Group Commander of NCC Srinagar.

At the outset, NCC officers provided an overview of the schedule for the various programs of the special National Integration Camp, which

was tasked with assisting visitors at the SPS Museum during their visit and providing information about the available artifacts. Participants of the National Integration NCC camp will also take part in a large yoga event at SKICC, Srinagar on June 21st. Div Com also issued necessary instructions to ensure the smooth movement of vehicles during their excursions to various tourist destinations, including Gulmarg and Sonmarg.

SED commemorates World Environment Day with widespread celebrations

Shantmanu flags off mega rally titled "Beat Plastic pollution"



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The School Education Department (SED) today marked the World Environment Day celebration with a series of impactful events held across the Union Territory, emphasizing the environmental awareness and action among the students and educators. On the occasion, an impactful rally on "World Environment Day" with the pertinent theme "Beat Plastic Pollution" was organized in which over 200 students from various schools participated.

Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department, Shantmanu, flagged off the rally. Being organized in collaboration with the Institute of Engineers (India), J&K Centre, traversed the scenic Boulevard Road from Nehru Park to Zabarwan Park Corridor, drawing public attention to the plastic waste. Earlier, the celebration was officially kick started by Secretary, SED, Ram Niwas Sharma, who engaged in an online

interaction with the Eco club members from 200 government and private schools. During this insightful session, the Secretary underscored the critical role of youth in environmental conservation. He was joined by Dr. G.N. Ito, Director School Education Kashmir (DSEK) and Syed Shabir Ahmad, Joint Director, Central. In a parallel event, DSEK, in collaboration with Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Amirakadal, Srinagar, hosted a vibrant World Environment Day celebration. Dr. G N Ito, graced the occasion as chief guest, accompanied by Syed Shabir Ahmad, Joint Director, Central and Rifat Qadri, CEO, Srinagar. The students showcased innovative models on environmental themes, demonstrating their creativity and understanding of ecological challenges. A spirited painting competition among the students from cluster schools was also a highlight of the event. Further extending the reach of the celebrations,

DIC organizes awareness camp at Gool

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The District Industries Centre (DIC) Ramban, organized an awareness camp today at Main Market Gool. The purpose of the camp was to generate awareness regarding implementation of Strategic Investment Plans (SIP) for Jammu and Kashmir under Raising & Accelerating MSME Performances (RAMPP) Programme and various schemes implemented by the Industries & Commerce Department and DIC Ramban to promote entrepreneurship among local youth.

The event began with a welcome address by Project Manager Kuldeep Singh. He emphasized the importance of the schemes aimed at encouraging the youth to become job creators rather than job seekers and urged them to register their unit on portal www.udymregistration.gov.in to formalize the MSMEs in the District Ramban.

The Project Manager sensitized the participants about guidelines issued by the Department led by the Director Industries and Commerce Jammu. He also educated them about procedure and uploading of application forms under the schemes besides the benefits of enrollment with DIC. The educated unemployed youth were told about various benefits / subsidies they can get to start their own ventures by financial assistance under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in manufacturing and services sectors. Additionally, awareness regarding the PM Vishwakarma scheme was also created during the programme.

Rana reviews TSP for holistic development of Tribal areas in J&K



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Aimed at promoting holistic and sustainable development of tribal areas and communities in Jammu and Kashmir, Minister for Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today reviewed the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) submitted by the districts from across the Union Territory. During the review, the Minister emphasized the importance of inclusive development and directed the concerned departments to strictly adhere to the guidelines laid down by NITI Aayog for funds allocation under the TSP. He emphasized that the funds allocated should be utilized effectively for the welfare of tribals, with a focus on promoting schemes that generate employment opportunities for tribal youth.

Rana highlighted the potential of agriculture, horticulture, dairy and sheep development

and implemented in a manner that promotes inclusive growth in each area of social and economic indicators, thereby bridging the gap between the tribal and non-tribal communities. The Minister directed the departments to strictly adhere to the guidelines laid down by NITI Aayog for funds allocation under the TSP. He emphasized that the funds allocated should be utilized effectively for the welfare of tribals, with a focus on promoting schemes that generate employment opportunities for tribal youth.

TSP with strict adherence to NITI Aayog guidelines will have a positive impact on the lives of tribal communities, enhancing their socio-economic status and promoting inclusive growth," the Minister said while reiterating that tribal welfare is high on the priorities of J&K government led by Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah.

Bhaderwah hosts Cultural Evening featuring blend of local talent, celebrity charm



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BHADERWAH, JUNE 5

The picturesque town of Bhaderwah came alive with music, laughter, and cultural splendour amid a grand Cultural Evening held last evening here in the local Community Hall. The event was organised by the District Administration Doda in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, J&K. Witnessing an overwhelming public response, the venue was jam-packed with enthusiastic attendees. District Development Council (DDC) Chairman Dhananter Singh Kotwal

was the Chief Guest, while DDC Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Rani, MLA Bhaderwah Daleep Singh Parihar and Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh attended as Guests of Honour. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Doda Anil Kumar Thakur and ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Bhutyal, who also serves as CEO of Bhaderwah Development Authority (BDA), were also present. The vibrant evening featured mesmerizing live performances by renowned local artists including singers Wanshi Khan, Ravi Raghuvanshi,

and Moomin Zargar. Stand-up comedian Shazi Khan left the audience in splits with his hilarious act. The event's grandeur was further enhanced by the presence of Bollywood celebrities Sunny Hundja (popularly known as Sandeep Bhaiya) and Chandan Roy Sanyal (Bhopa Swami), whose lively interaction with the audience received thunderous applause and added a star-studded charm to the occasion. Also present at the event were officials from the Indian Army, DDC Members, and other esteemed guests.

50 women complete 1 month training course hosted by Fruit Craft Centre Jammu



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Joint Director Horticulture Jammu, Gul Syed today presented certificates to fifty women trainees at Patta Ploura and B.Ed College Jammu, marking the conclusion of a one-month food processing training programme conducted by the Fruit Craft Centre Jammu. During the training, participants acquired hands-on knowledge in the preparation of various value-added horticultural products such as jams,

squashes, preserves, pickles, chutneys, and candies. In his address, the Joint Director highlighted the economic importance of value addition in horticulture, particularly in minimizing post-harvest losses, enhancing product quality, and extending shelf life. He also elaborated on various government schemes, including the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and support mechanisms available to youth interested in food processing and product

marketing. He emphasized that the certification from the Fruit Craft Centre could empower trainees to launch their own startups in the field of food processing and marketing. Additionally, he encouraged the trainees to enroll in a six-month training programme in food processing offered free of cost by the Horticulture Department. Manjara-cum-Chemist Surebha Gour and other staff members of the Fruit Craft Centre were also present on the occasion.