

Horticulture Department organises awareness workshop on PMFME scheme at Kathua

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Prime Minister's Formalization of Micro Food Processing (PM-FME) scheme awareness workshop was organized by Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing (Nodal Department PMFME) Kathua at Panchayat Ghar Dhalli Dayalchak (Kathua).

The workshop was attended by Rakesh Kumar SDM Hiranagar, Subash Sharma (ex-Sarpanch Panchayat Dhalli) Dayalchak, Area Marketing Officer Kathua, besides GMI (R) &

other officials of the department.

Lead Bank Manager Kathua, Branch Manager JKB Dayalchak, officers from the Agriculture & Horticulture Department, District Resource Person PMFME Kathua also attended the workshop.

DRP Kathua briefed audience about features of the Scheme, its scope and benefits.

Rajeev Sharma GMI Kathua briefed about scope of Food Processing Industry in District Kathua and people were encouraged to avail maximum benefits under the Scheme, where

handholding will provided by all the concerned.

The programme witnessed large participation and several interested participants were covered under PMFME Scheme on spot.

AMO Kathua briefed participants about scope of micro food processing industry for providing employment to unemployed youth, SHG members and also for value addition of farmers produce. LDM Kathua briefed audience about the various benefits of Food processing under the Aegis of PMFME.

Subash Sharma Ex -

Sarpanch appreciated efforts being put in by the Government to make aware public about various government schemes through a number of outreach programs. He exhorted public to take benefit of PMFME scheme to become self sufficient and also to give employment to others. Manager JKB, Dayalchak also spoke on the scheme w.r.t it's loaning, subsidy etc.

SDM Hiranagar graced the occasion and impressed upon the youth of the area to come forward and enroll in PMFME scheme to take its benefits.

Lt Governor inaugurates 2nd edition of 'J&K Sambhaav Utsav' in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, JULY 26: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the second edition of 'J&K Sambhaav Utsav', organized by Resident Commission Jammu Kashmir at New Delhi.

In his address, the Lt Governor commended the unique initiative of the J&K's Resident Commission office, Delhi and all the associated departments to connect people of the national capital and other parts of the country with UT's ageless cultural and artistic heritage, creative tradition and transformation, taking place in diverse sectors.

"Sambhaav Utsav 2.0, includes 'Sambhaav Manthan Satra' - a series of thematic sessions especially designed to highlight immense potential of J&K in key areas such as tourism, cultural heritage, craftsmanship, entrepreneurship, and the startup ecosystem," the Lt Governor observed.

He said the exchange of ideas and knowledge will also provide a viable roadmap to address the challenges and explore the emerging opportunities in different sectors.

The series of sessions on Jammu Kashmir will also foster a close collaboration between J&K government and industry leaders, youth, media, J&K diaspora, and other key stakeholders, he added.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to provide opportunity to artisans and entrepreneurs to connect with global buyers and exporters, through en-



deavours like Sambhaav Ustav.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor highlighted J&K's transformation and historic growth trajectory, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

He said the fast-paced development in the past few years and the extraordinary accomplishments in various sectors is a testimony to our strong resolve towards the holistic development of the Union Territory.

We are also witnessing the revival of J&K's cultural identity, artistic traditions and the emergence of Jammu Kashmir as a most preferred destination for tourists, film-makers and investors across the globe, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor also shared the efforts of the UT Administration towards

the empowerment of the people of J&K, especially the youth, women, farmers, artisans and craftspeople.

The Lt Governor invited the people, industry leaders and all the stakeholders to explore the immense possibilities present in Jammu Kashmir and contribute to J&K's growth journey.

The Lt Governor visited the Exhibition gallery and also felicitated the winners of different competitions organized on diverse themes highlighting the rich cultural heritage and development of J&K.

Sambhaav Utsav, through a series of activities, provides a unique opportunity to the people to experience the vibrant culture, cuisine, and craftsmanship of Jammu Kashmir. The 5-day long celebration will showcase the distinct tradition of Handicraft & Handloom of

J&K famous for intricate designs, marvelous embroidery, magical motifs, subtle shades etc.

The initiative is also providing an integrated platform for artists, authors, craftspeople, Women Self Help Groups, entrepreneurs to present the different facets of J&K to the larger audience.

Dr. Karan Singh, former Union Minister & former Member of Parliament; Sh Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dr Rashmi Singh, Principal Resident Commissioner; Sh Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, Culture Department and senior officials of J&K Government were present.

Sh Mian Altaf Ahmad, Member of Parliament; representatives of business and trade associations, artisans, entrepreneurs, artists and people from all walks of life were also present on the occasion.

Village Sanasar emerges as Adarsh Gram in District Ramban

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The village of Sanasar in District Ramban has been officially declared an Adarsh Gram, following the successful completion of a transformative Rs. 20 lakh project under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY).

This remarkable achievement underscores a significant milestone in rural development, showcasing the power of collaborative efforts and strategic investments.

The comprehensive project, which included the construction of lane drains, the installation of water tanks, the erection of a prefabricated passenger shed, and the installa-



tion of a water cooler, has significantly improved the village's infrastructure and amenities. These enhancements have not only elevated the quality of life for locals of Sanasar but also set a benchmark for other villages in the region.

"This achievement is the result of collaborative ef-

orts of the local community, government departments, and all other stakeholders, under the visionary leadership of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary" said the District Social Welfare Officer.

"The transformation of Sanasar into an Adarsh Gram demonstrates our unwavering commitment to improving rural infrastructure and ensuring the well-being of our residents. We will continue to work towards similar developmental goals in other parts of the district", he added.

The declaration of Sanasar as an Adarsh Gram, based on the Adarsh Gram survey, highlights the village's significant progress and sets an inspiring example for future initiatives.

The focus now shifts to maintaining these advancements and exploring further opportunities for community development. The success story of Sanasar is not just an endpoint but a new beginning for continuous growth and progress.

GDC Ramgarh organizes awareness program on 'Ill effects of Drug Use'

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In a significant step toward addressing the growing concern of drug abuse, Government Degree College Ramgarh, in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Samba, organized an impactful awareness program on the ill effects of drug use.

The whole event was organized under the able guidance and supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College.

The initiative aimed to educate students about the severe consequences of



drug abuse and to promote preventive measures. The event commenced with a welcoming address by Rahul Sharma, Panel Advocate, DLSA Samba.

He highlighted the severe health risks linked to drug use, including addiction, mental health issues, and physical deterioration. He also discussed the legal

penalties for drug-related offenses and the importance of adherence to the law to prevent such outcomes.

Emphasizing the role of education and awareness in preventing drug abuse, Sharma encouraged students to actively participate in drug prevention initiatives.

The program was honored by the presence of Ajay, Civil Judge Junior Division, Samba, as the chief guest.

He delivered a compelling keynote address, shedding light on the multifaceted impacts of drug use. He discussed the legal ramifications, including the potential for criminal charges and long-term legal consequences. He emphasized the importance of understanding the serious health risks associated with drug abuse and highlighted the role of the legal system in both prevention and intervention.

The event was attended by all the faculty members and students.

SWD organises awareness campaign under BBBP at Ramgarh

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Social Welfare Department Samba in collaboration with SANKALP:HEW, Mission Shakti today organised a mass awareness campaign under BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO" at Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Ramgarh.

The campaign was graced by DDC Chairperson, Keshav Dutt Sharma as the Chief Guest, alongside Deputy Director Honour Social Welfare Department, Shifali Sharma and Assistant Director Social welfare Department, Pallavi Sharma, District Social Welfare Officer, Nawaz Sharif.

Other guest present in the program were Tehsil-dar, Ramgarh, BMO, CHO, Principal Mrs. Nidhi Verma, Ms. Neha Sharma and Ms. Kiran Bala Sr. Lecturer Dr. Ruchi Thakur,



District Mission Coordinator, Mansi Abrol, Ritika Banotra Gender Specialist SANKALP:Hub for Empowerment of women, faculty of government school, official staff of social welfare department, official from special cell for

women, students of the school.

The programme featured a rich array of activities, including inspiring speeches, engaging skit, poetry recitation, Dogri dance, singing songs and nukkad natak. At the end, felicitations

and distribution of educational kits, school bags, mementos to meritorious students of Govt. Higher Secondary School, Ramgarh. The main aim of this programme was spread awareness regarding Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.

Distt Cooperative Development Committee reviews implementation of various GOI initiatives in Doda

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The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda, Harvinder Singh, convened a crucial meeting of the District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) to assess the progress and implementation of the world's largest Grain Storage Plan within the cooperative sector.

The meeting, held in the chamber of the Deputy Commissioner, aimed to ensure seamless execution and efficient monitoring of this ambitious project.

During the meeting, the Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Nisaki Ul Farooq, presented a detailed overview of possible land selection for setting up the food storages.

Discussions also covered the establishment of Jan Aushadhi Kendras, Kisan Samridhhi Kendras (PMKSKs), fertilizer shops, and the computerization of all PACS (Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies) under the cooperative sector.



The DDC directed the creation of a project to support the activities of all PACS under the cooperative sector and asked for the target of FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations) to be achieved within the month.

The DDC also directed the concerned officers to find a solution for the land required for setting up the food storages within a week.

Detailed discussions were held on the formation of FPOs and the establishment of food processing units. The Deputy Registrar informed the chair about two FPOs that are under process.

The meeting was attended by key officials, including the Additional District Development Commissioner, Pran Singh, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Nisaki Ul Farooq (who served as the convener), Assistant Director (FCS&CA), Assistant Director (Fisheries), District Development Manager (NABARD), and representatives from various agricultural and cooperative organizations.

Discussions focused on the current status of the project, challenges encountered, and strategies to overcome them. Em-

phasis was placed on enhancing coordination among different departments to expedite the project's implementation. The committee also deliberated on potential directions for future actions, including optimizing storage infrastructure, improving logistical support, and ensuring the quality and safety of stored grains.

It was informed during the meeting that around 27 PACS under the cooperative sector are currently operating. The main agenda discussed in the meeting included the world's largest grain storage plan, PM Kisan Samridhhi Kendras (PMKSKs), PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras, registration of new PACS in uncovered panchayats, registration of new fisheries in uncovered panchayats, registration of new dairies in uncovered panchayats, establishment of food processing units, and PACS as FPOs. It was informed that out of the 27 PACS, 8 are already doing fertilizer business, 10 have received F/L, 5 have applied for F/L, and 4 are under process.

PTM held in various Govt schools of Doda Distt

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The Government schools in District Doda have conducted Parent-Teacher Meet in which parents provide feedback and suggestions regarding their children's education.

Chief Education Officer Doda Parkash Lal Thapa said the move is aimed at improving the education system and the well-being of students.

The parent-teacher meetings have become a regular feature in government schools of Jammu and Kashmir.

Schools of District Doda conducted parent-teacher meetings on the theme "Role of Parents in prevention of Drug Abuse among School going Students" along with understanding



NEP 2020. Parents were also made aware of various aspects of life skills. "The role of parents and teachers has become very important for the lives of students.

Along with Shiksha Saptah celebration of 4th anniversary of NEP 2020 various interventions were

teachers to develop a healthy and strong relationship for the holistic development of a child.

"On 26th of every month, schools conduct these meetings, in which not only academic-related issues are discussed but the mental health, health and hygiene, and personal development and well-being of students are being deliberated upon.

Some of the themes include 'Role of parents during examinations', 'Role of parents in ensuring safety and security of school-going children', 'Role of parents in developing life skills', 'Inculcating moral values in children', 'Role of parents in preventing drug abuse among children', 'Emotional wellbeing' and 'Understanding adolescents and parenting during adolescence.