

CGPWA organises symposium on Swachhta at Balgran

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JAMMU: The Central Govt Pensioners' Welfare Association, Jammu (CGPWA) organised a symposium on Swachhta Abhiyan at Balgran here today in collaboration with the Bal Bharti Public School and School for Hearing Handicapped.
Former Chief Secretary, J&K B R Sharma was the Chief Guest while Kuldeep Khoda, former Chief Vigilance Commissioner, J&K and the President CGPWA presided over. President of Balgran, Charitable Home for Destitute Children, Er. A K Khajuria and the President of Samaj Kalyan Kendra, (SKK) which runs a school for Deaf & Dumb, K B Jandial who is also the General Secretary of CGPWA, were also present.
Students of both Schools spoke about the significance of cleanliness for which a month-long nationwide campaign has been launched by the Prime Minister Narinder Modi. Three students of



Dignitaries presenting prize to a student.

School for Hearing Handicapped, Ritesh Singh of 12th class, Garima Misri and Fozia Shamash, both of 11th class expressed their views on Swachhta though sign language which was profusely applauded. Teacher Seema Rani translated their sign language into English and Hindi for the audience. Three students of Bal Bharti- Mukesh of 10th class, Priyanka of 9th class and Gun Gun of 7th class also spoke on the subject. They pointed out that first the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi and now the Prime Minister Modi.

Speaking of the occasion, B R Sharma emphasized the role of students in the success of Swachhta campaign and said that students should emulate this habit right from beginning and make it a part of their lives.
Kuldeep Khoda in his presidential address lauded the views expressed by the students on cleanliness and said that every citizen including our youth must emulate the habit of cleanliness in their lives to make our cities cleaner. On the occasion, B R Sharma was made the Honorary Life Member of the

Samaj Kalyan Kendra for his memorable contributions in improving the infrastructure of the School for Hearing Handicapped as Chief Secretary of J&K.
Khoda and Sharma also presented cash awards to the toppers of the School for Hearing Handicapped in J&K School Board examinations on behalf of the Samaj Kalyan Kendra. Cash award of Rs. 5000 was presented to 12th class topper Pardeep Kumar, Rs. 4000 to 11th class topper Arshia Gandotra, Rs. 3500 to 10th class topper Sonab Chib and Rs.

2500 to 8th Class topper.
The participants of symposium were presented gifts and participation certificates.
General Secretary Balgran V K Raina conducted the program. Among those who present on the occasion included Patron-in-Chief of Balgran, Er. A K Arora, General Secretary SKK J K Vaid, Vice President CGPWA and former DG DRDO, Dr. Sudarshan Kumar, Vice President Balgran Er. J K Gupta, Prem Gupta, former IGP, S C Sharma former CCF both members of the Governing Body of Balgran, H N Raina, Secretary & M D Sharma Treasurer of SKK, Principal Bal Bharti Mrs. Urmil Arora and Principal School for Hearing Handicapped Roshan Bhan.
Earlier the President & General Secretary Balgran took Khoda & Sharma around the School and Orphanage and apprised them the functioning of both institutions. There are 200 students of Bal Bharti school including 111 inmates of Balgran.

DLSA Udhampur organises awareness program on Senior Citizens Act 2007

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UDHAMPUR: District Legal Services Authority Udhampur organized an awareness program under Fourth Phase of "Back to Village Programme (B2V4), 2022 on the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens Act, 2007.
The programme was organized under the guidance of Chairman DLSA Udhampur, Y. P. Bourney (Pr. Distt. & Sessions Judge Udhampur) and overall supervision of Secretary District Legal Services Authority Udhampur, Rajni Sharma (Sub-judge) in collaboration with Block Development Office Udhampur and Panchayat Battal at Village Battal. Resource Person of the programme was Panel Lawyer Adv. Sanjeet Kumar.
The resource person for the programme sensitized the gathering about the provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of parents & Senior Citizens Act, 2007 and shared



Secretary DLSA Udhampur, Rajni Sharma (Sub-judge) and others at an awareness programme.

valuable knowledge on the subject with the participants of this programme. Later, the Secretary District Legal Services Authority Udhampur, Rajni Sharma thanked the resource person and other participants for participating in the awareness programme and highlighted that senior citizens need to be treated with utmost respect as they are the pillars of our society. She also stressed that Legal Services Institutions are duty bound to provide legal aid and legal awareness to all the distressed sections of

the society especially at the Village level. Also Secretary DLSA Udhampur explained to the participants about the initiative of the Back to Village Programme run by the Government.
The gathering included Sarpanch Ballian, Man Mohan Raina and Sarpanch Battal, Sunita Devi, members of Panchayat Battal, Panchayat Ballian and people from adjoining villages of Battal and Ballian. PIV Sham Lal Sharma assisted in the smooth conduct of the Programme.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar organises workshop on Team & Leadership, New Age Career Avenues



Resource persons posing with students and faculty members.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Career Counselling And Placement Cell and NSS wing of the Government College for Women Bhagwati Nagar organized a two-day Workshop on the theme "Team & Leadership, New Age Career Avenues" under the patronage of Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department and Dr. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges, J&K Higher Education Department.
The programme was organized under the guidance of the Principal Dr. Meeru Abrol.
The Resource person was Geetika Kohli Amla who is a renowned Trainer, Author and

Public Speaker from J&K. She is Founder of Thinksta (a GoI recognized Start up and MSME). She was awarded the ASSOCHAM Start-up of the Year Award 2022.
The welcome address was presented by Dr. Pavanjeet Bali, Coordinator - Career Counselling and Placement Cell. An on-the-spot Poster making competition was organized on Day-1 where in students of GDC Paloura and GCW Bhagwati Nagar participated on the theme- "Women in the Working Sector- Breaking Stereotypes". The competition was adjudged by Geetika Kohli Amla.
The first prize was clinched to

Komal Choudhary from GCW Bhagwati Nagar. Second prize was shared by Simran and Palvi Sharma from GCW Bhagwati Nagar and GDC Paloura respectively.
On Day-2, Interactive Session by the Resource person was carried out where in students participated whole heartedly. Dr. Shivani from GDC Paloura delivered lecture on "Career and Educational Opportunities after Graduation" and Prof. Pooja from GDC Paloura delivered lecture on "Gender Stereotypes in Career Opportunities".
A Symposium on the topic "Unconventional Job Avenues" was also organized. The Symposium was adjudged by Geetika Kohli Amla, Dr. Shivani Sharma and Prof. Pooja. The first prize was bagged by Chahat form GCW Bhagwati Nagar. Second and third prize was awarded to Mayuri and Simran from GCW Bhagwati Nagar respectively.
This was followed by Valedictory Session and Prize distribution function.

Shiksha Niketan School organises awareness programme as part of LG's Nasha Mukht Abhiyan



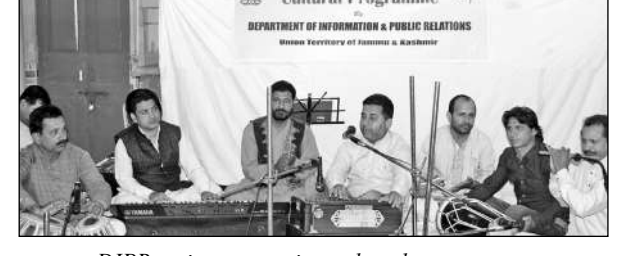
SSP Cyber Crime Jammu, Sandeep Chaudhary presenting certificate to a student.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School Jammu in collaboration with G.S Sports Club today organised an Awareness Programme on "Nasha Mukht Abhiyan" in its auditorium in which Sandeep Chaudhary, SSP Cyber Crime Jammu was the Chief Guest, Prof. Samridhi Arora, HOD Home Science Department University of Jammu was the Guest of honour whereas Sushant Gupta was the presiding guest.
The motive of the programme was to create awareness among students against drug abuse and its symptoms. Around seven participants

from the School delivered their lectures on the topic who were later appreciated with the certificates and medals by the guests.
On the occasion Prof. Samridhi Arora briefed the participants, students about the threats of drug abuse and encouraged them to stay away from drugs and related narcotics. She emphasized on adopting a healthy lifestyle, which shall ultimately lead to a much healthier society, at large. Sandeep Chaudhary advised the students to channelize energy in sporting activities to make their future better. He defined Drug Addiction as a compulsive seeking behaviour

which is difficult to control and it's also a physical and psychological dependency towards the drug. He also highlighted that the journey of any addiction begins with the "use" and develops into "abuse" and very quickly graduates to becoming an addiction. He shared various reasons for people resorting to drugs viz peer pressure, relief from Stress, Increase energy, Recreational purpose and status in the society etc. He also explained how drugs affect our body, social life and family life. Principal Rameshwar Mengi, who also presided over the function, urged the students to stay away from drug abuse, work hard to pursue their aims and play an important role in nation building. Concluding the function, G.S Sports Club Chairman Advisory Committee Runit Gupta thanked all the Guests for their commitment to serve in society and to stand united in the fight against this evil. Bunny Sadotra, Vice Member GS Sports Club was also present during the event.

DIPR organises cultural programme at Old Age Home



DIPR artists presenting cultural programme.

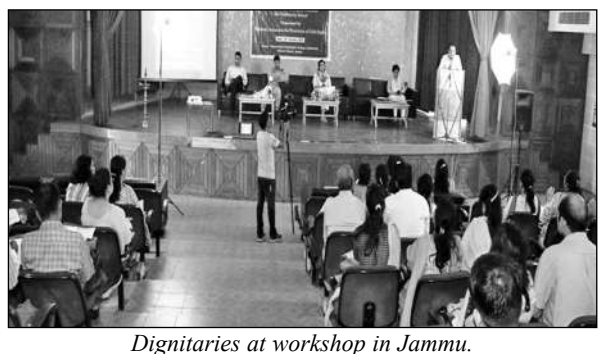
■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Cultural Wing of Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) on Thursday organized a cultural program at Oldage Home, Ambphalla Jammu to celebrate the Diwali Festival.
President of Oldage Home, ID Soni was chief guest, while Joint Secretary, Vijay Gupta was Guest of Honour.

Artists of Cultural Wing Jammu presented a scintillating cultural program featuring Dogri, Hindi and Punjabi songs which were highly appreciated by the audience.
Artists who performed in this program were Vijay Anand, Kamal Kumar, Surjeet Singh, Bunty Shah, Suresh Kumar, Balbir Singh, Mukesh Kumar and Mohinder Kumar.

Magotra Biradari congregation on Nov 7
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JAMMU: The congregation of Magotra Biradari will be held on November 7 at Devsthan Chowadi, near Sainik Colony, Jammu. The programme will start with Hawan from 8:00 AM and Puraan Ahoi, followed by Langar from 9:30 AM onwards.
The Organising Committee has requested the community members to participate in the congregation in large numbers for seeking blessings of Bua Rani.

NCPCR, DSEJ organise workshop on safe, secure transport for children by schools

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), in collaboration with Directorate of School Education Jammu, on Thursday organised MOE Sponsored one-day District Level Awareness and Sensitization Workshop on 'Safe and Secure Transport Facilities for School Children' at the Govt. Polytechnic college Jammu under the mentorship of Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu. Teacher counselors from all the higher secondary Schools along with representatives from Private schools attended the workshop.
The purpose of the workshop was to create an awareness and understanding amongst all the stakeholders/ participants of the workshop



Dignitaries at workshop in Jammu.

including teachers, principals and transport in-charges the need for co-creating a safe and secure environment for students within and outside the schools.
Ganshyam Singh (RTO Jammu), Bikram Kumar (Dy. SP Traffic City South Jammu), Dr. Romesh Kumar (IC Counselling cell DSEJ), and Dushyant Mehar (Consultant NCPCR) were the Key resource persons for

the programme.
In her opening remarks, Subha Mehta (Joint Director JSK) emphasized on the need to be aware of the various safety measures in the school bus. She further appealed to the teachers to disseminate the gained information amongst students and other staff members.
RTO Jammu, Ganshyam Singh elaborated on Road Safety laws and the benefits

of these laws in providing comfort, security and safety for students. These benefits include reaching schools on time, reducing pollution emission resulting from vehicle exhausts and reducing traffic jams.
Vikram Kumar (Dy. SP Traffic City South Jammu) said that the school authorities and the teachers should impart the necessary knowledge, skills and attitude to be a safe road user to the students. If any school bus or any conveyance, by which children come to school, violates traffic rules, the teachers/parents should inform the principal or the Traffic Police Control Room of the District / Traffic Control Room, he added.
Dr. Romesh Kumar Dr. (In charge counselling cell, DSEJ) elaborated the roles and responsibilities of School

Heads and Teachers in safe passage of each child to school and back home. Apart from teachers and other concerned authorities Children themselves should also be trained for maintaining order on the bus.
Director School Education Jammu Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma appreciated the efforts of the counselling cell in organizing the event. He insisted upon a zero tolerance policy against any negligence on part of any individual or management when it comes to the safety matter of any student.
The programme was moderated by Dr. Alka Sharma. The Other team members viz. Counsellor Shanti Saroop Sharma, Preeti Sharma, Bindu Kumari and Nirmal Kumar coordinated in the smooth functioning of the program.

Dr Karan Singh inaugurates ramp for specially-abled at Ranbireshwar Temple



Dr Karan Singh, Chairman Trustee of JKDT performing Puja of Shiv Lingam.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Dr Karan Singh, Chairman Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust and former Member Parliament on Thursday said that the Trust has done commendable work by making a ramp for specially-abled to make Shri Ranbireshwar Temple accessible and inclusive for all.
The Chairman Trustee DT stated this after inaugurating the newly constructed ramp for specially-abled people at Shri Ranbireshwar Temple, Shalamar Road Jammu. The former MP was accompanied by Ajatshatru Singh and Ritu

Singh during the inauguration of the aforesaid facility in the Shri Ranbireshwar Temple situated in the heart of Jammu City. Advocate Ajay Gandotra, President J&K Dharmarth Trust was also present. After inaugurating the ramp, Dr Karan Singh along with others performed Pooja in the temple premises and prayed for the peace and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir. Dr Karan Singh said that this facility in the temple premises has been designed in a manner that the solutions that work for people with a disability are likely to also work well for people in diverse circumstances. The Dharmarth Trust has the history to provide state of art facilities to the visiting devotees and this is one among those to provide an opportunity to physically challenged people to pay obeisance at the temple premises without any difficulty and hardship. Ajatshatru Singh said that the launch of the ramp in the temple is testimony to the fact that the Dharmarth Trust is focused to take care of one and all.
He said that the facility dedicated to the people at Shri Ranbireshwar Temple will ensure that persons with disabilities have no barrier in entering which are necessary before paying obeisance at the Sanctum Sanctorum.

Workshop on Career Counselling organised at GDC Marh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Career Counselling Cell, Govt. Degree College (GDC) Marh organised a one day workshop-cum-awareness programme on 'Career Prospects in Commerce and Environmental Sciences' in collaboration with ELAB, DLLL, University of Jammu on Thursday.
Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul, Principal of the College, in his address said that career counselling will help the students to make decisions about their careers, clarify values, interests and skills for developing their overall personality.
Such programmes and workshops act as a tool of growth and development for the students.
The special resource persons were Dr. Deepika Slathia, Associate Professor, Dept. of EVS and Dr.



GDC Marh faculty posing with resource persons.

Harleen Kour, Sr. Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, University of Jammu.
Dr. Deepika Slathia, in her presentation, highlighted the environmental issues and current scope of environmental sciences in getting job oriented opportunities in the field of Environmental journalism, Environmental Law, NGOs, Research Analysts, as Scientist in Pollution Control

Board, work as a blogger of JK Biodiversity, CSE, CEE, WWF in the future.
Dr. Harleen Kour informed the students about the emerging term Actuarial Science, importance of fiscal policies, mutual funds, Stock market, GST, SEBI, SIP, entrepreneurship, concept of Self employment through bank loans and Startup initiatives/schemes in India.
About 60 students of the

college while giving feedback appreciated the programme. An interactive session with the students was also held wherein students expressed their views and queries about job/business oriented platforms. The programme was held under the supervision of Prof. Kavita Suri, Director, DLLL and coordinated by Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, ELAB, DLLL. Dr. Shakun Sharma, Coordinator, Career Counselling Cell of the college conducted the proceedings of the programme and formal vote of thanks was given by Prof. Anjana Chib.
Other faculty members of the college who were presented at the occasion included Prof. Madhavi Parasher, Prof. Ram Dayal, Prof. Sachin Kumar, Dr. Balwinder Saini, Prof. Asha Kumari, Tanu, Imran, Dr Rafeeq and Dr. Tawseef.

BJP Govt committed to provide tap water to every household till 2024: Yudhvir



Vice President BJP Jammu, Yudhvir Sethi listening to public issues.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir while asserting that public service is the core of party's ideology has reiterated the commitment of BJP Govt to provide tap water to every household till 2024 under its prestigious 'Jal Jeevan Mission' project.
He expressed this while addressing a grievance

redressal camp at Pt Prem Nath Bhawan, Kacchi Chawni held here on Thursday. Parveen Kermi East Mandal, Ajay Sharma Mandal President, Sham Singh Naib Sarpanch, Babbu, Abdul Mohd Choudhary Ragoora, Abdul Hussain Booth President Bajalta, Attar Hussain, Yousof Don and Vipin Sharma General Secretary East Mandal were also pres-

ent. People of different areas attended the grievance redressal camp in which they raised their issues and problems. The delegation of people from Aithem brought to the notice of Yudhvir Sethi the severe shortage of drinking water supply in their area besides other pressing issues like that of difficulties faced by them in getting new Ration Cards issued by the department, etc. They said that the concerned FCS&CA Department authorized to issue ration cards is not issuing new ration cards is not issuing the same due to the reasons best known to the authorities. They sought the intervention of the senior BJP leader to get their pressing issues resolved at the earliest. Yudhvir Sethi after giving the delegation a keen and patient hearing asserted that

very soon the water problem will be resolved once for all as the works are being executed under the Jal Jeevan Mission. He said that the BJP Govt is fully committed to provide tap water to each and every household till 2024 under the central Govt's prestigious scheme i.e. 'Jal Jeevan Mission'. He said that he would ask the PHE authorities to ensure drinking water supply to the acute shortage areas through tankers till the situation improves.
Taking serious note of the ration card issue, Yudhvir Sethi asked the FCS&CA Department to simplify the procedure of issuing new ration cards so that general public would be able to get the benefit of central government scheme under which PM Modi has announced free ration for general public.