

Three courses for police personnel conclude at SKPA



A participant cop receiving certificate.

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UDHAMPUR: Three courses i.e Cyber Crime, Cyber Forensics and Karmayogi Police personnel concluded at SKPA as per agenda. Courses on Cyber Crime and Cyber Forensics enable police officers to understand the different spheres of Cyber space Crimes and to collect various forms of dig-

ital evidence necessary to prosecute offenders. The forensics part was covered by Shri Nayem Abbas Hamdani, the Cyber consultant whereas for different forms of Crime in virtual space, faculty from different academia delivered lectures. In both the courses, the hands on part was also covered.

Army Public School Akhnoor celebrates Annual Day



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AKHNOOR: Army Public School, Akhnoor on Saturday celebrated its Annual day and Prize distribution function at the Sangha auditorium. The theme of the function was "Dharohar" depicting our rich Indian cultural heritage.

Maj Gen V S Shekhon, GOC Cross Swords Division, Patron of the School, was the Chief Guest Brig AG Barbare, Chairman of the School, along with Principal Geeta Devi were in attendance.

The function conducted at Sangha Auditorium, Akhnoor was declared open by the Chief Guest and Principal with lighting of lamp, attended by galaxy of VIPs, Army Officers, Principals of different schools, parents and other guests.

Commencing on a devotional note with the Ganesh Vandana, the celebration embraced various facets of

society and culture. The main highlight of the event was the Retro grade dance by tiny tots based on theme of Indian cinema. The programme involved most of the students of the school in a spectacular performance enriched with rich music, costume, dance, and mime. Folk, classic, Yoga and theatrical dance forms of India was employed as the medium of com-

munication on the stage. A soulful rendition by the choir group, singing the song, 'Arambhi Hai, Prachand Hai', ending with a plea to give away the materialistic status for the sake of the nation, enthralled the audience. The school's orchestra group in the form of an orchestral journeying through the zeal of patriotism mesmerized the audience with a scintil-

lating display of instruments.

The Chief Guest (Patron of the School) appreciated the concerted efforts of the school & applauded the achievements. He exhorted the School Team to keep up the good work & achieve many more laurels in future. Meritorious students of class 10th and 12th who scored more than 90% marks in CBSE board examinations were felicitated by the Patron of the School.

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Vote of thanks was presented by the Vice Principal, Dr Rakesh Chander, conveying sincere gratitude to the chief guest, guest of honour, officers, parents and other dignitaries. The function ended with the playing of the National anthem.

Rs 32 lakh approved for renovation of F&S building in Udhampur



Udhampur said councilor Priti Khajuria on Saturday.

Priti said that she had raised the issue of dilapidated condition of existing F&S department store in Udhampur which was at the verge of collapse any time. Due to its deteriorated condition, the building was quite unsafe and the food grains lying inside were also in bad condition. Even workers of the department were also not safe. Councilor took this issue to DC Indu Kanwal Chib who listened and understood this issue seriously and prepared a DPR of 34 lakhs for which now 32 lakhs got sanctioned. The tender has also been floated and its allotment has also been done and the work is going to start soon.

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Mission First Brigade OP Sadbhawna brings smiles to differently-abled persons



Brigadier D.K.R Gautam interacting with a beneficiary.

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SAMBA: Mission First Sadbhawna brought smile on the faces of 20 differently abled persons by providing Prostheses (Artificial Limbs) to them, in collaboration with College Park India Gurugram, Dr. Nitika Chopra along with her team. Army organized artificial limbs camp under OP Sadbhawna in border village

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CEO Shrine Board extends Diwali Greetings

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KATRA: On behalf of Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT) Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB extended his greetings to the staff of Shrine Board on the eve of Dhanteras and Diwali in a get together organized today at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Executive Officer extended his gratitude to the Chairman of Shrine Board for his continuous support and guidance under which a plethora of

initiatives for facilitation of pilgrims and welfare of staff are being undertaken by the Board. Besides, developmental initiatives in the form of additional accommodation for pilgrims as well as employees, he enumerated various significant measures for the general welfare of the Shrine Board employees which include enhancement of hardship allowance for 1450 employees posted at Higher Altitudes, promotion of 131 employees of various groups, restructuring of various cadres for

CGM NABARD inaugurates development programmes for rural community

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KATHUA: Chief General Manager (CGM), NABARD Dr. Ajay Kumar Sood on Saturday visited Basohli and Mahanpur Blocks under district Kathua where he inaugurated various development programs. These programs were sanctioned for Kathua district by NABARD with the aim of livelihood improvement, rural development & natural resource management. He was chief guest at the inauguration programme of Basholi Pashmina Artisans Producer Company Limited under Off Farm Producer Organisation (OFPO), Skill Development Programme (SDP) for Rural Tourism Promotion under SDP in Basholi block and SukhaliKhad Watershed Program under Watershed Development Fund (WDF) in Mahanpur Block.

He distributed training kit to 25 training participants, five stitching machines to SHG women. He interacted with beneficiaries of OFPO, SDP Training



CGM NABARD Dr. Ajay Kumar Sood handing-over sewing machine to member of a SHG.

and WDF project during his visit. He appreciated the work of Resource agencies SARDA and KYSAC in Kathua District. He stated that KYSAC working to promote Basohli Pashmina art and federated a producer organisation to grasp maximum profit for its 300 primary producers whereas SARDA will train 40 local youth as a service provider to establish Basohli as Rural Tourism Hub in map of India. Both these activities will definitely attract thousands of tourists at national and international level. In addition to this he also visited

Mahanpur block where he lay down inscription stone for WDF program in Athyalta village, where SARDA will treat approx. 1100-hectare area in next four years.

Aman Kalsotra, Assistant General Manager NABARD; Amit Kumar, District Development Manager NABARD Kathua; Amul Bhatia, LDM Kathua; Paras Ram, Director RSETI; Sushma Devi, Sarpanch Athyalta; Krishan Bhardwaj MD KYSAC, Amresh Bihari Jha, Executive Director SARDA and Abhinav Razdan, Trainer also attend the inauguration program.

Screening of documentary 'Nasha Barbaadi Hai' held at GDC Bani

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BANI: To make students aware about the ill effects of drug abuse and adverse effects of consuming narcotic substances, a short documentary film titled "Nasha Barbaadi Hai" was shown on 22nd October, 2022. Nearly 100 students participated in the programme that was organized under the patronage of Dr. Vishal Sharma, Principal GDC Bani.

He addressed the students about the menace of drug abuse, the social and psychological effects of consuming drugs

and the importance of removing this ill practice most prominent among the youth of today, a leading cause for dropping out of institutions, troubled relationships, crime and violence. The event was coordinated and organized by Susheel Kumar (Lecturer in Hindi) & Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad (Lecturer in Education). Faculty present included Dr. Sajad Ahmad, Dr. Mehnaz Koser, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Nurgiss Nazir, Diksha Sharma and Susheel Kumar. Formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Ram Krishan, NSS PO.

Workshop on eco-friendly Deepawali concludes at GDC Mahanpur



Faculty and students during the event.

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BILLAWAR: Department of English, Department of Sanskrit and Scouts and Guides Unit of GDC Mahanpur organized Valedictory cum Closing Ceremony of Two Days Workshop on Eco-friendly Deepawali (21st of Oct. to 22nd of Oct) on Saturday.

The workshop was organized by Prof. Rupalee Jasrotia (HOD

Department of English and Rangers Leader) and Dr. Parshotam Dass (HOD Department of Sanskrit and Rovers Leader) under the supervision of Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the College. The second day of the workshop was initiated by Prof. Rupalee. The Principal along with the faculty members and students performed Laxmi Pooja and

Aarti to seek the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi. Dr. Sangeeta Sudan gave the Welcome Address. In her address, she not only insisted on the various ways of celebrating Eco-friendly Deepawali but also congratulated the organizing team for the successful completion of Two Days Workshop. On the first day of the Workshop, Prof. Arvind Kumar, HOD EVS gave an extension lecture on the ways to celebrate Eco-friendly Deepawali. On the second day of the Workshop, Dr. Neetika Verma, HOD Political science gave hands-on-training to the students on how to use natural and organic things to make eco-friendly Rangoli and decorative items to celebrate Eco-friendly Deepawali.

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Instead of using chemical rangoli colours, Dr. Neetika taught students to use natural or organic things like roses, marigolds, chrysanthemums, roses, leaves, turmeric, kumkum, seeds, pulses, rice, etc. to make Rangoli and decorative items. These things are not only eco-friendly, but can be disposed off easily the next day. The second day of the Workshop also concluded with the distribution of Prasad or Bhog among the faculty members and the students. The faculty members who coordinated and participated in the Workshop were Dr. Balbir Singh, Sh. Saurabh Dutta, Prof. Arvind Kumar and Dr. Neetika Verma. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Parshotam Dass.

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