

# Three courses for police personnel conclude at SKPA



A participant cop receiving certificate.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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 Nayeem 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.

Earlier GaribDass, IPS, ADGP, Director of the Academy briefed the visiting team of Capacity Building Commission of India headed by Shri Shyama P. Roy, Director CBC about the progress made in training to the first responders of J&K Police in Karmayogi Police personnel courses. He informed the team that SP Police academy Udhampur has so far trained 264 Police personnel and holding such courses is regular feature of the training curriculum. The inaugural and concluding sessions were also attended by Mohan Lal, SSP, DD Trainings, Vinay Kumar, SSP, DD (Administration), Summati Gupta, AD (Q) and Suraj Singh, AD (Trg/R&D).

# Mission First Brigade OP Sadbhavna brings smiles to differently-abled persons



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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Mission First Sadbhavna brought smile on the faces of 20 differently abled persons by providing Prosthesis (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-Sadbhavna in border village

Reyain in Samba district where Brigadier D.K.R Gautam, Col. Akash Chinch showed their esteemed presence. Those people who have lost their limbs in tragic incidents have been benefitted in this camp. Team of doctors have provided the artificial limbs and made these patients life little more comfortable. People were full of praise for this act of kindness.

# CGM NABARD inaugurates development programmes for rural community



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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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 SukhalKhad 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

lay down inscription stone for WDF project in Athyalta village, where SARDa will treat approx.1100-hectare area in next four years. AmanKalsotra, Assistant 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.

# Army Public School Akhnoor celebrates Annual Day

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

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



Maj Gen V S Shekhon, GOC Cross Swords Division along with other dignitaries and faculty.

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, 'Arambh 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

The Annual School Report read by the Principal, Geeta Devi, brought to fore, highlighting the achievements of the school and presented the vision for the progress of the school.

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



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: Finally Govt. has approved Rs. 32 Lakhs for renovation of existing store of Food & Supply Department in

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.

# CEO Shrine Board extends Diwali Greetings

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

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

latter promotional avenues, one time relaxation in qualification for transition to MR to Term Employee & Term Employee to Graded structure, compassionate appointments and revision of scales.

CEO also lauded the efforts made by the officers and staff of the Board at all levels in ensuring smooth facilitation of pilgrims visiting the Holy Cave shrine besides, appreciating their instrumental role in helping the Shrine. He underscored that with

the determined efforts of employees and blessings of the Divine, yatra to the Holy Shrine has tremendously increased as compared to the previous two years which has been possible due to the all round efforts. He stressed all employees to ensure greater facilitation of pilgrims visiting the Holy Cave Shrine, which have been widely acclaimed, adding that all of us need to redouble our efforts and no stone should be left unturned to provide best possible services to the pil-

grims to make the pilgrimage a memorable experience for them.

Pertinently, 5-storey Durga Bhawan to cater to 2000 pilgrims per day and Sky Walk to overcome the problem of multidirectional flow of yatra are being executed at a brisk pace under the guidance of Chairman, SMVDSB.

Earlier, Dr. Sunil Sharma, Joint Chief Executive Officer enlisted the initiatives by the Shrine Board for the welfare of the staff in a very short span with wishes to the staff on the auspicious occasion of Diwali.

# Workshop on eco-friendly Deepawali concludes at GDC Mahanpur

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

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



Faculty and students during the event.

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.

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. Balbindar Singh, Sh. Saurabh Dutta, Prof. Arvind Kumar and Dr. Neetika Verma. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Parshotam Dass.

# Jan Abhiyan: Dir Rural Sanitation visits several Panchayats of RS Pura, Miran Sahib Blocks

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Director, Rural Sanitation, Charandeep Singh, J&K visited Panchayat Phinder, Block Miran Sahib and Panchayats Gandli and Jassore of Block RS Pura today as part of Jan Abhiyan.

During the visit, the Director took first hand appraisal of ongoing works being executed in the Panchayats. He also sensitized the PRI members along with the local public about the Back to Village, Phase 4, expected to commence in the Union Territory of J&K in few days. The Director at Panchayat Phinder of Block Miran Sahib interacted with Member, District Development Commissioner, Miran Sahib and Chairman, Block Development Council, Miran Sahib, Sarpanch Phinder, Sarpanches of adjoining panchayats as well as with the gen-

eral public of area.

Senior officers of RDD Jammu like included ACD, Jammu, ACP Jammu, Dy. Director, Planning, RDD and others officers were also present during the interaction.

While interacting with PRI representatives and public, the Director He exhorted upon them to participate actively in the b2v4 programme and take due benefits of various schemes of Government.

The Director also dedicated a Mobile Van, housing the Common Service Centre (CSC) Kiosk for the assistance of general public across the Panchayat so that they can obtain benefits under the Government Schemes. He also listened to various grievances/issues put forward by the public representatives and the relevant quarters were given appropriate instructions

for resolution of the same at the earliest.

Later, Charandeep visited Panchayat Gandli and Jassore of Block RS Pura along with Chairman, Block Development Council, RS Pura, concerned Sarpanches and PRI members.

During the visit, the plans made under Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) were discussed with all the stakeholders. He also interacted with public there and asked them to take part in the upcoming phase of back to village to achieve the all round development of their Panchayat.

The Director also visited the Rural Haats established in the various panchayats of the Block and had onspot assessment of their functioning where the locals sell and purchase the local produce to achieve the objective of self sufficiency of villages.

DLIC Doda approves 55

Mumkin, 57 Tejaswini cases

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) Doda on Saturday approved 55 Mumkin and 57 Tejaswani scheme cases at a meeting chaired by District Development Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan.

A total 56 Mumkin cases were presented before the Committee of which 55 were approved while 01 claim was rejected as the beneficiary had already availed the benefit of self employment scheme through KVIB. The Committee also analyzed 59 cases under Tejaswini Schemes of Mission Youth of which 2 cases were rejected as the beneficiaries had already availed benefit under PMEGP through District Industries Centre Doda.

Officers present in the meeting were CPO, Dy Director Employment Doda, Representative of GM DIC, DSWO, ARTO, DNO JKEDI and Lead Bank Manager.

It is imperative to mention here that the Mumkin scheme is an initiative of Mission Youth for providing sustainable livelihood to unemployed youth in the transport sector. Under the scheme, commercial vehicles are provided to the youth on subsidised rates. Similarly under Tejaswini Scheme, financial support is provided by the Govt to the females of 18 to 35 year age group for new startups.

# Ravinder remembers martyrs of 1947

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SUNDERBANI: Former MLC and Senior Congress Leader Mr Ravinder Sharma has remembered

thousands of martyrs who were massacred 1947 by the Pakistan raiders.

Paying rich tributes to the martyrs of 1947, Mr Sharma said that thousands of civilians were killed by the Pakistan raiders to capture POJK. The full fledged attack was launched on this day in 1947 in Mirpur, Poonch & Muzaffrabad, when the state had not acceded to India.

The treachery of Pakistan was evident from the fact that it signed the standstill agreement on 12th Aug 1947 with Maharaja ' Government

but infiltrated into the territory of princely state and massacred the innocent people to clear the area.

It is illegally occupying the POJK which is legally, constitutionally and morally part of India and time has come to retrieve it and free its population under forcible captivity.

He recalled the sacrifices of all those jawans who were also martyred while fighting for the nation.He prayed for peace to the souls of Brave civilians and army & security forces who sacrificed their lives.

# Diwali Mela organised in Samba: DC vouches for promoting local artists, products in Rural Haats

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBHA: District Administration Samba, to give impetus to local artists and local handmade products, today organized a mega Diwali Mela at Rural Haat Swankha, Vijaypur.

Deputy Commissioner, Anuradha Gupta, after inaugurating the Diwali Mela, called upon all sections of society to promote and support to local artists and their handmade products especially during the Diwali season.

The DC said that under Vocal for Local and

Atamnirbhar campaign, the Administration with the support of local artisans, organised Diwali Mela to provide a platform for sale of their handmade products including earthen Divas, decorative items, food stalls, bags, shawls, dresses etc. Local delicacies including jalebi, thandi khui barfi, Samba ke bhalle etc stalls were also put up on the occasion.

The DC Samba said that as per Govt instructions, rural haats are being established at

Panchayat level where flea markets will be held one day in a week.

All local artisans will get an opportunity to sell their products and consumers will also get products easily.

She said that broadbasing the membership of SHGs, cooperatives by enrolling unemployed people, their skill up gradation and handholding for market linkages is the topmost priority of District administration, Samba.

Various stalls by line departments including

NRLM, Handiercrafts and Handloom, Horticulture, NABARD, Cooperatives, Agriculture were also installed to promote there registered artists and beneficiaries.

Among various locals PRI members, Senior officers and others prominent personalities visited the Diwali Mela and took part in celebrations.

The programme was coordinated by Chief Planning Officer Sukhleen Kour and AD, Handiercrafts, Niharica with the support of sectoral officers.

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