

Refresher course for Gazetted Officers commences at SKPA

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UDHAMPUR: Two weeks refresher course for the Gazetted Officers of J&K Police commenced on Tuesday at SKPA in which 23 DySSP reported to undergo the course.

Agenda of the course is inclusive of the priorities flagged by MHA in the context of present and future challenges. The eminent speakers including, Dr. Rashi Taggar, Dr. Sarita Sood, Dr. Ranjan Sharma, Mumtaz Ahmed, , SSP, Shargun Shukla, SSP, Jaswant Parihar JKPS, Dy.SP, Shamshar Singh, JKPS, Dy.SP and faculty from Cyber Cell Jammu have been invited to deliver lectures to the participants and will share their valuable experiences and knowledge.

An inaugural function was organized on the occasion, Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP, Dy. Director (Indoor) of the Academy being the chief guest on the occasion welcomed all the participants' on behalf of Director SKPA. Gupta, highlighted the role of supervisory officers in the



Participant officers along with SKPA officials during the programme.

department and ensured the trainee officers that SKPA has the capacity to impart training to the Police Officers of J&K Police to face future challenges in view of technology evaluation viz-a-viz other challenges of Cybercrime, Drone threats, and various other law and order situation. He laid emphasize on practical approach to resolve issues of Law and Order rather than to use force. He believes that handling of Law and Order situation using excessive force is a failure, whereas other means of han-

dling the situation peacefully is a reflection of good leadership in a police.

He also stressed upon to adopt best Indian Structure of Police and expressed the needs to upskills the techniques to tackle crimes in virtual space, investigation skills necessary for ensuring convictions, handling of Law order situation, the growing threats to internal security and preparedness necessary for J&K Police to tackle all the emerging challenges. He also emphasized on the role of Police which is very sensi-

tive in the society and as such as supervisory police officer should have a concept of good leadership and should have kind approach towards general public.

He pointed out that development and security environment are interrelated. He encouraged the participants that training enhances knowledge, skill and attitude, same should be cherished. He advised them to gain maximum while attending the course and hope for interactive sessions.

However, in another inau-

gural function, 10 days Basic Training for Implementation of Student Police Cadet (SPC) Scheme was also inaugurated by Rajinder Kumar Gupta, SSP, Dy. Director SKPA in which 22 Inspectors of different Units/wings are participating in the said training programme. The Student Police Cadet Program was launched nationally on 21st July 2018 by Rajnath Singh, Former Union Home Minister of India, with the aim to build a bridge between police and community by inculcating values and ethics in the School going students. The vision behind this scheme is to nurture the school going children to be law abiding community to contribute towards the realization of a new India. In the inaugural address Rajinder Gupta, discussed the brief overview of implementation of 'Student Police Cadet Scheme' with the course participants.

The inaugural functions were also attended by the Rajesh Kumar Bali, SSP, Dy. Director, other officers and Staff of the Academy.

DC Rajouri initiates blacktopping work on NH144A under package V



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal inaugurating blacktopping work.

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RAJOURI: Marking a momentous milestone in the region, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Tuesday launched the blacktopping work on NH144A under Package V.

The ambitious project is a pivotal component of the broader initiative aimed at widening the existing Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch National Highway, starting from Akhnoor.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of OC BRO, Major Manjunath; AC Defence, Saleem Quershi; and DMO, Naseeb Bajrang.

The ambitious road development project encompasses eight distinct packages, all with a shared goal: enhancing transportation efficiency and connectivity for the people of Rajouri. Once completed, the expanded road will not only ensure smoother travel but also bolster economic opportunities and trade within the region.

During the visit, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal underscored the paramount importance of expeditiously

completing the blacktopping work without compromising on quality standards. He emphasized that this infrastructure transformation will bring far-reaching benefits to both residents and businesses, ultimately contributing to the overall progress of the region.

"The widening of the Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch National Highway represents a monumental stride towards fostering growth and development in Rajouri. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that this project is executed seamlessly, upholding the highest quality standards," remarked Deputy Commissioner Vikas

Kundal.

This endeavor signifies a significant step toward realizing the vision of an interconnected and prosperous Rajouri. The administration, in collaboration with various stakeholders, remains steadfast in its commitment to fulfilling this promise, with the aim of providing residents with a brighter future and a well-connected transportation network.

As the blacktopping work on NH144A commences, the people of Rajouri eagerly anticipate the completion of this transformative project and the manifold benefits it promises to bring to their lives.

JKAACL organises Bhajan Sandhya to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti



Renowned artists singing Bhajans.

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JAMMU: In connection with Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages organised a Bhajan Sandhya in the K.L. Saigal Hall Jammu.

Prof. Anupama Sharma, renowned artists of Jammu and Kashmir was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

At the very outset Dr Shah Nawaz, Editor Cum Cultural officer, JKAACL, welcomed the guests on behalf of secretary JKAACL, Bharat Singh, under whose guidance these programs are being organized.

He said that these programs are aimed to connect people of J&K to their cultural roots.

The program began with

the singing of Bhagat Kabir's Bhajan by the renowned artist Marina Jamwal. This was followed by the bhajans by Vanishka Jaral.

She enthralled the audience with her melodious voice. After this Vishal Gupta presented Kabir Bhajans and the program concluded with a soulful recitation by the renowned artist of the Jammu and Kashmir Suraj Singh. The singers were equally supported by musicians like Rakesh Anand on flute, Sudesh Sharma on Synth, Shivinder on guitar and Amit Anand on tabla. The bhajans were composed by the famous writer, artist and musician of Jammu and Kashmir Prithvi Raj Sharma. The program was ably conducted by Bindiya Raina Tikku.

PM added new dimensions to Gram Swaraj in J&K: Pathania



Juhi Manhas Pathania, Vice Chairperson District Development Council Udhampur addressing gathering.

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UDHAMPUR: Juhi Manhas Pathania, Vice Chairperson District Development Council Udhampur on Tuesday said that Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a new era in Gram Swaraj which embodies a unique sense of self-dependence, self-decision making and self-reliance of Panchayats.

"Panchayats and other local body institutions were breathed into life in J & K with a greater degree of autonomy", the Vice Chairperson said while addressing Gram Sabhas coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti at Bilaspur and S.K.Bair Panchayats.

She administered 'Swachata' pledges to PRIs at various locations. Numerous issues concerning MGNREGA convergence, DDC Capex and PRO Capex were taken up. She took stock of different local issues including water, electricity, health and wellness, JJM, PMGSY roads, school buildings under SAMAGRA and

shortage of staff in schools and other institutions.

Addressing the people, she said that much enhanced funds have been made available at the disposal of Panchayats. And the supreme decision making body is Gram Sabha which itself fulfils the objective and aim of 'Last Man in the last row'.

This is the very concept of 'Antyodaya' as envisioned by Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, she added. Recently Bharat Sarkar observed the centenary year

marking the birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Ji. More so, for the first time the 2nd and 3rd Tier of Panchayati Raj institution has been constituted in J&K.

Juhi also conducted the Basti Sampark program at SC Basti Mela, Panchayat S.K.Bair of Tehsil Majalta.

She took an overview of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna houses, Pensions, SC scholarships, SVAMITVA, PM-KISAN, JJM and other centrally sponsored schemes.

People were glad to know that

a new ambitious programme under 'Panj Tirath' has been started whereby historic spots and places coinciding with life history of Baba Saheb B.R Ambedkar have been selected, showcased and familiarised - shiksha bhoomi, diksha bhoomi, mahaparinirvan sthal.

Similarly, at Indu Meals Compound, a programme has been launched and a memorial worth 400 crores developed with a view to boosting tourism as well as educating the youth and the people about the various achievements and contribution of Baba Saheb.

In Vadodra, a sankalp Bhoomi samarak and Ambedkar International Center at 16th Janpath has been developed.

Among others who remain present included Mohan Lal Sharma Sarpanch S.K.Bair, Manoj Verma Sarpanch Bilaspur, Shiv Ram, Mohan Lal Panch, various other PRIs of Block Khoon and officials of various line departments.

GDC Vijaypur celebrates Gandhi Jayanti

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SAMBHA: Government Degree College (GDC) Vijaypur celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with a profound emphasis on the principles of cleanliness, truth and non-violence. A skit, staged by the NSS Unit (KHDIMAT), witnessed enthusiastic participation from a multitude of college students.

The programme featured an array of thought-provoking scenes that beautifully portrayed the essence of truth and non-violence. These visuals aimed to inspire and instill the values championed by Mahatma Gandhi himself. The major highlight of the skit was a captivating presentation titled "Champan Satyagraha." This skit served as an interactive and engaging way to explore the intersection of Society and Truth & Non-Violence, echoing Gandhi's timeless teachings.

This initiative was part of a broader plan to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti 2023. Dr. Radhika Rasyal, Lecturer in Dept of History played a pivotal role in orchestrating the event, ensuring its success. The overall coordination and guidance were provided by Dr. Vandana Gupta, Principal of the College. In her address to the gathering she appreciated the efforts of all the participants and contributors, expressing profound gratitude for their active involvement in making the event a meaningful and enlightening experience. She further said that the celebration not only paid tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, but also encouraged students to reflect upon and internalize his principles of truth and non-violence, fostering a sense of social responsibility and harmony.

About 90 students of the college witnessed the skit and it was highly applauded by the audiences. The skit was organized by Dr. Shital Sharma, Convener NSS; Dr. Naseem Chowdhary, NSS PO; and Poonam Kundan, Convener Cultural Committee.

Doda admin plans to launch Neru Rivulet cleaning drive

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DODA: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda, Vishesh Mahajan on Tuesday convened a meeting of the officers of line departments to review the achievements and impact of the Swachhta Hi Sewa campaign in the district.

Special cleanliness drive on the call of Prime Minister under the aegis of Eik Tareekh Eik Ghanta Eik Sath on 1st of October created a buzz among the people in rural and urban areas with massive cleanliness drive held in all the Panchayats, offices, water bodies, tourist destination and other such public places. Reviewing the impact of the campaign, the DDC said that there was much more to achieve the desired results. He asked the officers to dedicate one hour every Saturday for cleanliness in their offices and the surroundings involving and motivating PRIs, and common people for making cleanliness



DDC Doda, Vishesh Mahajan chairing a meeting.

a habit for healthy living. He informed that Neru Nallah shall be taken up for overall cleaning by involving PWD, JSD, RDD, other concerned departments, PRIs, and the general public for the next 2 months.

While reviewing the developmental scenario of the district, DDC Mahajan reiterated that PWD, JSD, JPDCL, and RDD are backbone of infrastructure development in the district and the departments must execute the approved works maintaining the highest standards in terms of quality and adhere to the timeline as defined in the projects.

Agriculture and allied departments, Cooperative department, must liaise with Employment department and financial institutions to create sustainable livelihood in the district. DDC informed the meeting that the sector wise review shall be made from 5th of October onwards, and directions were passed to get the targets achieved in terms of already issued timelines. Implementation of different government programs and schemes was also reviewed during the meeting.

The DDC stressed to execute impactfully with full throttle on the ground before the onset of winters this year.

Mahajan stressed upon the concerned Ex Ens to monitor the execution of ongoing works in the district by way of frequent field visits and exhorted for expediting the pace of work on all the taken up projects for their timely completion.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Doda, ADC Doda, CPO, SE PWD, SE Jal Shakti, SE JPDCL, GM DIC Doda, ACD, DFO Doda, DFO Bhaderwah, Executive Engineers (All), CEO, CAO, CMO, CAHO Doda, DSWO, DSHO, and other concerned officers and officials.

Army organises motivational lecture cum weapon display

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POONCH: Army organized a dynamic motivational lecture and weapon display event at SKC Govt Degree College, Poonch. This event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of 150 children and 30 NCC cadets, leaving an indelible mark on young minds.

The motivational lecture, delivered by seasoned Army personnel, aimed to instill a profound sense of pride and honor in the hearts of the attendees. It encouraged them to embrace the values of discipline, responsibility, and dedication towards our great nation.

The weapon display segment showcased the technological prowess and capabilities of the Indian Army, sparking curiosity



Army personnel interacting with students and displaying weapons.

and admiration among the youth. This initiative underscores the Army's commitment to engaging with the community, fostering patriotism, and inspiring the younger generation to serve their country with zeal.

The event was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on the attendees and reinforcing the Indian Army's role as a guardian and mentor to the nation's youth.

Udhampur: Distt Skill Committee discusses plan to promote skilling among youth

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UDHAMPUR: The meeting of the District Skill Committee was convened on Tuesday to deliberate on strategies to advance skill development among the unemployed youth in Udhampur district.

The meeting, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai, was held in the Mini Conference Hall in the DC

Office Complex. Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Sham Singh; ADC, Joginder Singh Jasrotia; CPO, Mudassir Yaqoob Zargar and other district officers representing different departments attended the meeting.

During the meeting, directives were issued to the concerned officers, emphasizing their commitment to impart skill training to 15,000 individuals and secure them employment in different self-employment government schemes. To achieve this goal, officers were tasked with creating a comprehensive list of unemployed youth in the district and subsequently engaging them in departmental programs through the organization of Job Fairs after they have been trained.

Necessary instructions were

given to the stakeholder departments responsible for skill-related activities.

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted that the primary objective of skill development schemes should be the establishment of a robust skill ecosystem within the district. This ecosystem will facilitate maximum skilling opportunities for local youth, thereby reducing the need to seek employment outside the district.

The concerned departments were urged to conduct high-quality training programs in their respective areas. The Employment Department received specific instructions to organize Job Fairs upon the completion of skilling training, enabling the skilled individuals to secure gainful employment and lead respectable lives.

Army organises 'Swachhata Abhiyan Campaign'

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RAJOURI: In a remarkable display of commitment to social responsibility, Army organised 'Swachhata Abhiyan Campaign' at different locations in Rajouri, Poonch & Reasi Districts. This noble endeavor not only aims to promote cleanliness and hygiene but also fosters a sense of community development in the region. The Campaign saw enthusiastic participation from the Indian Army and the Awaam including the active involvement of children making the entire effort even more

encouraging. To acknowledge the contribution of children and to keep them motivated, books and stationery were distributed to them. The youth too, came forward to join hands with their elders, displaying their determination to create a cleaner and healthier environment for their community.

This 'Swachhata Abhiyan' not only improved cleanliness and hygiene but also served as a beacon of hope and resilience, proving that collective actions can triumph over any challenge.



Students carrying out cleanliness drive.

Hari Memorial Modern Public Academy celebrates Gandhi Jyanti



Management and students celebrating Gandhi Jayanti.

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JAMMU: The students & staff of Hari Memorial Modern Public Academy paid homage to the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. The story of his life has impacted humanity to its core. To revere this day the students & teachers of Modern Public Academy held a special

assembly to commemorate the Mahatma Gandhi's life & teaching on Tuesday. The staff & students of the school paid floral tribute to Gandhi on his birth anniversary.

In this function many students participated with great zeal & enthusiasm. A well disciplined rally went out from school premises to the Namasthal Poonch. Many

students participated holding banners with a photo of Gandhi along with one of the peace message.

A beautiful short drama was performed by the kindergarten students, many speeches ,dance ,song were performed by the students. At last Principal Manju Sharma delivered a short speech about the India that Mahatma Gandhi dreamt of.

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