

DC Rajouri reviews efforts against drug trafficking under Nasha Mukht Abhiyan

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RAJOURI: In a determined effort to combat drug trafficking and implement the Nasha Mukht Abhiyan, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, chaired a crucial meeting of the Narco Coordination Centre Committee in the Conference Hall, DC Office Rajouri.

The meeting focused on multi-faceted strategies to curb the menace of drugs in the district through enhanced surveillance, awareness programs, and enforcement measures.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Drug Inspector to share a tehsil-wise list of all pharmaceutical shops operating within the district. In addition, he was tasked with providing a draft checklist of essential



DC Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma chairing a meeting.

requirements for the opening and operation of pharmaceutical shops, which would be circulated to all Additional Deputy Commissioners (ADCs). ADCs shall conduct thor-

ough physical verifications of these establishments within their jurisdictions and submit compliance reports.

As part of the district-wide effort, the Deputy

Commissioner emphasized the need for random checks at key entry points to Rajouri, ensuring that no illegal substances are smuggled into the district. He also highlighted the importance of extending these checks to remote areas, such as Khawas, to ensure a uniform enforcement of anti-drug policies.

The Programme Officer, ICDS, was instructed to organize comprehensive awareness campaigns in collaboration with Supervisors and Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs), with a calendar of training programs to be issued to ensure widespread coverage of the anti-drug message.

The Chief Education Officer was directed to conduct surprise inspections in and around high schools and high-

er secondary schools, particularly targeting street vendors for possible involvement in drug peddling. Complaint boxes will be installed near educational institutions, and Parent-Teacher Meetings will be organized to engage families in the fight against drug abuse.

Law enforcement agencies, particularly the police, were instructed to intensify their efforts, with a focus on increasing seizures and detentions related to drug trafficking.

The meeting was attended by ADC Rajouri Rajiv Khajuria, Additional SP Bikram Kumar, DPO ICDS, ACD, ACR, SDM, CEO, DSWO, DIO, ARTO, ETO, and representatives from the Anti-Terrorism Force (ATF), Drug De-addiction Centre, and other district officers.

DC Reasi chairs DLCC meeting to review implementation of NTCP

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REASI: A Meeting of District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan at VC Hall of DC Office Complex which focused on discussing the implementation of the National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) in Reasi.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted that Reasi is the only District to ban tobacco in Katra subdivision covering a radius of 8 km. DC further emphasized that we must ensure that our educational institutions are free from tobacco influence, and this begins with the implementation. He instructed authorities to ban selling of tobacco within a 100 meter radius of education institutions and asked them to issue a circular.

DC said that designated



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teams and authorities will challan offenders in DC Office, bus stand, health institution as tobacco use is a major public health concern that requires coordinated efforts from all sectors of society.

He also highlighted that unlicensed vendors contribute significantly to the accessibility of tobacco products, especially among youth.

He said that a robust strategy for vendor licensing is crucial. "We need to involve all stakeholders, including law

enforcement, health officials, and the community, to ensure compliance and reduce the availability of tobacco products" DC said.

He also stressed the need for regular enforcement drives and continuous awareness campaigns at all levels to educate the public about the dangers of tobacco use.

The meeting was attended by Dy. SP Neeraj Padyar, CMO Mohd Ashraf Kohli, BDO Arti, ALC, DIO and officials from various departments.

GDC Marheen promotes Dogra culture



Dignitaries visiting the Dogra stalls during the event.

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MAHREEN: GDC Marheen promotes Dogra Culture by celebrating five days long activities on the theme of "Panj Din, Panj Rangh, Dogra Sanskriti Sangh". The event was organized and supervised by the Department of Dogri in collaboration with IQAC and Cultural Committee. Opening ceremony of the whole event was inaugurated with the college decoration and by displaying different items related with dogra Virasat such as Platy, shiku, dharat, rongli datan, behni, chhajj, bhari, pakhi, madani, ramal, chati,

chakki, tarakadhi, tumbhi, kunda-danda, manja, tokri etc. Moreover, a documentary was displayed depicting the spiritual philosophy and ideology of Baba Jitto, a Duggar Hero, to the staff and students of college. The event was organized under the patronage of Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta. In her address, she highlighted the importance of such events in raising awareness among students about dogra traditions, language and cuisine. She not only cherished the cultural tradition but also reinforce the importance of preserving the unique her-

itage of the Dogra Community for future generation.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from students as they showcase their creativity by decorating the college wall by making Guddiyan, flowers and wall hangers with colorful papers.

The whole event was managed by Prof. Sandeep Chaudhary (Convener) and Dr. Shallu Rani (HOD, Department of Dogri), Dr. Arun Dev Singh, Prof. Anoop Sharma, Dr. Munisha Devi, Prof. Manu Saini also guided the students for their active participation.

GLDM GDC Hiranagar completes Investigative Research Skills Workshop on Cultural Resource Mapping

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HIRANAGAR: In a noteworthy academic and cultural initiative, GLDM Government Degree College (GDC), Hiranagar, has successfully concluded a 15-day Investigative Research Skills Workshop focused on "Cultural Resource Mapping of Hiranagar Block," in partnership with the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), Jammu Chapter.

This workshop was designed to equip students and faculty with essential investigative research techniques, emphasizing the importance of mapping the rich cultural resources of the region. Participants received practical training in identifying and documenting local heritage, including historical monuments, traditions, and community practices. Such mapping is vital for the conservation of both tangible and intangible cultural assets, ensuring that future generations can appreciate



Speakers being honoured during the programme.

and protect the diverse heritage of Hiranagar. The collaboration with INTACH underscored the significance of cultural preservation and active community involvement.

Throughout the workshop, participants explored a variety of topics that highlighted the cultural wealth of the Hiranagar Block. They learned advanced methodologies for locating and recording historical sites, delved into the architectural significance of local monuments such as forts and temples, and investigated the customs and traditions of nearby communities. Additionally,

they focused on documenting unique artisanal traditions, including handicrafts and handloom heritage, while also considering ecological factors that contribute to the region's cultural landscape. Culinary heritage was another focal point, with discussions on local dishes linked to specific events or seasons.

Under the leadership of Mr. S.M. Sahni, Convener of INTACH Jammu Chapter, the workshop aimed to equip participants with the necessary skills to document and preserve Hiranagar's rich cultural heritage. Dr. Pragya Khanna, Principal of GLDM GDC Hiranagar, played a

pivotal role in the program's success, with a dedicated team of faculty members, including Prof. Bindu Sharma, Prof. Rakesh Sharma, Prof. Bhavna Jamwal, Prof. Vijay Kumar, and Prof. Ganga Sharma, ensuring the event ran smoothly.

A significant aspect of the workshop was the active involvement of 35 students, who undertook fieldwork in designated areas of Hiranagar. After conducting thorough research, they prepared detailed reports that underwent a rigorous review process. The finalized reports, highlighting

key cultural resources, will be submitted to INTACH to inform future conservation initiatives. Participants also benefited from the insights of leading heritage experts, including Dr. C.M. Seth (IFS Retd.), who shared his knowledge on environmental and heritage conservation, along with contributions from Mr. Kirpal Singh, Mr. A.K. Kapoor, Mr. Arvind Kotwal, Dr. Rohini (Assistant Director, Department of Handicrafts & Handloom, Hiranagar), and Ms. Isha, a volunteer with INTACH.

This event not only enhanced the research skills of the students but also fostered a deeper awareness of the importance of preserving local heritage, marking a vital step in community-driven conservation efforts.

The initiative at GLDM GDC Hiranagar exemplifies a commitment to safeguarding the cultural fabric of the region, ensuring it thrives for generations to come.

Awareness lecture on career opportunities in field of music held at GCW Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: In order to create awareness among the students, the Music Department of Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur organized an awareness lecture on the topic "Career Opportunities in the Field of Music" under the supervision of Head of the Music Department, Dr. Seema Sharma. The programme was organized under the guidance of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Nalini Pathania.

Resource Person of the programme, Mr. Yash Kumar, Assistant Professor in Music Department of Music GCW Udhampur.

Dr. Seema Sharma encouraged the students to participate in such employment opportunities in the field of



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

music. HoD Music said that to make a career in the field of music, you will have to learn music with great dedication and only by acquiring knowledge of music, you can make a good career in the field of music.

Yash Kumar aware the students about the various job

opportunities available in the field of music. He said that the field of music has opened up many career avenues. He informed that one can become a musician or a performance artist or even a music teacher. And while we all understand the importance of music education, the

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youth of today need to be made aware of these options available in the field of music, he added.

Resource Person said that the options for a person who wishes to pursue a career in music are endless. Here are some broad categories in which one can pursue a career such as Musician/Performing Artist, Individual Singer/Band Member, Musical Instrument Player in any capacity including Brass, Percussion, Wind, Strings or Keyboard and Composer.

He said that there are many other fields in music in which one can make a career, like music teacher in government and private school, band/choir/orchestra, private music instructor etc.

Yash Kumar also added that another very popular area of career opportunity in the field of music is in the field of Radio/TV/Film - you can be a Radio Jockey/Video Jockey/Disc Jockey, Music Editor, Music Director, Audio Producer apart from Music Therapist, Lyricist/Composer, Music Critic and Music Journalist etc.

The proceedings of the programme were initiated by Youshika Kumari a student of Semester 5th.

At the end the formal vote of thanks was given by Dr. Shallu Jasrotia Assistant Professor of music while Anita Sharma, Karunra Majotra and large number students were also present on the occasion.

GDC Kathua felicitates cadet Mohit Knathia for completing Pre Everest mountaineering expedition

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KATHUA: In a proud moment for Government Degree College Kathua, Cadet Mohit Knathia of 4 JK NCC BN, Jammusuccessfully completed Pre Everest NCC Boys and Girls mountaineering expedition at Chamoli, Uttarakhand and got further selected for month long Mountaineering course going to be held at Siachen Battle School.

Prof. Seema Mir, Esteemed Principal of the college felicitated the NCC cadet at a ceremony held in college campus for his commendable achievement. On this occasion, she said we are immensely proud of our NCC cadet for his exceptional performance and unwavering dedication that have brought laurels not only to the



college but also to the entire region.

It is pertinent to mention that the NCC Cadet Mohit Knathia before reaching this feat completed the basic Mountaineering Course at Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling where he got selected as Best student of the course and was further selected for All India Mountaineering Expedition Mount Kanh Yaste-II, Ladakh where he was awarded with

DG NCC Commendation.

The principal congratulated the NCC Officer Lt (Dr) Daya Ram for his hard work and dedication due to which the NCC cadet registered such a big achievement. The senior faculty members, Prof. R.K. Pandita, Prof. Neelam Bhagat, Dr. Dinesh Jasrotia, Dr. Ram Singh, Dr. Rajesh K. Manhas, Dr. Yash Paul Sharma and other faculty members also graced the occasion with their presence.

GDC Mahanpur participates in Inter-college Competition during Basohli Festival 2024

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MAHANPUR: GDC Mahanpur participated in the Inter-college Competition organized during Basohli Festival from 10th to 12th of October, 2024. The competition was one of the series of events during three-day mega Basohli Festival 2024. The Inter-college Competition comprised of four major events between three



Winner students along with dignitaries and organisers.

Colleges i.e. GDC Mahanpur, GDC Billawar and GDC Basohli. The four events were Essay Writing Competition, Shloka Recitation Competition, Story telling Competition and Painting Competition were organised.

The students of GDC Mahanpur participated in all the four events. Monika Sharma (3rd semester), Meenakshi Devi (3rd semester), Jyoti Devi (3rd semester), Megha (1st semester), Priti Sumbria (3rd semes-

ter), Sheetal Bhadwal (1st semester), Ashish Sharma (1st semester) and Arjun Singh (1st semester) were the students who participated in the four events. The students of all the three Colleges participated with great enthusiasm. Jyoti Devi (3rd semester) of the College emerged as the winner of the Storytelling Competition. Moreover, Priti Sumbria (3rd semester) took the second position in Essay Writing Competition and Monika Sharma (3rd semester) stood

3rd in the Shloka Recitation Competition. The Prize distribution Ceremony took place on 12th of October, 2024 where all the winners of the four events were felicitated by the dignitaries. The faculty members who participated as Jury members in the Competition during Basohli Festival were Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan and Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia. Other faculty members who participated in the Competition during Basohli Festival were Ms. Nisha and Dr. Sapna.

KVK Kathua organises workshop on mushroom cultivation

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KATHUA: A weeklong workshop on mushroom cultivation was inaugurated at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kathua SKUAST-JAMMU under ARYA-Project under the able guidance of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Amrisha Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu. The workshop was organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kathua in collaboration with Govt Degree College women Kathua. The Principal of GDCW Kathua Dr. Savi Behl was the chief guest of the event. She urged the students to adopt the new scientific technologies for mushroom cultivation. She acknowledge the efforts of scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra for generating employment and enhancing the sustainable livelihood of rural youth specially for women by establishing low cost mushroom production



KVK official imparting awareness.

units. Total of Forty students participated in the weeklong workshop.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vishal Mahajan, Chief Scientist and Head, KVK Kathua emphasized upon mushroom unit to improve livelihood security of the need youth and adoption of mushroom cultivation as an enterprise based approval for development of Mushroom sector. He elaborated the objective behind organization of weeklong workshop on mushroom cul-

tivation.

Dr. Anamika Jamwal, Chief, Scientist, Plant Protection and CO-PI of ARYA Project emphasised upon the scientific methods for cultivations of year round mushroom. She briefs the students about cultivation methods for different types of mushroom like White Button, Dhingri and Milky mushroom. She also discussed about health benefits, processing and how to run a mushroom production unit. She also shared her

previous experience of working related to mushroom enterprise. The students expressed keen interest and enthusiasm towards the workshop.

Dr. Khushboo Sharma Assistant Professor Zoology gave the feedback report for the technical session. Prof. Yash Paul, the Head of Botany Department, expressed gratitude to scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra for their jointly collaboration in organising the weeklong workshop. The programme was attended by Prof. Manjot Singh Head Department of zoology, Dr. Richa Bharti, Dr. Akriti Gupta, and Dr. Abdul Ghani., Dr. Khushboo Sharma, Dr. Renu Gupta. (GDCW, Kathua). Others scientists who witnessed the Programme were Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat, Dr. Vishal Sharma, Amit Kumar, Sushant Sharma.

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