

DM Reasi calls for scaling up vigil against drug abuse, trafficking

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REASI: District Magistrate Reasi Nidhi Malik chaired the meeting of District level Narco Coordination Committee meeting at the DC Office Complex. The meeting was attended by senior functionaries from Police, Excise, Education, Health and other line departments to deliberate on strategies aimed at strengthening efforts against drug abuse and illicit trafficking in the district.

The District Magistrate took a comprehensive review of ongoing anti-narcotics measures, awareness campaigns and enforcement actions undertaken by the stakeholder departments.

Reviewing the intelligence gathering and trends of drug trafficking, SSP Paramvir Singh informed the DM that the Police have constituted an Anti-Drug Squad to tighten noose around the perpetrators of drug trafficking and substance abuse.

The DM directed the Police



District Magistrate Reasi Nidhi Malik chairing meeting on Tuesday.

Department to intensify vigilance, especially in identified hotspots. She also reviewed the status of NDPS cases and instructed the prosecution to pursue the cases strongly.

Further, the DM emphasized the need to strictly enforce the ban on the sale of tobacco within 100 meters of educational institutions, directing concerned departments to ensure compliance with related laws. The DFO Reasi informed that poppy crops were destroyed in the

Thakrakote and Pouni areas as part of the ongoing enforcement drive.

The District Magistrate also directed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to prepare a detailed report of individuals undergoing de-addiction treatment and ensure proper follow-up and rehabilitation. She instructed the Health Department to procure and distribute drug testing kits among blocks, schools and colleges as per requirement to strengthen preventive efforts.

DM Malik also reviewed the IEC activities under the Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan being implemented by stakeholder departments and educational institutions to spread awareness about the ill effects of drug abuse. She directed officers to intensify awareness camps and ensure coverage of all areas of the district.

The DM also reviewed steps taken for the declaration of schools and colleges as Tobacco-Free Zones under the TOFEI guide-

lines. The CEO informed that ZEOs and colleges have submitted the required certificates.

The DM further instructed the Assistant Drug Controller to conduct regular inspections of medical establishments across the district. He informed that licenses of two establishments have been suspended for different violations. The DM further emphasized to enforce directions regarding installation of CCTV cameras and the computerized billing system at all medical shops to enhance transparency and accountability.

The DM also directed the CMO to closely monitor the process of establishing the Addiction Treatment Facility (ATF) in the district and expedite its execution. Among others present in the meeting were PO POSHAN Surdershan Kumar, ACD, CMO, CEO, DSWO, Tehsildars and other senior officers were present at the meeting.

SSP Ramban encourages women trainees at SBI RSETI's certificate distribution event



SSP Arun Gupta along with officials and trainees posing for photograph.

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RAMBAN: The State Bank of India Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI RSETI), Ramban today organized a Certificate Distribution Ceremony for the pass out trainees of the Women's Tailoring and Beauty Parlor Training Programmes. The event marked the culmination of intensive skill development courses aimed at empowering rural women through self-employment opportunities and sustainable livelihood generation. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Arun Gupta was the Chief Guest. In his address, he congratulated the trainees for successfully completing their respective training programmes and urged them to utilize their newly acquired skills to become self-reliant and contribute positively to society. He further encouraged the women participants to serve as role models, inspiring other girls to pursue vocational education and embrace self-reliant livelihoods. "Skill is the true strength of a person; by using your knowledge

and talent effectively, you can bring a positive change not only in your family but also in your community," the SSP remarked.

Earlier, the Director RSETI S. Harvinder Singh, briefed the Chief Guest about the diverse range of training programmes offered by the institute to promote employability and entrepreneurship in rural areas. He also apprised the participants about credit linkage support and post-training assistance available through SBI and government-sponsored schemes for establishing income-generating ventures.

The event was hosted by Course Coordinator Amrik Singh Raju, who outlined the objectives of the training programmes and highlighted RSETI's mission of fostering skill development, entrepreneurship and financial independence among rural youth and women.

The ceremony concluded with the signature RSETI Claps, symbolizing unity, enthusiasm and commitment to the cause of self-employment and women empowerment.

Doda Police organizes seminar on ‘role of police in nation building’

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DODA: Continuing its outreach and awareness initiatives under the Civic Action Programme (CAP), and on the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police Doda, Sandeep Mehta (JKPS), Doda Police today organised a seminar on the theme "Role of Police in Nation Building" at Government Degree College Doda.

The event was organised under the supervision of Additional SP Headquarters Doda, Mohd Aslam, and DySP Headquarters Doda, Ajay Anand. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and officers from District Police Doda. The seminar aimed to highlight the multifaceted role of police in ensuring public order, promoting justice, and contributing to the overall development and unity of the nation.

Speaking on the occasion, the resource persons from Doda Police deliberated on how the police act as the first line of defence in maintaining peace and har-



Dignitaries during the programme at GDC Doda.

mony, preventing crime, and assisting citizens in times of need. They emphasized that modern policing is not limited to enforcement but also involves community partnership, public trust, and youth engagement for a better and safer society.

Students also shared their views and interacted with the officers, appreciating the efforts of police in maintaining social order and upholding the values of democracy. Certificates of participation

were presented to the participating students as a token of encouragement.

The Principal, Government Degree College Doda, extended gratitude to Doda Police for initiating such informative and interactive programmes that bridge the gap between police and the public, especially the youth.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and a pledge to continue such awareness activities across various educational institutions of the district.

IRP-19th Bn accords welcome to Bharat Darshan tour contingent

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KATHUA: I R P - 19th Bn. Kathua accorded welcome and enthusiastic felicitation to a group of 34 students from Govt. Hr. Sec. School Jakhbar, Govt. Upper Primary School Sherpur and Govt. Upper Primary School Badala of District Kathua accompanied by eight faculty members and staff of this unit, who returned today after successfully completing the Bharat Darshan Tour organized under the Civic Action Programme.

The contingent, who toured various parts of the country from 24th to 28th October, 2025, visited places of historical and cultural significance including Delhi, Mathura, Vrindavan, and Agra.

The group was received by



DIG IRP Range Jammu Vinod Kumar felicitating student.

Vinod Kumar, DIG IRP Range Jammu, who, along with Atul Sharma, Commandant IRP-19th Bn, Rajinder Singh Rahi-SP, Dy.CO and other officers and officials of the unit, welcomed them at the Battalion Headquarters.

While interacting with the students, the DIG congrat-

ulated them for availing the opportunity to explore different regions of the country and appreciate its rich cultural heritage. The students, while sharing their experiences, expressed joy and gratitude to the J&K Police for organizing the tour and providing them with a platform for learning

beyond classrooms.

The participants described the tour as a memorable and enriching experience that boosted their confidence, broadened their horizons, and enhanced their understanding of the nation's heritage and diversity.

After the interaction, the students and staff members were presented with participation certificates along with chocolates as a token of appreciation. The event was followed by a lunch and a group photograph with the officers and participants.

A vote of thanks was presented by the CO IRP-19th Bn, who extended his best wishes to the students and teachers for their bright and successful future ahead.

GDC Bani starts 7-day Youth Leadership & Training Programme with AoL

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BANI: The Government Degree College (GDC) Bani inaugurated the second phase of the 7-Day Youth Leadership and Training Programme (YLTP) in collaboration with The Art of Living (AoL) Foundation, aiming to empower students with leadership skills, emotional resilience, and holistic well-being. The programme will continue till November 3, 2025.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by the Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Manohar Lal, Principal of GDC Bani, and Pradhyun Attri (JKAS), Tehsildar Bani, in the presence of college faculty and students. This marks the second YLTP camp organized by the college, fol-



A resource person delivering lecture.

lowing the positive response and success of the first camp held in July 2025.

In his address, Tehsildar Pradhyun Attri, who also participated in the first day's activities, appreciated the college's efforts in introducing value-based leader-

ship programmes to the youth of this hilly region. He remarked that such initiatives play a vital role in nurturing responsible, confident, and community-oriented youth leaders.

The training sessions are being conducted under the

guidance of Yoginder Singh Yogi, an experienced faculty member from The Art of Living Foundation, who will facilitate interactive sessions, leadership exercises, and the Sudarshan Kriya-a powerful breathing technique known for enhancing mental clarity and emotional stability.

Welcoming the participants, Principal Dr. Manohar Lal expressed gratitude to The Art of Living Foundation and the dignitaries present. He emphasized the college's ongoing commitment to holistic education, leadership development, and community engagement, encouraging students to make the most of this transformative experience.

The programme is being coordinated by Dr. J.S. Soodan, Physical Director, along with the organizing committee comprising Dr. Resham Singh, Dr. Narinder Kumar, Prof. Akash Zutshi, Prof. Vishab Thappa, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Nisha Devi, Mr. Raechpal Sharma, Himanshu Sharma, Dr. Sartaj Aziz, Dr. Firdoos Ahmed, Dr. Mulkh Raj, Dr. Farooq Ahmed War, and Mudsir Ahmed.

Throughout the week, participants will engage in sessions on leadership, stress management, self-awareness, and community building through experiential learning, fostering teamwork, social responsibility, and inner balance.

Vigilance Awareness Week: ACB organises sensitization event

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UDHAMPUR: As part of the ongoing Vigilance Awareness Week, an awareness session was today organized by the Anti-Corruption Bureau in collaboration with the District Administration Udhampur to sensitize functionaries of the Health Department and members of civil society about the anti-corruption laws, working of ACB and significance of transparency and accountability in public service.

Principal Government



Officials taking pledge during the programme.

Medical College Udhampur Dr Pramod Kalsotra was the Chief Guest.

At the outset, Dy. SP Gurmeet Singh gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on corruption and its adverse impact on society. He sensitized the participants about the functioning of the Anti-Corruption Bureau and urged everyone to refrain from being part of any corrupt practice. He further emphasized the importance of collective responsibility in eradicating corruption from society.

While addressing the gathering, the chief guest extended gratitude to the Anti-Corruption Bureau

for organizing the awareness programme and lauded the efforts made to promote transparency and accountability. He underlined the pivotal role of education in inculcating moral and ethical values among individuals, stressing that integrity must be upheld in both personal and professional spheres. He exhorted all officers and officials to work with dedication, honesty and fairness, ensuring transparency and accountability in public service.

The Principal GMC administered the Integrity Pledge to the officers and officials, who vowed to

uphold the principles of integrity, transparency, accountability and fairness in their professional conduct. Several other speakers also shared their views on the objectives of Vigilance Awareness Week, highlighting the need for moral integrity and the crucial role of government employees in eliminating corruption from all walks of life.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Sangeeta Slathia, who expressed gratitude to all participants for their active involvement and support in making the event successful.

IAS Anmol Rathore visits Directorate of Agriculture Jammu

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JAMMU: Anmol Rathore, IAS, visited the Directorate of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo, Jammu. During her visit, she interacted with the officers of the department and took an overview of the ongoing schemes and initiatives being implemented for the welfare of farmers in the Jammu Division.

The Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Jammu Anil Gupta briefed Ms. Rathore about the departmental activities, progress under various schemes and the technological interventions being adopted to enhance productivity and income of farming communities.

Joint Director Agriculture (Extension) Sanjay Anand; Joint Director Agriculture (SLUB/Farms) Aman Jyoti Sharma; Agriculture Chemist Vinod Kumar Sharma; Agronomist (VIS) Jammu Vikas Padha; Mushroom Development Officer (MDO) Jammu



Anmol Rathore, visiting Directorate of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

Raghubir Pal Kochar, Chief Agriculture Officer Jammu Manohar Lal Sharma besides senior officers and staff of the department were also present.

During the visit, Ms. Rathore assessed the Soil Testing Laboratory, Pesticide Testing Laboratory and Fertilizer Testing Laboratory, where Agriculture Chemist Vinod Kumar Sharma explained in detail the functioning and ongoing activities of the laboratories.

Ms. Rathore keenly observed the laboratory

operations and appreciated the dedicated work being carried out for maintaining the quality of agricultural inputs provided to farmers.

Later, she visited the Vegetable Improvement Scheme, where she examined the Hi-Tech Polyhouse, Glass House, Naturally Ventilated Polyhouse (NVPH) and Floriculture Nurseries.

Agronomist Vikas Padha briefed her about the activities undertaken under the VIS including seedling production, crop demonstrations and farmer bene-

fit programs. Ms. Rathore was apprised of how seedlings raised in the Hi-Tech Polyhouse reach farmers and contribute to enhancing productivity and profitability.

She also visited the upcoming Centre of Excellence (CoE) site and went through the ongoing construction and development works. The officers briefed her about the objectives and future benefits of the Centre in promoting advanced agricultural technologies.

Subsequently, Ms. Rathore visited the Pasteurizing Unit, Mushroom Controlled Cropping Unit, and Spawn Production Laboratory, where MDO Raghubir Pal Kochar apprised her of the functioning and technical aspects of mushroom cultivation and spawn production. Ms. Rathore appreciated the comprehensive efforts of the department in promoting diversified and sustainable agricultural activities across Jammu Division.

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