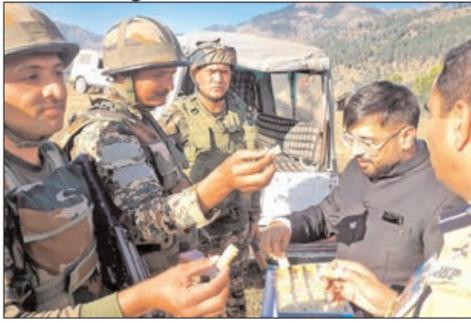


Rajouri admin celebrates Diwali with Army Jawans near LOC

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: In a heartfelt gesture to honor the dedication of the nation's armed forces, Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma and Senior Superintendent of Police Randeep Kumar celebrated Diwali with army jawans stationed near the Line of Control (LOC) in Rajouri district.

The visit aimed to express gratitude for the soldiers' relentless commitment to safeguarding the nation, especially as they serve in challenging conditions far from their families.

The DC and SSP, joined by other senior officers, conveyed their appreciation to the jawans for their unwavering dedication and sacrifice. As part of the celebrations,



DC Abhishek Sharma and SSP Randeep Kumar celebrating Diwali with army jawans.

they presented sweets, which symbolized both the festive spirit of Diwali and the profound respect the administration and the community hold for the army. The event was marked by an atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie, as the officials interacted with the jawans, exchanging greetings and sharing stories of strength and resilience.

Addressing the soldiers, DC Abhishek Sharma commended their role in main-

taining peace and security along the borders, emphasizing the sense of pride and respect the entire nation holds for them. "Diwali symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, and you, our brave soldiers, embody this spirit by ensuring peace and safety for our country. Celebrating this festival with you today is our small way of expressing our deep gratitude for your service and sacrifice," he said.

SSP Randeep Kumar echoed the same sentiments, acknowledging the tireless efforts of the army personnel stationed in high-risk areas. "Your unwavering commitment to duty, even on festive occasions, reminds us of the immense sacrifices you make for the country. It is an honor for us to stand beside

you and celebrate Diwali, reinforcing the bond of trust and solidarity that exists between the army and the people of Rajouri," he remarked.

The visit by the district officials was met with enthusiasm by the jawans, who expressed appreciation for the thoughtful gesture. The exchange of sweets, greetings, and well-wishes served as a reminder of the strong connection between the civilian administration and the armed forces.

The district administration, in collaboration with the police, ensured that the spirit of Diwali reached those who safeguard the nation, reaffirming their commitment to supporting the army and boosting the morale of the jawans on the frontlines.

ABVP Kishtwar celebrates Diwali with security forces

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: In a heartwarming gesture, the ABVP Kishtwar unit celebrated Diwali with the local security forces, honoring their dedication and service to the nation. This special celebration aimed to acknowledge the sacrifices made by the armed personnel, who spend festivals away from their families to ensure the safety and peace of the region.

During the event, Vinay Aryan, ABVP Kishtwar City Secretary, addressed the gathering, expressing deep gratitude to the security forces. He emphasized the critical role these personnel play in maintaining security in the area, especially during festive occasions when their absence from their families is most felt.

Vinay Aryan stated, "It is



ABVP members celebrating Diwali with army jawans.

our duty to show respect and appreciation for our brave security forces. Their unwavering dedication is an inspiration for us all, and celebrating Diwali with them is a small way of expressing our gratitude for their sacrifices."

The event included lighting diyas, distributing sweets, and exchanging greetings, creating a warm and festive atmosphere that underscored the unity between civilians and the security forces in Kishtwar. ABVP Kishtwar remains committed to supporting and honoring the contributions of those who safeguard the nation, especially during moments that bring communities together in celebration and gratitude.

DC, SSP inspect patient-care status at GMC Doda

STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Mohammad Aslam conducted a thorough inspection of the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital Doda.

This visit aimed to review the hospital's preparedness, assess its facilities, and ensure the highest standards of healthcare for the community.



DC Harvinder Singh Mohammad Aslam during visit to GMC Doda.

During the inspection, the DC and SSP Doda closely examined the emergency ward, assessed the availability of critical facilities, cleanliness standards, and staff readiness to manage emergencies effectively. A key highlight of the visit was the emphasis on maintaining patient privacy in the labour room, with strict entry restrictions for men to safeguard patient dignity and comfort.

The inspection extended to vital areas such as the sweeper room, staff quarters, and doctors' duty stations, ensuring that all facilities are operating at optimal levels. This

review is part of the administration's ongoing commitment to providing quality healthcare services at GMC Doda.

Later, DC Harvinder Singh, accompanied by SSP Mohammad Aslam and the Principal GMC held a meeting with the Doctors and staff members at OPD Block. The discussion centered on addressing pressing issues such as parking facilities for doctors and patients, enhancing overall patient care, and addressing staff needs to improve operational efficiency.

The administration reaffirmed its commitment to teamwork, hygiene, and operational efficiency as essential pillars of dependable and accessible healthcare.

KVK Reasi organises training programme on natural farming

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies of Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised training programme on natural farming here at Talwara village in Reasi dist. of J&K which was actively attended by a number of farmers of the area. The programme was organized under the dynamic leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N. Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrith Vaid of SKUAST-J. The major objective of the programme was to develop skill among the farmers on natural farming and guide them on the multiple beneficial aspects of natural farming.

Chief Scientist and Head of KVK Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal



KVK scientist guiding farmers.

spoke in detail on natural farming and elucidated the benefits of adoption of natural farming. He said that natural farming balances the agro-ecological system and highlighted the safe food and nutritional security. He emphasised on the need to shift conventional farming to natural farming so as to safeguard biodiversity and environment. He guided farmers on the significance of soil

promotion of natural farming in the area. He said that the use of natural farming helps to reduce the cost of crops production by eliminating the use of artificial fertilizers and chemical pesticides. He discussed in detail on biodiversity, soil regeneration and water conservation. He also guided farmers on the packaging and marketing of natural farming produce. A field visit of organic vegetables and spices growers was also arranged during the programme. Farmers showed keen interest in the technologies explained by the KVK, Reasi scientist and they were convinced to adopt them. The programme was assisted by Sh. Manohar Lal and concluded by Dr. Banarsi Lal with the formal vote of thanks.

Sunderbani Congress pays tributes to Indira Gandhi

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SUNDERBANI: Floral tributes were paid to late prime minister Smt. Indira Gandhi ji on her 40th martyrdom day today at block Congress HQ Sunder Bani by the congress activists.

A function was held here today which was attended by large number of Congress workers in which rich tributes were paid to Smt Indira Gandhi, the Iron Lady of India. The speakers recalled her great contributions for the country and the creation of Bangladesh.

The speakers also remembered Sardar Patel the first Deputy Prime Minister & Home Minister & recalled his great contributions.

Two minutes silence was observed to pray for peace to the departed souls.

The function was presided by Block President N C Sharma and attended by several senior leaders. Ajit Singh Dwarka Nath Sharma, principal Vijay Damaral, Puran Chand Capt Joginder Singh, Chuni Lal Sharma, Om Parkash Sharma, Ashwani Kumar, Nobat Ram, Sanjeev Sharma, Tilak Raj, Tej Ram, Kesho Ram & several others.

DC Udhampur extends Diwali greetings to people

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: On the eve of Diwali, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, extended greetings to the residents of Udhampur District for celebrating the joyous and auspicious festival of Diyas.

In a message, the Deputy Commissioner conveyed her warmest greetings and good wishes to one & all adding "May this festival of lights illuminate our lives with joy, prosperity and unity".

Saroori Visits Kuchal, urges special relief package for fire victims

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: Former Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, G. M Saroori, visited the village of Kuchal to meet families who suffered significant losses in a devastating fire incident on October 29. The tragedy resulted in the complete destruction of four residential houses and a local shop, leaving the affected families without shelter and essential belongings.

Saroori expressed deep concern for their welfare and pledged his support in seeking aid for their immediate recovery.

During his visit, Saroori urged the government to release a special relief package to assist the fami-



Former Minister G. M Saroori interacting with fire victims.

lies in rebuilding their homes. Emphasizing the need for prompt action, he appealed to the administration to provide financial assistance that would enable the victims to reconstruct their residences without delay. Saroori noted that such support is critical in alleviating the suffering of those who have lost their homes and livelihoods.

In addition to advocating for relief funds, Saroori raised alarm over the rising frequency of fire incidents in the region, which have caused significant

loss of property. He called on the Omar Abdullah-led alliance government to implement enhanced safety measures to prevent future tragedies and protect vulnerable communities. Saroori stressed the importance of establishing preventative protocols and ensuring rapid response capabilities in fire-prone areas.

The former minister also highlighted the need for a dedicated compensation mechanism for victims of fire incidents, underscoring that adequate relief can provide the affected families with a renewed sense of security. Local residents expressed gratitude for Saroori's visit and his efforts to bring their concerns to the attention of the government.

Martyr captain Tushar Trust, Civil Society accord welcome to Shagun Parihar

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UDHAMPUR: Martyr captain Tushar memorial trust and Udhampur Civil Society accorded an enthusiastic welcome to Sushri Shagun Sharma newly elected Member legislative assembly from Kishtwar on his arrival here at Udhampur.

Shagun was received by Trust Chairman Dev Raj Gupta, Satish Chopra, Arun Gupta, Shewatketu Singh Jamwal, Ranjit Parihar, Pardeep Bakshi, Dr Vikram Gulati, Pritam Singh Kotwal, Parvesh Kumar Raj kumar Raghav sharma, Paras Ram and Swami Raj. Parihar also visited Aap Shambu temple at Devika and offered her prayers along with other peoples.

Trust and civil society members presented bou-



quet and shall to Mla speaking on the occasion. Speakers said that Shagun Parihar, at just 29 years old, has emerged as the youngest winner of the 2024 Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections. Her victory in Kishtwar, a district often plagued by militancy, carries profound personal significance. They added Shagun's journey into politics is marked by tragedy. Her father, Ajit Parihar, a BJP functionary, and her

GDC Kathua celebrates National Unity Day



NCC cadets along with faculty members during the event.

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KATHUA: NCC Armed Units of Government Degree College Kathua organized various activities on the eve of Rashtriya Ekta Divas under the guidance of Prof Seema Mir principal of the college and under the supervision of Dr. Pinkey, CTO 2 J&K NCC Girls Bn and Lt. (Dr.) Daya Ram, ANO 4 J&K NCC Bn of the College.

Prof. Seema Mir, Principal of the College said that Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is regarded as Unifier of India and his relentless efforts in integrating princely states into a united and independent India have earned him a revered place in the history of India. The events started with Pledge taking ceremony in which all the cadets along with various staff members took part with great enthusiasm. The Rashtriya Ekta Divas pledge was administered in Hindi by Cadet Inderjeet and in English by Cadet Payal. After the Pledge, a Unity Run was undertaken in the college campus which was flagged off by the senior faculty members specifically by Prof. Sanjeev Gupta, Dr. RK Manhas and Dr. Yash Paul Sharma. The Unity Run was followed by a Dedication ceremony which was held in the Smart room of the college. Cadets namely Danisha Devi, Nitika, Diksha Sharma, Saloni Jasrotia and Ruby spoke on this occasion and highlighted Patel's vision for a united India and his relentless efforts in promoting national integrity. They discussed how his principles of cooperation and unity continue to inspire generations, encouraging everyone to work together for the nation's progress. The event served as a reminder of the values Patel stood for and the importance of fostering unity in today's diverse society.

Three-day training programme for CPIOs concludes

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: The three-day training program for Central Public Information Officers (CPIOs) concluded today with a valedictory ceremony at the Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy (SKPA), Udhampur. The program, which focused on enhancing transparency and accountability in governance, was organized at SKPA Udhampur.

A total of 20 officers including SPs, Sr. Prosecuting Officer, & Dy.SP.s from the Jammu and Kashmir Police participated in this insightful training, which aimed to



Participant officer receiving certificate.

equip CPIOs with the knowledge and skills necessary for the effective

implementation of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005. The program addressed key challenges and highlighted best practices for handling RTI applications and disclosures.

In his valedictory address, Shri Rajinder Kumar Gupta commended the participants for their dedication to promoting transparency and empowering citizens through the RTI framework. He emphasized the critical role of CPIOs in ensuring access to information and fostering public trust in government institutions.

In his concluding remarks, Rajinder Kumar Gupta praised the proactive engagement of the

participants and encouraged them to continue their efforts to promote openness and accountability in governance. He expressed the commitment to fostering a transparent and accountable governance system through continuous capacity-building initiatives.

Certificates of participation were distributed to all attendees, followed by a vote of thanks from Shri Rajinder Kumar Gupta, who extended his gratitude to the trainers, speakers, and participants for their valuable contributions to the success of the program.

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GDC Thannamandi celebrates National Unity Day

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THANNAMANDI: Government Degree College Thannamandi commemorated National Unity Day, a day celebrated nationwide in honor of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the "Iron Man of India" who played a pivotal role in unifying the country.

Under the able guidance of Principal Prof. Dr. Farooq Ahmed, the col-

lege organized a series of activities to inspire students and staff to embrace and strengthen the spirit of unity. The event commenced with a Unity Pledge, where the entire college community, including all faculty members, administrative staff, and students, collectively reaffirmed their commitment to national unity and integrity. Dr. Ashaq

Malik, IQAC Co-ordinator in the College, addressed the gathering, underscoring the importance of unity in diversity and the significance of Sardar Patel's legacy in shaping modern India.

As part of the observance, the NSS Unit of GDC Thannamandi organized an essay writing competition on the theme "The Role of

Sardar Patel in Unifying India." Students enthusiastically participated, showcasing their understanding of Patel's visionary leadership and his efforts to integrate the princely states into a unified India.

The competition provided students an opportunity to delve into Patel's contribution to India's

history and reflect on its relevance in contemporary society. Principal Prof. Dr. Farooq Ahmed lauded the efforts of the NSS Unit for their initiative, encouraging the students to carry forward the values of unity, integrity, and patriotism demonstrated by Sardar Patel. The winners of the essay competition were awarded with certificates.