

VC JU reviews arrangements for upcoming NAAC team visit at Bhaderwah Campus

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BHADERWAH: Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, commenced a three-day visit to Bhaderwah Campus to review preparations for the upcoming National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) team visit. Accompanied by senior university officials, the Vice Chancellor evaluated the campus's alignment with NAAC standards and progress on essential improvements.

Among the key university officials present were Prof. J.P. Singh Joorel, Rector of Bhaderwah Campus, Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, University of Jammu, Prof. Satya Paul, and Dr. Ginny Dogra, I/C Director DIQA, along with other university



VC JU Prof. Umesh Rai chairing a meeting at Bhaderwah.

and campus representatives. In his address, Prof. Rai emphasised the importance of meeting NAAC's rigorous standards and underscored the need for the timely and thorough completion of all preparations. He expressed confidence in the collaborative efforts of the campus administration, faculty, and staff, encouraging a sustained commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and community engagement. Prof. Rai also reviewed the campus's progress on key performance areas aligned with NAAC's seven assessment

criteria, which include Curriculum Aspects, Teaching-Learning and Evaluation, Research, Innovation, and Extension, Infrastructure and Learning Resources, Student Support and Progression, Governance, Leadership and Management, and Institutional Values and Best Practices.

Prof. J.P. Singh Joorel, Rector Bhaderwah Campus provided a comprehensive briefing on the campus's readiness for NAAC evaluation, highlighting the academic, infrastructural, and

administrative enhancements made to meet the evaluation standards. He emphasized the campus's commitment to upholding the University of Jammu's reputation during this critical assessment process.

As part of the visit, the Vice Chancellor inaugurated online access to the Reservoir of Journalism at the campus library and launched the SOUL software for library automation. The Rector elaborated on these new initiatives, highlighting their role in modernizing campus resources and supporting academic growth. Additionally, on the eve of Children's Day, the Vice Chancellor interacted with students of Little Angels School and distributed sweets. He also announced the development of a Children's Park for the Little Angels School at Bhaderwah Campus.

Those present during the visit included Er. Rajeev Gupta, AEE; Er. Jeevan

Singh, AEE; Dr. Rakesh Sharma, I/C Head of English and I/C IQA Bhaderwah Campus, Dr. Subhas Chander, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, In-Charge Head, IME Bhaderwah Campus; Dr. Kuljit Singh, Academic Coordinator, Dr. Umesh Choudhary, Dr. Cherring Tandop, Dr. Shayan Javed, Dr. Abid Sarwar, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Mujeeb Sheikh, Assistant Registrar, Dr. Neeraj Kumar, Er. Santosh Kumar, Irfan Goni, Campus Development Officer, Er. Ameet Targotra, Assistant Director, Akanksha Sharma, Assistant Registrar, Salma Sheikh, Bandana Lehri, Yasar Ali, Disha Arti, and Vinod Kumar.

The Vice Chancellor's visit underscores the University of Jammu's strong commitment to maintaining high standards across all campuses, as Bhaderwah Campus makes its final preparations for a successful NAAC accreditation.

71st All India Cooperative Week celebrations commence in District Reasi

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REASI: The celebrations for the 71st All India Cooperative Week began with great enthusiasm and zeal in District Reasi.

The launching ceremony witnessed flag hoisting by Bhawani Atri (JKAS), Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Reasi at Cooperative Building Mini Secretariat.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by key officials, including Assistant Registrars, Inspectors Cooperative, other staff members of Cooperative Department and officials of the district. Also present were Branch Manager, JCC Bank Reasi, members of the Managing Committee and officials from CMS Reasi, as well as representatives from various PACS and other cooperative institutions in the region.

Similar function was also organized in Block Mahore under the theme "Strengthening Cooperative through new initiatives of Cooperatives". Members of Mahore MPCs, Mahore Poultry Cooperative Ltd, Mahore Tourism Cooperative Ltd attended the function.

MLA Akhnoor for enhancing border road connectivity



MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal starting blacktopping work.

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AKHNOOR: Mohan Lal, MLA Akhnoor, inaugurated several blacktopping projects in the Pargwal area, aimed at strengthening road connectivity and promoting infrastructural development in the region. The projects, valued at nearly Rs 50 lakhs, mark a significant step in improving the quality of life for residents, especially in this border area.

The inaugurated works cover essential routes that play a vital role in local connectivity. Notable projects include Macadamization of

Bhalwal Muloo to Pindi via Rangpur Road of Rs 21 lakh, Link Road from Dhanpur to Deora at Pargwal of Rs 9 lakh, Macadamization of Main Road No. 1 from Sua to Hamirpur Kona via Pargwal worth Rs 11.32 lakh and Macadamization of Road from Gurha Merah to Gurah Manhasa Mohalla High School of Rs 5.59 lakh.

The inauguration event was attended by a range of prominent figures, including Vice Chairman DDC Jammu Suraj Singh, Mandal President Bhupinder Singh, Ex BDC Nisha Devi, and respected community leaders

such as Kuldeep Singh, Ram Swaroop Sharma, Mohan Lal, Uttam Singh, Pawan Singh, Gourav Singh, and Kali Singh. Their presence underlined the collective commitment to fostering development in the border areas.

Addressing the gathering, Mohan Lal emphasized the importance of infrastructure development for the border communities. He assured residents that the government is committed to ensuring better road connectivity and holistic development across Pargwal. "Special attention will be given to the

needs of this border area, and we will work diligently to improve road infrastructure, ensuring that quality is maintained in all blacktopping projects," he stated.

He further encouraged officials to uphold the highest standards in construction and maintenance to ensure the longevity and quality of the newly improved roads. "We will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to provide the best possible amenities for the people of Pargwal. My commitment is to ensure every project is executed with precision and integrity to bring real benefits to the community," he added.

MLA Mohan Lal echoed these sentiments, highlighting the critical role that robust infrastructure plays in economic growth and social welfare. "These roads are more than just pathways; they are lifelines for our community, connecting families, markets, schools, and workplaces. Our investment in infrastructure today is an investment in the future of Pargwal," he remarked.

CBC organises pre-events ahead of a Multi-Media Exhibition



Officials along with students and faculty members.

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POONCH: In order to spread awareness about different Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) an Integrated Communication Outreach programme (ICOP) will be organized by Central Bureau of Communication (CBC) from 17th - 24th November 2024.

The exhibition will be a part of Jhiri Mela at Marh Jammu and will showcase various government schemes related to Agriculture, Health, Housing, Swachhta, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Floriculture, Horticulture, startups, scholarships, social assistances, life style for environment and other aspects. Seminar, drawing competitions, cultural programmes, open quiz, selfie corner and 'New India Samachar' magazine of Govt of India will be the main attractions for the youth. To mobilize people for the Multi-Media Exhibition, two pre-publicity events were organized on 13th & 14th November GHSS Ghou Manahsa and at GHSS Gajansoo, Marh, respectively.

At GHSS Ghou Manhasan Drawing compe-

tition and Seminar were organized in which faculty of GHSS, GGHS and GMS Ghou Manhasa along with students and locals participated. At GHSS Gajansoo Drawing competition and Seminar were attended by faculty, students and locals. Incharge Central Bureau of Communication, Field Office Poonch, Vijay Mattoo, in his welcome address said that Central Bureau of Communication, through its field offices reaches out to the far flung areas to spread awareness regarding various government sponsored schemes through exhibitions, songs, skits, ICOPs, interactive programmes, competitions and other activities in coordination with district administration. He highlighted aims, objectives and benefits of schemes including PMJAY, SBM, PMAY, Ujjwala Yojna, Mission LiFE and EBSB. He urged the students to spread the message regarding Multimedia Exhibition which will have free entry and which will help people to know more about and avail benefits of different government initiatives.

Kalsiyan Battalion distributes sports equipment to local schools



Army officials handing over sports items to school management.

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NOWSHERA: In a remarkable display of community support, Kalsiyan Battalion took initiative and distributed sports equipment to local schools, fostering a culture of physical activity and teamwork amongst the younger generation.

Recognising the importance of sports in holistic education, Kalsiyan Battalion was proud to spearhead this noble cause, aimed at empowering young minds and bod-

ies through active engagement in sports. With a firm commitment to promote physical well-being and teamwork, the unit sought to enhance the overall educational experience of the youth of local villages.

The donation drive, organised by Kalsiyan Battalion, provided essential sports items such as Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Handball, Badminton, Carrom Board, Chess Board, Cricket Kit and other

equipments to Seven schools in the area. This initiative not only encourage healthy lifestyle but foster valuable life skills such as discipline, leadership, and resilience. 'We believe in investing in the future leaders of our community', remarked Army authorities, by providing access to sports equipment, we aimed to inspire a generation of young individuals to pursue their passions and excel both on and off the field'.

Army organises plantation drive



Army official planting sapling.

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POONCH: A Tree plantation drive under Operation Sadhbhavana was conducted by Indian Army at Shaheed Dy SP Manjeet Singh Memorial Model Boys

Higher Secondary School Poonch. The drive was based on dual Theme of Green India and Badalta J&K. The drive which was specially carried out on the occasion of Children's Day saw

50 children from classes 10th, 11th and 12th participating enthusiastically to mark Go Green Initiative and boasting Healthy India Slogan. A total of 25 fruit bearing trees which included Guavas, Java, Plum, Pecan, Ashok etc were planted in the Premises.

Speaking on the occasion, Senior Army Officials said that Planting of trees is important to protect our environment against air pollution and global warming and young volunteers need to be actively involved in organizing tree plantation campaigns.

GCW Udhampur organises lecture on Children's Day celebration

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UDHAMPUR: Government college for Women (GCW) Udhampur today organized a lecture to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on the eve of Children's Day.

The event was organized by the Department of History in collaboration with Heritage Club GCW

Udhampur. The event started with the formal welcome of principal of the college, Dr. Nalini Pathania by Head Department of History, Prof. Yash Paul by presenting a floral token of respect.

In her opening remarks, the Principal of the college elaborated on the relevance of children's day to the students where she remarked that children are an asset of a nation. Subsequently the vision and developmental strategy of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru was deliberated upon. She remarked that Nehruvian era was a golden phase of Indian History where the Prime Minister focused on building India's Institutions, promoting industrialization and establishing a non-aligned foreign policy.

While speaking on the occasion the chief resource person Dr. Ravinder Kumar (Assistant Professor

Mathematics), made the students aware about the policies and contributions of Pt. Nehru. He spoke about Non-Alignment, Panch Sheel, foreign Policy of Pt. Nehru and formation of UGC and many other relevant policies which contributed for the making of Modern India.

In his concluding remarks, HoD History and Convener Heritage Club Prof. Yash Paul, remarked that Pt. Nehru was a champion of democratic values in India, and radiated the national strength in the Global community while maintaining a Non-Aligned, neutral Foreign Policy.

The formal vote of thanks on this occasion was presented by Dr. Umar Ahmad Khanday (Lecturer) from department of History.

As many as 100 students and 20 faculty members from different departments participated in the event.

DDC Chairman Rajouri for maintaining quality standards in project execution

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RAJOURI: In a pivotal meeting aimed at accelerating the district's developmental trajectory, Advocate Choudhary Naseem Liaquat, Chairman of the District Development Council (DDC), Rajouri, convened a comprehensive review session to assess the ongoing projects across multiple sectors. The meeting evaluated the physical and financial progress across flagship schemes being implemented by the Rural Development Department (RDD), Public Works Department (PWD), Jal Shakti Department, and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) /CEO of the Council, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, presented an update on the projects undertaken this financial year, detailing the progress achieved thus far. The review encompassed numerous schemes, includ-



Advocate Choudhary Naseem Liaquat, Chairman DDC Rajouri chairing a meeting.

ing the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), District Capex Budget, National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) and Awas Plus, SAMAGRA Shiksha, PMGSY, National Health Mission (NHM), Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), minor irrigation works, NABARD projects, Central Road Fund (CRF), and schemes for elementary and secondary education, among others.

During the session, DDC Chairman Advocate

Choudhary Naseem Liaquat directed all departments to ensure high-quality standards in project execution, emphasizing the importance of continuous monitoring and judicious fund utilization. The chairman acknowledged various challenges impacting the district's development and directed officers to work closely with DDC members to ensure effective collaboration and holistic progress.

Several critical issues were raised by the council members, including water scarcity, delays in JJM scheme implementation, deteriorating road conditions, and the sluggish pace of some ongoing

projects. Responding to these concerns, the DDC Chairman instructed the officers to expedite measures for addressing these challenges and meeting project deadlines.

Additionally, regarding staff rationalization, the Chairman directed the CEO Education, Bishamber Dass, to take necessary actions to ensure equitable staff distribution, addressing needs in underserved areas.

Key DDC members present included DDC Member Rajouri Sai Abdul Rashid, DDC Member Sunderbani Rajinder Sharma, DDC Member Darhal Iqbal Malik, DDC Member

Thanamandi Abdul Qayoom Mir, DDC Member Dhangri Rameshwar Singh, DDC Member Doongi Khalid Choudhary, DDC Member Kalakote Anita Thakur, and DDC Member Mougla Shamim Akhter.

Other prominent attendees included ADDC/CEO DD Council Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa; Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Maqsood Ahmed; Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Devi Dayal; Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Vijay Kumar; Assistant Commissioner Panchayat (ACP) Sheraz Chowhan; CEO Education Bishamber Dass; Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr. Manohar Rana; and Executive Engineers from PWD, Power Development Department (PDD), Jal Shakti Department, and Rural Engineering Wing (REW), along with Block Development Officers (BDOs) and other officials from relevant departments.

7 minors rescued as DTC conducts anti-Child Labour Enforcement Operation in Batote

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RAMBAN: Under the auspices of the District Task Force (DTC) Ramban and pursuant to directives issued by the Deputy Commissioner, a meticulous operation was today initiated to extricate and rehabilitate children in street situations-specifically those subjected to child labour and forced begging within the jurisdiction of Batote Town

and contiguous localities. A total of 7 seven minors were rescued and subsequently produced before the Child Welfare Committee at a provisional office established within the premises of GHSS Batote.

The parents and guardians of the affected minors were summoned for counseling and duly admonished, receiving a formal cautionary direc-

tive to desist from any conduct that contravenes the statutory protections governing child welfare. The formal handover of these seven children to their respective families was executed under stringent oversight, with binding assurances secured from the guardians to abstain from re-engaging their wards in any labour-related activities that would impede their lawful

rights to growth and development. The initiative was executed under the authoritative guidance of the Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, with overarching supervision by the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) and the Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC) Ramban.

The operation, involving the members of the

District Task Force such as Anit Kumar, Assistant Labour Commissioner Ramban, and Nighat Ghani, Chairperson of the District Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Ramban, was supplemented by representatives from critical departments, including the District Child Protection Unit, Health Department, District Police, and Child Helpline.

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