

## Sham Lal appeals for reposting of transferred employees post-elections

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JAMMU: Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of the Anti-Crime Bureau (ACB), has urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and political leaders, including former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, to take prompt action to repost government employees transferred during the recent Parliamentary and Assembly elections.

These employees, from departments like Revenue, Health, and PWD, were temporarily relocated to ensure smooth election operations. Gupta stressed that with the elections successfully concluded, there is no longer a reason to keep them away from their original postings.

In his statement, Gupta highlighted the personal and professional hardships faced by the affected employees. Many were transferred far from their homes, causing disruptions in their family lives and creating inefficiencies in their work.

"These transfers were a necessary part of the electoral process, but now, restoring these employees to their original roles will resolve grievances and improve administrative efficiency," he remarked.

Gupta emphasized the need for a humane approach, urging the administration to prioritize the welfare of employees and reinforce their trust in the system. He called on leaders



Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of Anti-Crime Bureau NGO talking to reporters.

and policymakers to intervene and expedite the reposting process, ensuring fairness and stability in governance.

He concluded by reaffirming his commitment to advocating for the affected employees, saying, "A timely resolution will boost morale and set a precedent for addressing similar issues in the future."

The appeal has gained traction among various sections of the workforce, highlighting the broader need for policies to manage election-related administrative adjustments effectively.

## GDC Thannamandi celebrates Constitution Day

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THANNAMANDI: The Department of Political Science, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), celebrated Constitution Day at Government Degree College (GDC) Thannamandi as part of the Viksit Bharat Abhiyan @2047 initiative.

The event, held to commemorate 75 years since the adoption of the Indian Constitution, was organized under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed, Principal of the College, with Dr. Ashaq Malik, Coordinator of IQAC, as the resource person. Dr. Mohd Zabair and Dr. Ansir Ahmed Sheikh from the Department of Political Science coordinated the event.

In his address, Dr. Farooq Ahmed emphasized the

importance of upholding constitutional values by focusing on fundamental duties, unity, and diversity. He urged students to understand that rights and duties are interlinked, stressing that fulfilling our Fundamental Duties strengthens the nation.

Dr. Ashaq Malik delivered the keynote address, highlighting the historical evolution of the Indian Constitution. He traced its journey from colonial legislation, including the Government of India Acts, to its adoption in 1949. He underscored the progressive nature of the Constitution and referred to the Preamble as the "soul of the Constitution," emphasizing its core principles of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity.

Dr. Malik also discussed the

significance of Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles of State Policy in ensuring inclusive governance.

Dr. Mohd Aftab Ul Haq from the Department of Geography also spoke about the Constitution's significance. A special pledge-taking ceremony was held where students and staff reaffirmed their commitment to uphold the constitutional values. The Preamble was read aloud, symbolizing unity and respect for the Constitution. An interactive quiz competition on constitutional history, values, and fundamental rights followed. The program, which saw enthusiastic participation from students and faculty, concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Mudasar Ahmed Ghori and the national anthem.

## Awareness Program on Mission Yuva held at GDC Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR: Govt Degree College (GDC) Akhnoor, in collaboration with the Department of Labour and Employment, launched the Mission Yuva initiative with an engaging session focused on Youth Empowerment, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship.

The program, held on Tuesday, also marked the celebration of Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas), commemorating the adoption of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly in 1949.

The event began with a pledge ceremony, with enthusiastic participation from students and faculty. The Principal of GDC



Principal GDC Akhnoor, Dr. Romilla Malla Bhat and others at a programme.

Akhnoor, Dr. Romilla Malla Bhat, welcomed the attendees and emphasized the critical role of youth in nation-building. She urged students to explore entrepreneurial ventures to contribute to the economic development of the J&K Union Territory.

The inaugural address was

delivered by Pawan Parihar, Special Secretary, Department of Labour and Employment, who highlighted the importance of Mission Yuva in providing young minds with opportunities for skill development and self-employment. He spoke about the challenges in the government job sector

and stressed the need for youth to engage in innovation and skill-based learning. He encouraged students to develop their entrepreneurial skills and explore opportunities to establish their own start-ups.

Dr. Anuradha Pandoh, Principal of GDC Jourian, echoed the message, urging youth to contribute to the development of the nation through skills and entrepreneurship. Dr. T.K. Sharma, Principal of GDC Khour, emphasized that the potential of youth could be transformed into actionable entrepreneurship through training and guidance.

Dr. Vishal Sharma, Nodal Officer, Higher Education Department, UT of J&K, provided an overview of the

program's goals and phases. Sulakshana Thakur, Assistant Director, Labour and Employment, elaborated on entrepreneurship development, focusing on business planning and project management.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Amit Kumar, while Prof. Shreya Sharma carried out the proceedings.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Vishal Sharma, Prof. Shreya Sharma, Dr. Amit Sharma, and Prof. Pervash Kumar. Faculty members, including Dr. Savita Jamwal, Dr. Deepika Gupta, Dr. Monika Mahajan, Dr. Neeru Dhalla, Dr. Seema, Dr. Tasleem, Prof. Shivani, and Dr. Suresh Sharma, were also present.

## SKPA Udhampur organises Preamble Reading ceremony to Celebrate Constitution Day



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UDHAMPUR: Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy (SKPA) Udhampur observed Constitution Day on Tuesday at the main parade ground.

The event, held under the overall supervision of the Director, SKPA Udhampur, saw the participation of Parade Contingents, Officers, Staff, including three IPS trainee officers, and trainees from various ongoing training courses.

The highlight of the occasion was a Preamble Reading Ceremony, with Rannish Gupta, SSP and Dy. Director (Administration), addressing the gathering.

He emphasized the historical significance of Constitution Day, marking the adoption of the Indian Constitution on 26th November 1949, which came into effect on 26th January 1950.

The event was celebrated under the campaign tagline "Humara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimann." Officers, including Rakesh Sambhal (CLI), Shanker Bhadur (DySP), and others, along with the trainees, actively participated in the ceremony. The program concluded with a collective pledge to uphold the values of the Constitution.

## Doda Police observes Samvidhan Divas

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DODA: The District Police Doda on Tuesday observed Samvidhan Divas (Constitution Day) to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution on November 26, 1949. The observance was held across all Police Stations, Police Posts, and other police establishments throughout the district, with a special event at the District Police Lines (DPL) Doda.

At the District Headquarters, a Preamble Reading Ceremony was conducted at DPL Doda, where all police officers and officials participated. The Preamble of the Indian Constitution was read aloud to emphasize the core values of justice, equality, and liberty that the Constitution upholds.

During the ceremony, SSP Doda Sandeep Kumar Mehta (JKPS) administered the Constitutional Pledge to all officers and jawans, reaffirming their commitment to uphold the values of the Constitution and secure the



SSP Doda Sandeep Kumar Mehta administering Constitutional Pledge to officers and jawans.

rights of all citizens. The pledge included a solemn promise to work towards establishing a sovereign, socialist, secular, and democratic republic.

The ceremony was attended by senior police officials, including Addl. SP Hqs Doda Shakeel Rehman Butt, Addl. SP Ops Doda Sunil Kumar Kaiser, DySP Doda Ajay Kumar, and other officers and officials from District Police Doda.

After the pledge ceremony, SSP Doda conducted an inspection of the DPL establishments and interacted with the officers and jawans post-

ed at the District Police Lines. He emphasized the importance of welfare facilities for the police personnel and issued directions for improving the basic amenities for the staff. Additionally, SSP Doda reviewed the law and order equipment and operational preparedness to ensure readiness to handle any law and order challenges effectively. The event was a reminder of the importance of the Constitution in guiding the principles of justice and governance, and the police's role in upholding the law and protecting the rights of citizens.

## BGSBU celebrates Constitution Day

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RAJOURI: Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU), Rajouri, commemorated Constitution Day on Tuesday, celebrating the adoption of the Indian Constitution. The event, aimed at promoting constitutional awareness, was attended by students, faculty, and staff members from across the university.

The celebrations began with a solemn reading of the Preamble of the Constitution by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jawaid Iqbal, in the Vice Chancellor's secretariat. Senior officers and officials of the university were pres-



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jawaid Iqbal administering Constitutional Pledge to faculty.

ent on the occasion.

In his address, Prof. Jawaid emphasized the Constitution's role as the foundation of India's democracy, upholding the values of justice, equality, and fraternity. He urged the university community to reflect on their responsibil-

ities as citizens in promoting the ideals of justice and liberty. He also stressed the importance of educating the younger generation about constitutional values and the need to protect democratic principles.

Following the Preamble reading, various depart-

ments, including the College of Engineering and Technology, Mathematics, IT, Environmental Sciences, Microbiology, Persian, English, Education, Botany, and Zoology, organized activities to deepen students' understanding of the Constitution. The Centre

for Multidisciplinary Studies and Research organized an essay writing competition on the theme "The Significance of Constitution Day," where Mr. Sajjan Rafiq Khan and Nida Dar (BVOC 5th Semester) secured the 1st and 2nd positions, respectively. Mr. Rohan Singh from the Information Technology Engineering department secured 3rd place.

The event, part of a nationwide initiative to foster constitutional literacy, helped students gain a deeper understanding of their rights and duties as citizens of a democratic republic.

## National Constitution Day celebrated at SMVDU



Registrar SMVDU, Ajay Kumar Sharma administering Constitutional Pledge to faculty.

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KATRA: National Constitution Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU). The event was attended by the faculty, staff, and security personnel of the university. The ceremony was led by the Registrar of the University, Ajay Kumar Sharma. A solemn pledge was taken by all present to uphold the spirit of the Indian Constitution, reinforcing their commitment to democracy, equality, and justice, which are core values enshrined in the

Constitution. The celebration highlighted the importance of the Constitution in shaping India's governance and preserving citizens' rights and duties. National Constitution Day, observed annually on November 26, commemorates the adoption of the Indian Constitution in 1949. As part of the year-long campaign "Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimann," a Preamble Reading Ceremony was also organized, further strengthening the collective resolve to honor the Constitution and its principles.

## DSWO Reasi inaugurates Skill Development Course under BBBP

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REASI: The Department of Social Welfare, in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM), organized a Skill Development Training Course on "Knitting Wool Fabrics Using Innovative Women-Friendly Machinery" under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme at Village Dasano, Block Reasi.

The event was inaugurated by District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Reasi, Sachin Sharma, and was attended by 30 members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) who will participate in the 15-day training course.

In his address, DSWO Sachin Sharma emphasized the primary objective of the training course, which is to empower women by making



DSWO Reasi, Sachin Sharma after inaugurating Skill Development Training Course.

them self-reliant.

He encouraged the participants to fully engage in the training sessions, which will be conducted by Ritu Verma, a specialized trainer from Jammu with extensive exper-

ience in skill development. Sharma also sensitized the participants about various financial schemes available to help them start self-employment ventures, assuring them of support

from the department in securing forward-backward linkages with financial institutions. As part of the event, the participants pledged to celebrate Constitution Day and read the Preamble to commemorate the day. Jugal Sharma, District Programme Manager, JKRLM, concluded the event with a vote of thanks, highlighting the importance of such initiatives for building a sustainable livelihood for women in the region. Asha Mahila Cluster Level Federation President Anita Kumari and other officials were also present at the event.

## NSS, NCC SMVDU Katra organises blood donation camp for Thalassemia Patients

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KATRA: In a commendable effort to support a life-saving cause, the NSS and NCC units of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, in collaboration with the J&K Thalassemia Welfare Society, organized a blood donation camp on campus on Tuesday. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students and staff, united in their commitment to help those battling Thalassemia, a genetic blood disorder that requires frequent blood transfusions.

The camp was coordinated by Dr. Varun Dutta, NCC Coordinator, and Dr. Rajiv Kumar, NSS Coordinator, with support from Dr. Pallav



NCC and NCC volunteers of SMVDU and faculty at blood donation camp.

Sharma and his team at the Medical Aid Centre, SMVDU.

The event also received valuable support from Dr. Deepshika, a medical professional from GMC Jammu, who oversaw the proceedings.

Fifty students and staff members of SMVDU donated

blood, demonstrating generosity and solidarity. Er. Sudhir Sethi, President of the J&K Thalassemia Welfare Society, emphasized the critical need for regular blood donations to support Thalassemia patients. He also advocated for genetic counseling to prevent the birth

of children affected by the disorder.

Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, praised the initiative, highlighting that blood donation is a powerful way to make a difference, providing a lifeline for those in urgent need.

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## GCW Udhampur organises Quiz Competition

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UDHAMPUR: The Department of Economics at Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur, organized an engaging Quiz Competition for BA Economics students. Four teams, each with five participants, competed in a three-round contest that tested their knowledge and critical thinking. The event was led by Dr. Azad Ahmad Wani and Dr. Altaf Hussain Padder, with support from Dr. Partab Singh, and was a resounding success.

The esteemed guests,

Prof. Ravindra Kumar (Head, Department of Mathematics) and Prof. Yash Pal (Head, Department of History), attended the event and praised its role in fostering active learning. The competition format included: Round 1, a multiple-choice question round on basic economics; Round 2, a direct-question round focusing on economic theories and Indian economic scenarios; and Round 3, a rapid-fire round testing speed and accuracy with true/false questions.

Team C, comprising Pooja

Devi, Nisha Devi, Neeru Sharma, Kalisha Devi, and Khushi Kumari, emerged victorious after a fiercely competitive contest. The event was highly interactive, with enthusiastic participation from both the teams and the audience.

Dr. Azad Ahmad Wani hosted the event, emphasizing the importance of such activities in developing students' critical thinking. The program concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Altaf Hussain Padder, who extended gratitude to everyone involved in making the event a success.

## Kathua Campus, JU commemorates Samvidhan Divas

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KATHUA: Kathua Campus, University of Jammu commemorated Samvidhan Divas (Constitution Day) with great enthusiasm and reverence. The event aimed to honor the values and principles enshrined in the Indian Constitution and pay tribute to the visionary framers who have shaped its legacy.

The event began with a solemn Constitution Pledge ceremony. The students and faculty members reaffirmed their commitment to uphold the ideals of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity that form the foundation of the



nation. The pledge symbolized the collective determination of the academic community to contribute to the nation's progress while adhering to constitutional values.

Furthermore, Tarandeep Kour, student of MBA, Meenakshi, student of B.A. English, Kirti and Deepanshu

students of MCA Department shared inspirational speeches and their insights on the historical significance of the Constitution and its relevance in contemporary times.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu in his message highlighted the importance of the

Constitution as a living document that binds the diverse fabric of the nation. He emphasized on the responsibility of every citizen to protect and promote the democratic principles that make India a vibrant democracy.

The program was anchored by Dr. Surekha Palkhvara and the Constitution Pledge was read by Dr. Ritu Sharma. Dr. Sourabh Shastri, Amit Sharma, Gaurav Sharma, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Dr. Bharti Rana, Dr. Nomita Sharma, Dr. Meenakshi Thakur and Dr. Nisha Choudhary were also present during the event.