

DC Poonch reviews arrangements for OMR Based Exam for selection of Constables

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal on Tuesday convened a meeting here in the DC office conference hall to assess preparations for seamless conduct of the OMR based Examination for the selection of Constables (Home Department). Senior Superintendent of Police, Additional Deputy Commissioner, and heads of educational institutions and SDMs, attended the meeting. The meeting was informed that a total of 28,491 candidates are expected to partici-



Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

pate in the examination across 97 designated centers across the district. The examination dates are scheduled for December 1, December 8, and December

22, 2024. The Deputy Commissioner emphasised the importance of meticulous arrangements covering essential services such as electricity, water sup-

ply, seating, and security measures and installation of CCTVs at the designated centres. Earlier, the ADC briefed the heads of government and

private institutions housing examination centres about their roles and all other aspects of OMR based written examination. The Deputy Commissioner instructed the heads of institutions, Executive Engineers, SDMs, and relevant officers to finalize arrangements promptly, ensuring a smooth and transparent examination process. He also mandated that all examination centers be equipped with CCTV cameras and videographers to uphold transparency and integrity during the examination.

DC inspects highway checkpoints, municipal works, health facilities in Thathri

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh conducted on Tuesday an extensive visit to Thathri to inspect developmental works and public services. The visit encompassed inspections of highway checkpoints, ongoing municipal works, and an in-depth review of healthcare facilities.

The DC monitored the progress of municipal works to ensure that all tasks are being executed in an efficient manner. In addition, he met with a local deputation to understand their concerns



DC Harvinder Singh during visit to CHC Thathri.

and gather feedback on pressing local issues, ensuring that their voices are heard at the district level. Later, the DC visited the Community Health Centre

(CHC) and inspected the patient care facilities and services. He interacted with doctors and healthcare staff to understand their challenges and gather feedback on patient care.

SKPA organises training programme on Transgender Persons Protection of Rights Act

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UDHAMPUR: The Sher-I-Kashmir Police Academy Udhampur concluded a comprehensive two-day Training of Trainers (ToT) programme on the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019 and Rules 2020. The programme aimed to empower key personnel to facilitate understanding, sensitization and effective implementation of the Act and Rules among law enforcement and Public service sectors. This ToT programme was attended by 26 of participants from Police departments and social welfare agencies including representatives from civil society NGO's focused on the rights and welfare of transgender individuals. During the programme, expert trainers provided insights into the challenges faced by the transgender community and highlighted how law enforcement and public service officials can contribute towards an inclusive



and safe environment for them. Interactive sessions, case studies and group activities were incorporated to enhance participants' understanding and encourage proactive engagement with the Act's provisions. The course is being coordinated by Chander Mohan, Inspector assisted by HC Sanjay Kumar SKPA.

ACB organises Vigilance Awareness Workshop for Engineers of Udhampur-Reasi

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REASI: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday organized a Vigilance Awareness Workshop for engineers of Udhampur-Reasi districts working at various levels. The event, held in the Auditorium of the DC office complex in Reasi, was attended by Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, Junior Engineers and subordinate staff of Udhampur-Reasi and those from Jammu, Rajouri, Doda, Anantnag and Budgam connected virtually. As many as 1000 engineers



DC Reasi Vishesh Mahajan and others during the event.

from across several departments attended the programme. Deputy Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan administered the

integrity pledge to the participants including SSP ACB Mohammad Rasheed Bhat, ADDC Sukhdev Samyal, ADC Kulbushan Khajuria

and others. The workshop including Documentary and PPT presentation by AE (ACB) Afeeq Malik on working of ACB was designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of vigilance practices, ethical standards, and anti-corruption measures in public infrastructure projects. Welcome address and stage was managed by DySP(ACB) Gurmeet Singh. The speakers emphasized the critical role engineers play in maintaining transparency and integrity in the government's developmental initiatives.

DC Vishesh Mahajan said that the purpose of this programme is to raise awareness among engineers about their responsibilities while executing tenders and their work. SSP, ACB Reasi-Udhampur Range, Mohammad Rashid Bhat urged engineers to work with transparency and accountability, and assured that the ACB addresses all genuine grievances. The event concluded with a commitment from all participants to uphold the principles of integrity, transparency, and vigilance in their work.

Two-day district level mock exercise on earthquake, landslide, and other natural disasters concludes

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KISHITWAR: The 2 Day district-level mock exercise simulating earthquake, landslide, and other natural and man-made disasters concluded today at the University Campus Kishtwar. The Mock Exercise was organized by the District Administration in collaboration with the 13 Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). The two-day event aimed to enhance disaster preparedness, improve response capabilities of different stakeholders, and strengthen inter-departmental coordination across Kishtwar. On the second day the mock



Organisers along with participants during the programme.

exercise was held on Jammu University, Kishtwar Campus, where the participants witnessed live demonstrations of critical preventive measures for different disaster scenarios,

including fire breakouts in houses, LPG cylinder explosions, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques, and the effective use of fire extinguishers. The activities were

designed to equip participants with practical skills and to increase awareness about disaster response. Assistant Commandant NDRE Javed Iqbal, emphasized the impor-

ance of individual efforts in preventing accidents and urged all attendees and the general public to exercise caution and follow safety protocols. The event saw the active participation of Officers and community members, including Mohd. Rafie Naik, Tehsildar MughalMaidan, Shafigat Ali Keen AD Food, Sajad Khan DYSP DAR, SDRF officers, NCC cadets, college students, the District SDRF team, and representatives from various departments. This initiative reflects the district's commitment to enhancing disaster resilience and ensuring community safety through coordinated and proactive measures.

MC Udhampur retrieves Riwaayat Banquet Hall on expiry of tender

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UDHAMPUR: Acting on the directives of District session Court and under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, a joint team comprising officers from the Municipal Council, Revenue and Police departments took formal custody of the Riwaayat Banquet Hall following the expiry of its tender period. The operation was led by Executive Officer Municipal Council Vishal Sadhotra, Tehsildar and the Station House Officer. With the tender period

over, the Municipal Council has reclaimed the facility to assess and strategize its future use to best serve the public interest. EO Vishal Sadhotra emphasized that individuals who have pre-existing bookings at Riwaayat Banquet Hall should contact the Municipal Council Office for guidance and assistance. The Council is committed to addressing public inquiries and ensuring smooth support during this transition phase. Pertinent to mention

here that the tender for Leasing out Multipurpose Hall was floated in the year 2016-17 for a period of 5 to 7 years. The tender was successfully awarded to Bikram Singh Slathia who offered a bid amount of Rs.11,11,111/. In this regard, Bikram Singh Slathia filed a case in the District Court on 8-8-2023 but final verdict was granted by the court in favour of MC Udhampur and the petitioner was asked to vacate the building and clear all its pending dues.

CAO Kathua pays surprise visit to fertilizer retailers/dealers



CAO Kathua Sanjeev Rai Gupta with team during inspection.

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KATHUA: As per the directions of District Development Commissioner Kathua, Chief Agriculture Officer, Kathua Sanjeev Rai Gupta, with team of officers from Law Enforcement wing paid surprise visit to Fertilizer outlets/retailers in Kathua and took stock of the availability of Sufficient quantity of fer-

tilizer viz Urea, DAP, Nano Urea, Nano DAP. Upon his surprise visit, keeping in view the Rabi 2024-25 season, and to ensure regular availability of fertilizer to farmers, CAO Kathua found that sufficient stock is available with the stockists and retailer. He also advised them to maintain sufficient stock to ensure smooth supply of fertilizer viz,

Urea, DAP, Nano Urea, thereby avoiding any inconvenience due to shortage of fertilizer, if any, in current Rabi season, to the farmers. CAO Kathua also advised farmers to use Nano Urea and Nano DAP which is effective and easy to use. He also listened to the grievances of the farmers on the spot and directed the fertilizer dealers/retailers and stockists not to sell Nano Urea, Nano DAP forcibly to farmers and not to tag the same with other items or components such as seed purchased by the farmer. Team of officers including, Ravi Singh Chouhan, SMS-SDL, Anil Gupta, Enforcement Inspector, Kathua accompanied Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua.

Meeting to strategize saturation campaign for PMJJBY, PMSBY, APY held

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KATHUA: A meeting to strategize the upcoming three-month Saturation Campaign for Jansuraksha Schemes - Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) - was conducted on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Surinder Mohan and convened by Rahul Dhar LDM Kathua. Senior functionaries from Banks and various Government Departments attended the meeting. Surinder Mohan elaborated the hurdles that are to be tackled and pointed the efforts to be put as a team. Furthermore he ensured help from various Govt.



Dignitaries during the meeting at Kathua.

departments so that the Financial Literacy camps are successful held by the banks. Ranjeet Thakur, Chief Planning Officer devised a proper plan for reporting data and also provided guidance towards the implementation of Saturation campaign to make the campaign a resounding success.

Both the Social security schemes provide a cover of 2laes and in total of 4 laes to beneficiaries with a minimal premium of Rs 20 and Rs 436. In a total of Rs 456 per year, a cover of Rs 2.0 lac for accidental death and life cover of Rs 2.0 lac is provided by these two Government sponsored schemes.

They emphasized developing robust strategies to boost enrollment and spread widespread awareness of the schemes' advantages. The ultimate goal is to strengthen financial security and promote social welfare throughout the district. A key focus was on the necessity of comprehensive planning at the Gram Panchayat level. It was decided that Village Level Workers, ASHA workers, and Anganwadi workers would play a pivotal role in the campaign. Their efforts will be supported by Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and social workers to ensure every eligible individual is covered under these social security schemes. ADDC Surinder Mohan directed the implementation of Panchayat-level activity calendars. According to the

plan, banks and financial institutions will organize activities across various Panchayats to facilitate the enrollment of beneficiaries. Emphasizing the campaign's importance, the ADDC Kathua urged all stakeholder departments to treat this initiative as a landmark effort to ensure social security for all citizens by connecting them with banking and insurance services. Besides, it was decided that daily updates on the campaign's progress would be submitted by all banks to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kathua without exception. The meeting underscored the commitment of all involved to make the campaign a resounding success, ensuring financial inclusion and protection for every eligible resident of the district.

SMVDU Alumnus Dhananjay Singh donates 1 lakh INR for SAE Collegiate Club's BAJA 2025 Endeavour

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KATRA: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) proudly acknowledges the contribution of Dhananjay Singh (B.Tech., Mechanical Engineering, 2014 Batch), CEO of Framelnn (A Pvt.



Ltd. Company), who has donated INR 1 Lakh in support of the SAE Collegiate Club of SMVDU for the upcoming SAE BAJA 2025 initiative. SMVDU's BAJA team, the only team representing the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, is set to compete

in SAE BAJA 2025, where student teams from across the nation will design, build, and race an electric off-road vehicle in a competition organized by the Society of Automotive Engineers, India. Team members and faculty coordinators of the club expressed that Dhananjay's donation will be instrumental in empowering SMVDU's budding engineers, providing them with critical resources to foster innovation, teamwork, and practical engineering skills as they prepare for this rigorous competition. The University's officials including Prof. Yugal Khajuria (Dean, International and Alumni Affairs), Dr.

Yatheshth Anand (Head, SME), Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq (Associate Dean, International and Alumni Affairs) and Dr. Ankush Raina (President, BPA, SMVDU), and Divyansh Kale (Team Captain), extend their gratitude to Singh for his remarkable support and commitment to his alma mater. In a message of appreciation, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, lauded Dhananjay's dedication and enduring connection with the university, saying, "SMVDU is proud to have alumni like Dhananjay Singh, whose contributions inspire and uplift future engineers."

KVK Reasi imparts training on commercial floriculture

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu organised training programme on "Entrepreneurship Development in Floriculture" here today at Chandua villagein Reasi district of J&K which was actively attended by a number of farmers of the area. The programme was organised under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N.Triptahi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof.Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J. Dr.Banarsi Lal,Chief Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi initiated the programme with the warm welcome of the farmers. He spoke in detail on scientific floriculture and said the farmers that they can generate more farm income by adopting the latest practices in commercial floriculture. He guided the farmers on the importance of flori-

culture in the monkey prone areas as the crop is not damaged by the monkeys. He emphasised on the commercial floriculture and informed the farmers that floriculture has an ample scope in the area as there is great demand of marigold flowers in the religious spots in the distt.He encouraged the farmers for the entrepreneurship development in floriculture and educated themon the nursery raising techniques in marigold .He also educated them on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Pest Management in marigold crop. He also demonstrated the fields of marigold crop to the farmers and highlighted the scientific technologies for the commercial floriculture.He informed the farmers about the open pollinated/hybrid varieties of marigold and discussed on the nipping in marigold to get more yield. He also discussed on the protected cultivation of floral crops and

encouraged the farmers to establish low cost polyhouse units at their farms to produce quality seedlings and get more yield of flowers throughout the year. The scientist motivated the farmers by giving the success stories of some progressive floriculturists in the region.The farmers were highly appreciated the efforts of KVK for promotion of commercial floriculture in the area. In this programme progressive floriculturists were also present who shared their experiences on commercial floriculture with the other participants. In this training programme various quarries were raised by the farmers which KVK scientist answered in a very satisfactorily way.During the programme, progressive farmer Pritam Singh was also present who stressed on innovative farming on increase farm income. The programme was assisted by Sh.Manohar Lal and concluded by Sh.Pritam Singh with formal vote of thanks.

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