

# DC Rajouri reviews health services scenario in district

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat conducted a comprehensive review of progress made in the health sector at a meeting held today.

The meeting focused on assessing the status of different healthcare initiatives and discussing strategies to enhance the quality of patient care at different levels.

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Rajinder Sharma presented an overview of the progress achieved under National Health Mission (NHM) in the district. Furthermore, he informed that the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) teams have visited 839 schools and 1,462 Anganwadi centers to conduct health check up of the children. Additionally, 13,618 Unique Disability Identification (UDID) cards have been issued, emphasizing the focus on empowering persons with special needs.

Highlighting the achievements under the Ayushman Bharat program, the Chief Medical Officer informed that the district has achieved 100 percent coverage, ensuring access to quality health-



DC Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat chairing a meeting.

care for all eligible individuals. In the fiscal year 2023-24, a commendable total of 28,731

In-Patient Department (IPD) services were provided, reflecting the dedication of healthcare professionals in delivering comprehensive care to the residents.

The meeting also addressed the progress of immunization and family planning services, which are vital components of public health. Deputy Commissioner also assessed the progress of the National Tuberculosis Elimination

Program (NTEP) in the district. The NTEP, a vital component of the National Health Mission, plays a pivotal role in India's fight against Tuberculosis. The meeting highlighted the objectives and functioning of the TB Forum and discussed the achievements of the program within the district.

Deputy Commissioner underscored the gravity of Tuberculosis as a leading infectious disease and called for concerted efforts to effectively implement the NTEP in the district. A significant

aspect of the discussion was the emphasis on registering all TB patients under the Nikshay Mitra scheme.

Recognising the importance of the institutional deliveries, the DC directed the Block Medical Officers to promote institutional deliveries over home deliveries. Stressing the benefits of institutional deliveries, he emphasized the importance of creating awareness among the public regarding the advantages and safety precautions associated with institutional births. The proactive approach aims to enhance maternal and child healthcare outcomes in the district.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress of various other important schemes, including Janni Suraksha Yojana (JSY), and developmental projects undertaken by the Health Department. He directed the concerned officers to ensure the timely completion of these projects while maintaining the highest quality standards. It was highlighted that there are five Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the district, which provide affordable and high-quality

generic medicines to the community.

The DC directed the officers to prioritize the provision of quality services to the patients, emphasizing the significance of compassionate care, prompt response, and effective implementation of healthcare programs. The Deputy Commissioner acknowledged the pivotal role played by the health department in safeguarding the well-being of the residents and encouraged the officers to continue their diligent efforts.

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to strengthening the health sector in Rajouri. The officers expressed their determination to work cohesively and implement innovative strategies to further enhance healthcare services across the district.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Medical Officer Dr. Rajinder Sharma, MS DH, Dr. Mehmood Bajar; District Immunization Officer; District Tuberculosis Officer; Dr. Khalid Mansoor; Deputy Chief Medical Officer Manohar Rana and Block Medical Officers.

# Prakash Utsav of Guru Gobind Singh, Nagar Kirtan taken out in Border District



Panj Piyare lading the Nagar Kirtan at Poonch.

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POONCH: In compliance with the directions of Akaal Takhat Amritsar, an impressive Nagar Kirtan was taken out in connection with the Prakash Utsav of 10th Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji in the border district of Poonch on Monday in which large number of devotees including Sikh, Hindu and Muslim participated. Sangat drawn from the town, Jhallas, Dara Dulian, Kharhi Dharamsal, Deghwar and other places chanting religious slogans and displaying martial arts joined the main procession.

Nagar kirtan started from Gurdwara Singh Sabha Poonch after offering special ardas in the presence of Guru

Granth Sahib Ji mounted upon the specially superstructured vehicle with Panj Piyaras traditionally attired marching ahead. Raagi Jathas recited Gurbani Kirtan enroute. The procession reached Quila Bazaar where Parcharak Harjinder Singh Maghi from Amritsar related the unique history of the Great Guru, a Saint, a unique writer and a warrior who sacrificed everything including his whole family and parents for the nation.

The procession reached college ground where number of stalls, were installed by the devotees. The procession further marched through Nakhwan Wali road, Parade Ground and finally culminated back in the Gurdwara

Singh Sabha. Prominent among those participated in the procession include Prof Narinder Singh, President DGPC Poonch, Vice President Surinder Singh Saraf, Secretary Harcharan Singh, Jt Secretary Gureharan Singh, Surjan Singh, President Sanatan Dharam Sabha Khetar Pal Sharma, President Dashmani Akhara Basant Ram, Adv Mohd Taj, Taj Mir Senior Citizen, Adv Rajinder Singh, President AISSF Paramjit Singh, President Sikh Missionary College Ravinder Singh and others. Prof Narinder Singh thanked all the departments including police and other agencies for cooperation and providing security to make the programme a great success.

# Seminar on role of youth in nation building held at GLDM GDC Hiranagar



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HIRANAGAR: A seminar on Role of Youth in Nation Building was organised at Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Govt. Degree College Hiranagar as a part of the activities held under National Youth Week which commenced from 12th of January. The event was presided over by Dr. Pragma Khanna the Principal of the College.

The Principal in her address said that the youth are often referred to as the backbone of a nation. They possess the dynamism and fresh perspective needed to drive positive change across various sectors. She firmly believes that the College is investing in every possible direction for the empowerment and engagement of the youth as this is the key to fostering a resilient and progressive society. A total of 12 participants from different semesters participated in the seminar. After the thorough scrutinization by Prof. Bindu

Sharma, Head Department of English, Prof. Poonam Kamotra, Head Department of Chemistry, and Dr. Anupama Arora who were adjudicators of the seminar Suhani, Sushil Kumar and Anita were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. The result was announced by Prof. Rajni while Prof. Neeru Sharma, Head Department of Environmental Sciences handled the proceedings of the seminar.

The whole programme was co-ordinated under the guidance of Prof. Rakesh Sharma, Advisor NSS under the patronage of Dr. Pragma Khanna, the Principal of the College. The seminar concluded by presentation of formal vote of thanks by Prof. Madhvi Manohar Lal. The programme was also attended by: Dr. Ram Krishan (NSS PO), Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Dr. Arun Kumar, Prof. Prof. Rajni Bala, Neeru Sharma, Dr. Bharat Bhushan and Dr. Poonam Sambyal.

# Prof J P Singh Joorel assumes office as Rector of Bhaberwah Campus

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BHADARWAH: Prof. J P Singh Joorel from the Department of Statistics, University of Jammu on Monday assumes charge as Rector Bhaberwah Campus relieving Prof. Rahul Gupta who served the campus diligently for over three years.

Prof. Rahul Gupta made significant contributions to the development of Bhaberwah Campus during his tenure. The Bhaberwah Campus staff expresses its gratitude for his dedicated service. The official order from the University of Jammu appointed Prof. J P Singh Joorel as the new Rector of Bhaberwah, relieving Prof. Rahul Gupta from the additional charge. Prof. Joorel brings with him a wealth of experience in administration, having served as the Head of the Department of Statistics for more than five years.

Upon assuming charge, Prof. J P Singh Joorel engaged with the teaching and non-teaching staff, leaving an indelible impression with his inspiring words. He urged everyone to work with honesty and dedication, fostering a collective commitment to the upliftment of Bhaberwah Campus. A



Prof. J P Singh Joorel assuming charge as Rector Bhaberwah Campus

promising start to a journey of shared excellence and growth under his leadership

His extensive career includes leadership roles such as the Director (VC Rank) of the INFLIBNET Centre in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, an Autonomous Inter-University Centre of the University Grants Commission, where he served for five years. Presently a Professor of Statistics at the University of

Jammu, Prof. Joorel boasts a remarkable 37 years of experience in teaching, research, and administration.

Prof. Joorel has a robust academic background, having served at various esteemed institutions such as Jammu University, Dr Y S Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan, HP, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Agra University (Agra College), and U P Government. He has supervised twenty-five Ph.D. and M.Phil students, published approximately 100 research papers in reputed journals, authored book chapters, and presented at international/national conferences.

His contributions to Jammu University include serving in various key positions, such as Director, UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, HoD, OSD (Examinations), Dean Faculty, Coordinator (DST PURSE Scheme), and Director UGC-HRDC, among others. Prof. Joorel has also been an active participant in decision-making bodies like the University Council, Syndicate, Finance Committee, and Planning and Monitoring Board.

Beyond his university roles, Prof. Joorel has made valuable contributions to the academic community, serving on the Council of "The Indian Statistical Institute" and Governing Bodies of several Autonomous Colleges. He has been a member of important committees and boards, including the ICT Committee of NAAC, Academic Council of Consortium of Educational Communication (Inter-University Centre of UGC), Empowered Committee of UGC-CARE, and more.

Prof. J P Singh Joorel's vast experience and exposure to national bodies focused on academic and educational growth make him a valuable addition to the leadership team of Bhaberwah Campus. His international exposure, having travelled to the U.S.A., Australia, Portugal, Thailand, Taiwan, and Malaysia, further enriches the academic diversity he brings to the position.

Additionally, Prof. Joorel has been a member of search committees responsible for appointing Vice-Chancellors in various universities, showcasing his commitment to fostering academic excellence.

# Training programme on Quality Control, Value Addition, Marketing of Milk Products begins at SKUAST-J

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R S PURA: Under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) B. N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu and Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Soodan, Dean, Faculty of Dairy Technology of SKUAST-Jammu, a four-day awareness cum training programme on quality control, value addition and marketing of milk products is being organized under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) from 15th- 19th January 2023 at R. S. Pura campus of SKUAST-Jammu.

Prof. J. S. Soodan was the Chief Guest during the inaugural session of this programme and he highlighted the importance of the dairy industry for the economic and holistic development of



SKUAST-J officials along with participants posing for photograph.

UT of J&K. Dr. Sunil Kumar, Head of the Division of Dairy Technology and the Coordinator of this training programme, welcomed the Chief Guest, resource persons and the women dairy farmers and gave the overall view of this awareness cum training programme. He emphasized the importance of value addition, milk processing, brand development,

and modernization of machinery and technological interventions to keep up with the modern era. He gave special thanks to his team of Co-coordinators [Dr. Arvind Kumar (Division of LPT), Dr. Z. F. Bhat (Division of LPT), Dr. Pranav Kumar (Division of VAHEE), Dr. Sabahu Noor (Division of DC), Dr. Jasleen Kaur (Division of DM), Dr.

Mehnaz Manzoor (Division of DM) and Dr. Amita Salaria (Division of DT)] for organizing this awareness cum training programme that will help in the overall development and capacity building of the women engaged in the dairy sector in the border area of Suchetgarh in R. S. Pura of Jammu. A two-way interaction was organized between

the experts and the women farmers to understand the basic problems in the dairy field in the targeted area. This four-day training programme will include lectures from experts in the fields of dairy technology, animal nutrition, and entrepreneurship and marketing. The participants will be engaged in different hands-on training sessions on the development of dairy products on scientific lines of production, packaging, quality evaluation and marketing. The focus will be on adding value to the products of local importance such as paneer, khoa, cheese, kalakand, shrikhand, and kalari, highlighting the importance of principles of hygiene, novel processing and packaging systems.

# SMVDU students present paper in ICoRE 2023



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KATRA: Final year students of the School of Mechanical Engineering (SoME) namely, Sanjay Kumar, Pradikshan Sumbria, Shivesh Raj, and Reva Shankar presented a paper at the International Congress on Renewable Energy (ICoRE 2023) held at KREEPA Cochin Kerala under the aegis of Solar Energy Society of India (SESI) during 07- 09, December 2023. It was a

full-length paper on the review of recent advances in thermoelectric technology. The Research was mentored and guided by Prof. M Eswaramoorthy, Head, SoME. This achievement reflects the dedication and the quality of the research and serves as a testament to the rigorous academic standards and opportunities provided by the School of Mechanical Engineering at SMVDU. The School of Mechanical Engineering at

SMVDU continues to inspire and motivate its students to achieve excellence in their chosen fields while fostering an environment of innovation and academic growth. Mechanical Engineering student's successful participation in ICoRE 2023 is a notable milestone in their academic journey, setting an example for future students and highlighting the University's commitment to promoting research and scholarly endeavors.

# GDC Samba organises symposium on Thriving & Sustainable Economy

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SAMBA: The Department of Commerce and Viksit Bharat committee of the SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba organised a symposium on the topic "Thriving & Sustainable Economy" as an initiative of Viksit Bharat @2047 under the Patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the



college. The programme began with the welcome address delivered by Dr. Pooja, Head of the Department of Commerce. In total 12 students participated and expressed their views on Viksit Bharat @2047. They focused on sustainable economy and how economy can grow through entrepreneurship. Participants gained valuable insights into innovative business practices that promote both growth and sustainability. The event also facilitated net-

working opportunities, creating a supportive community of like-minded individuals committed to driving positive change in the business landscape. Overall, the symposium motivated students in playing a pivotal role in advancing the discourse on thriving and sustainable entrepreneurship thereby leaving a lasting impact on the attendees and the broader entrepreneurial community. This kind of participation will certainly help young minds in generating and contributing new ideas towards

a sustainable and progressive economy. Other faculty members present in the programme were Dr. Rashmi Gupta, Convener, Viksit Bharat Committee, Co-convener; Dr. Seema Sharma, Dr. Sarabpreet Kour, Prof. Harjeet Kour and Prof. Harpreet Kour. The whole programme was coordinated by Dr. Pooja, Prof. Rashmi Kumari and Prof. Rajni Bala. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Kasak Gupta of B.Com Sem. 1st.

# Training on women's safety commences at SKPA

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UDHAMPUR: Five-day training programme for Investigators on the crucial subject of "Safety of Women" commenced at the S.K. Police Academy in Udhampur on Monday. The course has attracted participation from (22) police officers hailing from various regions across Jammu & Kashmir. The inauguration of the programme was undertaken by Sheikh Zulfkar Azad, SSP, Deputy Director (Admn.) Ashish Gupta, Asstt. Director (Trgs/R&D) was also present on the occasion.

An impressive inaugural function was organized to mark the occasion, during which Sheikh Zulfkar Azad, SSP, extended a warm welcome to all the course participants on behalf of the



SKPA officials along with participating officers.

Academy's Director. Emphasizing the significance of the training, he urged the officers to enhance their professional competence as investigators, specifically focusing on offenses against women and children, including the ever-evolving realm of Cyber Crime. The primary objective is to ensure that the cases they handle lead to successful convictions. To achieve this goal, the course

is thoughtfully designed to encompass investigation skills and impart the latest knowledge of provisions of law, such as POCSO, JJ Act, IT Act, and others of relevance. Eminent speakers from academia and renowned Cyber Forensic experts are slated to deliver lectures during the course, enriching the learning experience. In addition to the distin-

guished guests, Dr. Kavita Suri, Director of the Department of Life Long Learning at the esteemed University of Jammu, graced the inaugural function with her presence. The coordination of this critical training programme is being effectively handled by Sanjeev Gupta, Inspector, and ASI Ashok Kumar, both members of the faculty at the academy.

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