

## Two missing women traced, handed over to legal heirs

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DODA: Two missing ladies were traced out and handed over to their legal heirs in doda Missing reports of two ladies was entered at Police Station Gandoh on March 05, 2024 which was and August 10, 2024, respectively, and now both have been traced out, and their missing reports have been closed. First was traced from the Malath area and other from the Daechan area of Kishtwar District. After completing all legal formalities, both ladies have been handed over to their legal heirs, and their missing reports have been closed.

## 2 narco smugglers nabbed with 7.45 gm heroin; one with intoxicating capsules

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REASI: In continuous drive against Drug Abuse launched by District Police Reasi, surprise naka & checking is being conducted to check the offenders & criminals. Police team of Police Station Katra led by SHO Katra laid a surprise naka and apprehended two persons near Searli Helipad, Katra who were coming from Panthal area towards Katra in a Swift Dzire Car. During their search 5.30 grams of Heroin has been recovered from the possession of Deepak Masih, son of Samuaal Masih, resident of Sidhwani, Gurdaspur; Punjab and 2.15 grams of heroin has been recovered from the possession of Ravi Kumar; son of Kartar Singh, resident of Village Kachnal, Katra. On this FIR No. 23/2025 U/S 8/21/22/25/29 NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Katra and investigation is ongoing to unearth backward and forward linkage. In another incident, a party of Police Station Katra headed by SHO Katra while performing naka duty at Helipad road Arli, Katra apprehended one person namely Vishal Kumar; son of Prem Chand, resident of Thathi, Udhampur who was on his way from Arli Helipad Road towards Katra town by foot and during checking of his bag, 255 strips (each strip containing 10 tablets) of Tramadol (total 2550) capsules were recovered from his possession. In this regard, a case FIR No. 25/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS act stands registered at Police Station Katra and investigation is ongoing to unearth backward and forward linkage.

# Kissan Mela-cum-Exhibition organised at Kathua under HADP

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KATHUA: A one-day Kisan Mela cum Exhibition was inaugurated today at Kathua by Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Kathua Dr. Bharat Bhushan and Director Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu Arvinder Singh Reen. The event, organised under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) 2024-25, focused on the development of seed and seed multiplication chains and aimed to empower farmers with knowledge of modern agricultural practices. MLA Dr. Bharat Bhushan was the Chief Guest, while S. Arvinder Singh Reen presided over the event organised by the Chief

Agriculture Officer Sanjeev Rai Gupta. Different stakeholders including farmers, agricultural experts and representatives from Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), NGOs, self-help groups and private companies attended the event. The exhibition featured a diverse range of stalls showcasing agricultural innovations, farm machinery, organic products and the latest advancements in seed production. Among several displays were sections dedicated to agriculture inputs, seed procurement, farm mechanization and integrated farming practices. Dr. Bharat Bhushan, in his address, emphasised that such events provide

# MSME Ministry connecting rural dots-touching lives through PM Vishwakarma scheme in Ramgarh

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SAMBA: Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) touches the lives of the more than 300 Rural women & youth of villages of Ramgarh . Playing a vital role way forward through PM Vishwakarma scheme in the economic development of J&K ,India under the direction of G.Velladurai IEDS Jt. Director/Head of Office , particularly in the rural economy. Dr Navneet Kaur a renowned social reformer & MSME resource person of J&K mobilised the rural community spreading awareness helping generating employment opportunities in the rural border areas with low capital, raising the real income of the people, contributing to the development of trades under Vishwakarma scheme by reducing disguised unemployment, reducing poverty, migration and economic disparity . She stated , MSMEs development schemes and programmes in order to uplift rural areas is possible through education and



awareness of MSMEs schemes in these sectors. Such schemes are the way of converting developing country into developed nation. Promotion of MSMEs are extremely important in the context of producing gainful employment and reducing the widening disparities between the rural and urban. Rajesh Kumar IEDS Asst Director Ministry of MSME gave a detailed report & awareness on the PM Vishwakarma Scheme . He said that MSME's are boon for reducing regional imbalances and a means to utilize the natural and abundant human resources available in India.

Devinder Singh Tyagi IEDS Asst Director Ministry of MSME concluded the awareness campaign by highlighting that scheme offers Recognition and Certification, Skill Development and Training, Credit Assistance and Marketing Support. MSME's . It provides self dependency and it is the only way to solve the problem of unemployment in a populous country like India. DDC Samba S Sarabjeet Singh stated that improving the quality of life of rural people by empowering them and play a crucial role . He stated that there is lot of scope for rural entrepre-

neurship in SMEs sector economy which plays a vital role in providing employment and income for the poor and unemployed Women and youth in rural areas.Assuring that the people in his block would register themselves for this particular scheme. Vikas Gupta DIG Anti corruption bureau was the Chief guest and stated that India is the second most populous country in the world and the majority of its population lives in rural areas. Rural development has been India's prime concern ever since the time of independence, and several strategies and plans were implemented from time to time to achieve a better level of development empowering them through various MSME schemes.

Dr Navneet Kaur the key resource person stated that PM Vishwakarma schemes

which gives micro loans that helps its women customers in rural villages become economically self-sustainable by providing micro-loans catering to financially unserved and under-served segments . Poverty-free villages will be created in the Jammu & Kashmir by properly implementing all the schemes being run under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme. "Make in India", with particular emphasis on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, is one of the major focus areas stated Dr Kaur. This MSME awareness programme was coordinated by DDC Sarbjit Singh Johl & Dr Navneet Kaur of Vikas Gupta IPS (DIG ACB) in which MSME Asst Director IEDS Devinder Tyagi , IEDS Asst Director Rajesh Kumar , S Gurmeet Singh & team were present . The local supporters for organising the camp were Choravater Sudesh Kumari, Shrip Choudhary & Kapil Verma.

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## State Times correspondent honoured by Rajouri Administration on 76th Republic Day

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RAJOURI: On the momentous occasion of the 76th Republic Day, the District Administration of Rajouri honoured Journalist Amish Malhotra, associated with the renowned publications State Times. Malhotra was recognized for his invaluable contribution to journalism and society.



State Times correspondent Amish Malhotra receiving award.

The award ceremony, held as part of the Republic Day celebrations, highlighted the crucial role played by the press in upholding democracy and disseminating truth. Amish Malhotra, a veteran journalist, has been a trusted voice in the media industry for years, known for his fearless reporting and dedication to ethical journalism. Malhotra's work has consistently shed light on critical issues in the region, giving a voice to the marginalized and ensuring that stories of local significance reach the nation-

al stage. His association with prestigious newspapers like State Times and Punjab Kesri has further cemented his reputation as a credible and influential media professional. The District Administration of Rajouri acknowledged his relentless efforts in promoting transparency, fostering accountability, and bridging the gap between governance and the people. The award serves as

a testament to his unwavering commitment to truth and justice. Speaking on the occasion, Malhotra expressed his gratitude, saying, "I am deeply humbled by this recognition. Journalism is not just a profession for me-it is a responsibility to serve society by bringing facts to the forefront. This honor motivates me to continue my journey with even greater determination."

## SMVDU-TBIC participates in Konnect Interactive Session organised by JKEDI Jammu

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KATRA: The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Technology Business Incubation Center (SMVDU-TBIC) participated in the prestigious Jammu Kashmir Konnect interactive session, organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI)held at the JKEDI campus in Bari Brahmma. The event aimed to promote collaboration and innovation within Jammu & Kashmir's entrepreneurial ecosystem. The session, hosted by Rajinder Sharma, Director of JKEDI, featured Shri Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, Director of DPIIT, Government of India, as the keynote speaker. The event brought together key stakeholders, including heads of incubation centers, their teams, and prominent startups affiliated within cubators across Jammu & Kashmir. Representing SMVDU-TBIC, CEO Dr.



Officials during the programme at Katra.

Sanjay Mohan, along with Business Manager, Divye Duheta Mahajan and Committee Member Dr. Ankush Raina, actively contributed to the discussions, offering valuable insights. During the session, SMVDU-TBIC emphasized several critical aspects vital for the growth and success of the startup ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir. The team called for greater collaboration among stakeholders from different incubators to create a unified community plan aimed at supporting and uplifting startups. Additionally, they highlighted the importance of estab-

lishing arobust mentorship network that would guide startups through every stage of their development. SMVDU-TBIC also expressed a strong interest in exploring DPIIT's schemes that could further enhance the capabilities of both incubators and startups. The interactive session provided an invaluable platform for stakeholders to exchange ideas, discuss ongoing developments, and strategize ways to nurture entrepreneurship in Jammu & Kashmir. The dialogue underscored the need for a cohesive, inclusive, and resource-rich ecosystem that supports startups at all

stages of their journey. SMVDU-TBIC expresses its gratitude to Rajinder Sharma, Director of JKEDI, for providing the team with the opportunity to interact with Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, Director of DPIIT, Government of India along with other stakeholders. The discussions were invaluable in contributing to the growth of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir. Further gratitude is extended to Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, for his unwavering support, which continues to inspire and guide the efforts at SMVDU-TBIC.

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REASI: Two publications on commercial floriculture and Self Help Groups (SHGs) of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) were released by the dignitaries during the National Review Workshop of Attracting and Retaining Youths in Agriculture (ARYA) Project which was held recently at Patna, Bihar. KVK Reasi is working under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N.Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J. The workshop was attended by Senior Scientists and Heads of different Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) from different agricultural universities of India. Dr. Udham Singh Gautam, Deputy Director General (DDG), Indian Council of



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youths in Reasi distt. of J&K under Attracting and Retaining Youths in Agriculture (ARYA) projectto enhance their farm income and employment.He expressed that the KVK is endeavouring to minimize the effect of monkey menace by introducing commercial floriculture in the district. He added that KVK is working on organic farming, commercial floriculture, value addition in fruits and vegetables and backyard poultry farming in the distt. under this project. He narrated that KVK is emphasizing on the cluster based approach to have the maximum impact of

KVK interventions on the upliftment of socio-economic status of rural youths. He emphasized on the impact assessment of agricultural extension activities by the KVK and said that cluster based approach adopted by KVK Reasi is having direct impact on the adjoining villages for the adoption of new agricultural technologies. The dignitaries and scientists from different universities congratulated KVK Reasi for releasing the publications during the event and encouraged KVK Reasi scientists for their efforts on serving the farming community.

## JU organises awareness drive on PM-Surya Ghar-Muft Bijli Yojana

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JAMMU: Green Campus Task Force (GCTF-JU) in collaboration with Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. (JDPCL) organized a 'One-day awareness drive on PM-Surya Ghar-Muft Bijli Yojana' near Fountain Plaza, University of Jammu. Prof. Anju Basin, Dean Academic



Affairs, University of Jammu (JU), the Chief Guest during the occasion, formally inaugurated the event in presence of Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar and Dr. Ginny Dogra, Director, DIQA, JU. The awareness drive was organized to inform and guide the electricity consumers, particularly the University employees on how they can reduce their monthly electricity bills by upto

50% through the installation of rooftop solar plants at their respective households at a reduced cost. The purpose of this scheme is to improve the solar energy generation capacity of the UT of J&K. The officials of the JDPCL along with the registered vendors interacted with the University employees and encouraged them to avail themselves of the benefits of the scheme. Staff of J&K

Bank, New University Campus, along with Branch Head, Nidhi Jamwal were also present during the occasion and provided the information to the stakeholders on the loan facility and the financial assistance that can be provided by the bank on subsidized rates to support such initiatives. Among those present during the occasion included Prof. Piyush Malaviya, Convener, GCTF-JU, Dr. Deepika Sathia, Member Secretary, GCTF-JU, Dhritika Singh, JR Finance, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, IME, Bhaderwah Campus, Dr. Meenakshi Khajuria, Dr. Ranjan Sharma, Dr. Ravinder, Dr. Dinesh, Ashok Chibber, XEN, ED-II Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, Er. Mohd. Tayyab AEE, Er. Paramjit Singh, AE,

JDPCL, Nodal officer JU, Er. Vikram Gupta. Jr. Engineer, Munish Chib, Foreman), Kuldeep Kumar (Lineman) and Sanjeev Kumar (Meter reader). Some of the vendors registered with JDPCL from Jammu region viz., M/S Aditi Enterprises, M/S Abrol Infrastructures, M/S Prakash Aaditya Energy, M/S Aceolade Enterprises and M/S Envietas Solar were also present and provided the technical information regarding the installation, management and other associated aspects of the solar rooftop panels. The scholars and students from various departments and volunteers of GCTF-JU also participated in the event and interacted with the officials regarding the benefits of the scheme.

## DYSS bids farewell to retiree



PEM Tilak Raj being accorded farewell at Sunderbani.

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S U N D E R B A N I : Department of Youth Services and Sports Office, Zone Sunderbani organised the farewell party to Tilak Raj, PEM, High School (HS) Dhok Kangri, Zone Sunderbani. After a distinguished career spanning of more than 32 years, Tilak Raj, PEM, superannuated from

their role as Physical Education Master from Government High School Dhok Kangri, Zone Sunderbani on 31st Jan, 2025 marking the end of an era defined by hard work, leadership, and unwavering dedication. An honour of their contributions, a special celebration was held on 28th of January, 2025 at Government Higher

Secondary School Sunderbani, where Ram Murti ZPEO, along with the Lecturers, PEMs, PETs, REKs, and NYC, of Zone Sunderbani gathered to pay tribute to his remarkable career. "I am proud of all as we have accomplished together and am excited to see what the future holds for our Department.

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