


**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**Kayra**  
Class:- Nursery  
D.O.B:- 04 December  
JKPS Panjtirthi

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**Anam Trikha**  
Class:- 5th 'A'  
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**NOTICE**

This office has received an application from Santosh Magotra W/o Bansil Lal R/o 233 Patoli Mangotrian, Jammu regarding legal heir certificate and state that only the following persons are legal heirs of Lt Sh. Bansil Lal namely as under:

1. Santosh Magotra - Wife,
2. Sumesh Sharma - Son,

Any person having objection in the mentioned names can file his/her objection personally or through any authorized person before Office of the Tehsildar Jammu within seven days from the publication of this notice failing which it shall be presumed that there is no objection regarding legal heir certificate.

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**STATE TIMES**

# Mega event organised at Rajouri to commemorate Int'l Day for Persons with Disabilities

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: The District Administration Rajouri, in collaboration with the Social Welfare, Health and District Legal Service Authority today organized a grand program to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The event aimed to raise awareness about the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and promote their rights and inclusion in society.



DC Vikas Kundal honouring a winner student.

The event was presided over by Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal. The theme for this year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities is "United in Action to Rescue and Achieve the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) for, with, and by Persons with Disabilities."

The theme emphasized the importance of collective efforts to address the needs and aspirations of persons with disabilities. Several speakers took the stage to address the audience and shed light on the significance of the day. Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, reiterated the unwavering commitment of the Government to ensure the welfare of persons with disabilities. He highlighted the numerous measures implemented by the government to support and empower persons with disabilities.

Among the measures mentioned by the Deputy Commissioner were financial assistance in the form of pensions, free education, free medical treatment, free travel facilities, vocational programs, and other essential services. These initiatives have significantly contributed to the well-being and improved the quality of life for a large number of persons with disabilities in the district. Vikas Kundal further emphasized that the Government has taken special measures to promote the socio-economic empowerment of persons with disabilities. Efforts are being made to create an inclusive environment where persons with disabilities can actively participate in society and contribute to its progress.

Advocate Ashfaq Lone explained the legal rights and special measures being taken by the Government to realize the goal of socio-economic empowerment of persons with disabilities. Speaking at the commemoration of the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, District Social Welfare Officer, Abdul Rahim, shed light on the multitude of welfare measures being implemented by government departments in the district to support persons with disabilities. These measures encompass a wide range of initiatives, including the provision of pensions to ensure financial assistance, the distribution of prosthetic aids to enhance mobility and independence, and other essential support services. He also informed

that 9781 specially abled persons are taking benefits under disability pension from the social welfare department while 216 scooties have been distributed during this financial year. He further added that 945 prosthetic appliances will be distributed among the specially abled persons soon in the district.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebration in Rajouri has undoubtedly contributed to raising awareness, promoting inclusivity, and fostering a more empathetic and supportive community for persons with disabilities. Later, momentos were also presented to the participating students as a symbolic recognition of their contribution and engagement during the International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebration in Rajouri. In addition to this, disability certificates were also distributed among the persons with disabilities.

The event was attended by the District Social Welfare Officer, Abdul Rahim, Executive Engineer PDD Rajouri, Mohd Rashid; Warden Pahari Hostel Rajouri, Vinod Sharma; TSWO Rajouri, Rahul Puri; Advocate, Ashfaq Lone, ENT, Surjeet Singh and others.

## Vice-Chairperson DDC Udhampur inaugurates Tilhan Mela

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UDHAMPUR: Vice Chairperson, District Development Council Udhampur, Juhi Manhas Pathania inaugurated 'Tilhan Mela' at Panchayat Bhawan Dehma, Teshil Majalta organised by Agriculture Department to promote oilseed crop cultivation.

The event was aimed to promote the cultivation of oilseed crops and educate farmers about the latest techniques and practices to improve crop productivity.

In her address, Ms. Pathania highlighted the importance of promoting oilseed crop production in the region and encouraged farmers to adopt modern farming techniques to increase their yield. She also emphasized the need for creating better market access for farmers



Vice Chairperson, District Development Council Udhampur, Juhi Manhas speaking during the event.

and providing them with financial support to improve their livelihoods.

"The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has implemented impactful reforms in the agriculture sector, such as the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act and Essential Commodities Act, aiming to liberalize trade and provide better market access to farmers," the Vice-Chairperson said and added that these changes intend to boost farmers' income by enabling them to sell their produce beyond traditional mandis.

"In the context of Jammu and Kashmir, specific initiatives have been introduced to promote Agricultural growth. 'Tilhan Mela' is one such trail-blazing initiative that aims to promote oilseed crop production and improve the livelihoods of farmers in the region," she added further.

Earlier, Anil Kumar AEO Majalta, Rakesh Sharma SMS Ramnagar and other officials welcomed the Vice Chairperson. The department also distributed free Nano urea bottles to the farmers and highlighted the benefits of Nano urea over traditional urea. Nano urea is a new technology that reduces the amount of fertilizer required for crop production while increasing crop yield.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Mohan Lal Sarpanch; Surinder Singh Sarpanch; C-Panjan, Nimarta Bali Naib Sarpanch Khoon, S.K.Bair; Manoj Verma, Kuldeep Singh, and other PRIs of Block Khoon.

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## Director Fisheries assess achievements under departmental schemes

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SAMBA: Director Fisheries, Mohammad Farooq Dar on Sunday conducted an extensive tour of Samba and Kathua districts to assess the progress achieved under different Fisheries Sector developmental schemes.

The National Fish Seed Farm, Kathua was also inspected during the tour. The Director appreciated the Integrated Fish farming Unit established at Datta Tallab, Bampur, Purmanadal District Samba. A progressive farmer who has been associated with fish farming activity since 2011 has taken up Integrated Fish culture along with Agriculture, Horticulture and Floriculture activities.

The farmer has also established a recreational pond



Director Fisheries, Mohammad Farooq Dar during visit to Samba.

which is a source of attraction for the people. Besides earning a handsome income the farmer is also generating employment for the local youth.

The Director exhorted the officers to provide constant hand holding to the existing

unit holders so that more such units come up in the district and the fish production can be enhanced. He stressed that the farmers need to be encouraged and assisted for starting fisheries projects.

The Director also visited the

Large RAS Unit established in Bari Brahanna in District Samba and emphasized that both the District Samba and Kathua have good potential for exploitation of Warm water fisheries and fish production. He called for technological interventions like RAS and Biofloc and by tapping potential water resources (community ponds) to further increase the productivity in the twin districts.

While interacting with the farmer at Village Jarai of District Kathua who have established a Carp Fish pond under PMSSY Scheme, the Director impressed that the fish farming with new technology shall help in economic upliftment of the local people besides supplementing quality protein in their diet. The

Director instructed the District Officers to identify the potential areas in their district to prioritize setting up of more fish farming units in private sectors under cluster based approach and facilitate organized marketing channels for the benefit of the fishers to sell their produce for better returns.

The concerned District Officers were directed to disseminate about PMSSSY and other beneficiary orientated schemes under HADP among the general masses.

The Director was accompanied by the team of officers comprising Chief Project Officer Fisheries, NFSE, Kathua, Assistant Director Fisheries Kathua and Assistant Director Fisheries, Samba.

## International seminar held at SMVDU

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KATRA: An International Seminar on "Green building: Sustainable Business for Cleaner and Greener Environment" was organized by the School of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra. Dr. Varun Dutta and Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Assistant Professors at the School of Mechanical Engineering and the Convener and Co-convener of the program respectively, provided a comprehensive overview of the webinar's objectives. The primary aim of this seminar was to acquaint the participants to

explore the Green building practices and sustainable development policies. The inaugural session of the online seminar was graced by Dr. Balbir Singh, Dean, Academic Affairs, Dr. V.V. Tyagi, Dean, R&D and Prof. M. Eswaramoorthy, Head, School of Mechanical Engineering, who inspired the participants, which include academicians and industry personnel from Indian and abroad, to delve into the diverse importance and potentials of Green Buildings. Esteemed speaker, Dr. Pankaj Mehta, Senior Faculty member, Department of Environmental sciences,

Centre University of Jammu, spoke on various aspects of Green buildings and their design aspects. He emphasized that the green building has enormous potential to combat climate change. At the end, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, co-convenor of the program, expressed his heartfelt gratitude during the vote of thanks. The coordinators extended their appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, Professor Pragati Kumar, and Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma (JKAS), Registrar of SMVDU, for their invaluable support in successfully organizing this enriching seminar.

## Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities: Grand event held at Krishan Chander Memorial Degree College Poonch

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POONCH: The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was observed with great enthusiasm in District Poonch on Sunday.

The theme for this year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities was "United in action to rescue and achieve the SDGs for, with and by persons with disabilities (Diyvanganj)".

To commemorate this important occasion, a grand event was organized at Krishan Chander Memorial Degree College Poonch.

At the outset, District Social Welfare Officer, Mohinder Paul warmly welcomed the Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M.Choudhary as the Chief Guest.

The program commenced with the singing of the National anthem, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Deputy Commissioner to signify the beginning of the event.

The Deputy Commissioner inspected stalls put up by different departments to showcase respective schemes.

District Social Welfare Officer, Mohinder Paul, highlighted different

welfare schemes being implemented by the department to extend hand holding to the weaker sections of the society.

A scintillating Cultural performance highlighting the core theme of the international Disability day was presented by the artists of Saraswati Sangeet Vidyalaya led by Master Kartar Chand while skits presented by students from local schools added vibrancy to the event.

In his address, the Deputy Commissioner commended the Social Welfare department for organizing the program to encourage and imbibe a spirit of empowerment among the individuals with disabilities. Emphasizing that the government is committed to their well-being, he highlighted the remarkable achievements of many disabled persons, emphasizing that courage and determination can lead to success.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the government's resolve for empowering persons with disabilities and highlighted various initiatives aimed at improving their lives. These include pension schemes, free education, free medical treatment, free travel facilities, and

vocational programs. These measures aim to provide better services and enable individuals with disabilities to live with dignity and respect in society.

As part of the program, assistive devices such as commode chairs, hearing aids, crutches, walking sticks, Shawals and wheelchairs were distributed among the individuals with disabilities.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner, along with other officials, presented mementos and trophies to the disabled persons.

Finally, the participants, including disabled individuals, were served lunch by the Social Welfare Department. Among others present were Chief Medical Officer, Dr.Anees Altaf Nabi, Captain Indian Divyang cricket team, Sayeed Shah Aziz Shah, Bowler Indian Divyang cricket team, Niaz Ahmed, DEPO, Narinder Mohan Suri, Waqar Choudhary, professors Sarfraz Mir, Member DGPC, Surjan Singh, Chairman of Pir Panjal Awami Development Forum Mohd. Fareed Malik, all Tehsil Social welfare Officers, Mohd. and other concerned officers.

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KISHTWAR: The Social Welfare Department Kishtwar, in conjunction with the District Administration Kishtwar, Health Department, and Education Department today orchestrated a momentous program in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex Kishtwar, commemorating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

The event was inaugurated by Additional District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Sham Lal, in the presence of DSWO Zubair Ahmed Lone, CEO Prehlad Bhagat, CMO Dr. M Y Mir, along with participants encompassing persons with disabilities and others.

This year's theme, "United in action to rescue and achieve the SDGs for, with, and by persons with disabilities," underscores the call for inclusive action and solidarity in pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals.



ADDC Kishtwar, Sham Lal and others during the event.

Addressing the gathering, ADDC emphasized the government's unwavering commitment to the welfare of individuals with disabilities, citing the compelling journey of Sheetal Devi, the 16-year-old armless archer from Kishtwar, who has ascended to the pinnacle of her sport, showcasing unparalleled determination despite her inborn difficulties.

In his address, the ADDC highlighted the inclusive approach of government underscored by the implementation of ramp facilities at polling stations and schools, ensuring unimpeded participation of specially abled persons in civic duties like voting and education. Other Speakers also highlighted different governmental initiatives, including financial aid, free education, medical treatment, vocational programs, and distribution of motorized tricycles, intended to empower and uplift the lives of differently-abled individuals. The District Social Welfare Office urged the

specially-abled to avail themselves of these benefits. Meanwhile the CEO underscored ongoing efforts to enable educational and socio-economic empowerment of PwDs.

The programme also included the screening of inspiring films and the showcasing of the cultural performances and extraordinary talent by the students and persons with special abilities. The programme culminated with the felicitation of specially-abled individuals/students by the ADDC, acknowledging their resilience and contributions.

## GDC Udhampur starts winter charity week under 'Kill The Chill' theme

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UDHAMPUR: "Nothing can be greater than the service of the Poor and Needy, that's the noble Dharma that we must follow ever" Patron Prof.(Dr.) Romesh Gupta, while addressing the staff and volunteers.

In the continuum of the league of programs in Azaadi ka Amrit Kaal during the year of G20 presidency of India, and following the age old tradition of Sarve Bahvantu Sukhinah, the NSS Units of the College in collaboration with Red Cross and Red Ribbon under the Patronship of Principal Prof.(Dr.) Romesh Gupta and supervision of NSS PO's Dr. Gupreet Kour

and Prof. Sanjeet Singh started a 'Winter Charity Week'.

As winters have approached and the chill is increasing, the NSS Units have geared up to organize the Charity Program under the Theme 'Kill The Chill'. During the entire campaign the NSS Volunteers of the College will collect and distribute warm clothes, blankets, shoes, socks etc. for the Poor victims of Pancherri landslide, occurred on 2015, which includes approximately 40 families having 185 members accommodated in the 'Community Hall' of the Sui, a village adopted by the NSS Units of the College.

The event was inaugurated on 2nd December 2023 by Worthy Principal Prof.(Dr.) Romesh Gupta along with NSS POs Dr. Gurpreet Kour and Prof. Sanjeet Singh by donating warm clothes to the volunteers and further followed by staff members and volunteers.

The clothes would be collected for another four days after which those would be distributed amongst the need victims of the Saddal landslide.

Speaking in the occasion the Patron Prof.(Dr.) Romesh Gupta apprised all that the Aim of the event is to provide some relief to the Poor migrants of Pancherri landslide in which the victims of

Saddal area residing in Sui village so that they could bear with the approaching chill of December and January. He further added that this is also a campaign to inculcate habit of helping the poor and needy amongst the youth of our college in particular and country in general. He was of the view that these activities have lessons for life.

The program was attended by a large no of volunteers and members of the staff of the College.

Dr. Gurpreet Kour looked after the proceedings of the event, while Prof. Sanjeet Singh presented the vote of thanks on the Occasion.

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: People welcome Yatra in 7 Panchayats of Ramsoo, Ramban blocks

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) campaign has gained momentum in Ramban district under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Baseer-ul-Haq Chaudhary.

Amid vibrant participation of all stakeholders, the campaign is spreading awareness about government schemes among the public. Health camps, Sankalp pledges, and outreach activities are being organized, fostering community engagement, besides making available on-the-spot services.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) on Sunday reached seven Panchayats of Maitra Govindpura-B, Chanderkote, Dhanmasta-A, Dhanmasta-B, Sujmatna-B, Sujmatna-C and Bajmasta in block Ramsoo and Ramban where people enthusiastically welcomed VBSY at each respective location, a dynamic mix of events and initiatives unfolded, success stories of empowerment and collective engagement

towards a shared vision of national development.

The primary objective of this outreach and information dissemination campaign is to empower citizens to become active stakeholders in the country's development. SDM Ramsoo, Ghanishyam Basotra, Tehsildar, BDOs, PRIs and other officers and officials participated in the events in various panchayats.

The VBSY awareness camps were organized in panchayats wherein, besides awareness lectures on various government welfare schemes by several concerned officers, Viksit Bharat Sankalp pledges were also administered to the participants. The Yatra aims to reach out to the unreached population, making them aware of various government schemes such as the Jal Jeevan Mission, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, PM PRANAM Yojana, and the Urea Subsidy

Scheme, along with the process to avail benefits. Free medical camps were held, providing free health services to local people at their doorsteps. Golden Cards and KCC cards were distributed among eligible beneficiaries. Attendees pledged in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat, aiming to foster India's development.

In the 'Meri Kahani Meri Zubani' activity, successful beneficiaries of various schemes shared their experiences. Cultural and sports events were also organized on the occasion.

In Chanderkote free gift kits were given to specially abled children and prominent sports children were also felicitated by the Sarpanch Mohammed Ashraf.

In Ramban-B Panchayat, the Tehsildar Ramban, S. Harveer Singh and officers of various departments heard the grievances of villagers and sensitized them about various government schemes. On the occasion, AEO, Jagdish Ball demonstrated the method of collecting soil for testing also.