

# MD HADP conducts extensive tour of RS Pura

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JAMMU: Mission Director Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) -Jammu and Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP), Rahul Yadav on Saturday conducted a detailed tour of the RS Pura Subdivision to assess the progress of various agricultural initiatives under the HADP.

The Mission Director was accompanied by Director Agriculture Jammu Arvinder Singh Reen, Chief Agriculture Officer Jammu Vinod Kumar Kundal, Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer Surinder Gupta, and the staff of Sub Division RS Pura.

The visit commenced with



MD HADP Rahul Yadav during visit to RS Pura.

an inspection of the Controlled Conditioned Cropping Unit of beneficiary Vijay Kumar, part of HADP Project No. 10 (Promotion of Mushroom Cultivation), located in RS Pura. Mission Director evaluated the unit's functioning and its contribution to mushroom farming in the region.

Following this, Rahul

Yadav visited the Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) of beneficiary Bhanu Partap under HADP Project No. 20 (Innovative Approaches in Agriculture Extension). The tour then proceeded to another KKG at Village Gondla, where the Mission Director inspected its operations and assessed its impact on local farmers, ensuring

that these centres are fulfilling their role in agricultural extension and support.

The tour also included a visit to the Mini Soil Testing Lab at Village Laswara under HADP Project No. 19 (J&K Soil & Land Resource Information System). Here, the Mission Director reviewed the lab's operations and its critical role in providing essential soil health data to farmers in the region.

A key aspect of the visit was the interaction between Rahul Yadav and progressive farmers, members of Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs), and Cluster-Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) at Village Arnia, Sub Division RS Pura. During this engagement, the Mission Director discussed the chal-

lenges faced by FPOs and explored strategies to enhance their operations for greater efficiency and sustainability.

The Mission Director also visited the Hi-Tech Polyhouse of progressive farmer Mahesh Choudhary from Village Gazzian. Rahul Yadav inspected the polyhouse operations and the innovative agricultural techniques being employed by Mahesh Choudhary. During the visit, the Mission Director shared the Agro-Tourism concept with Mahesh Choudhary, which aims to integrate tourism with farming to promote sustainable agricultural practices and boost local tourism. Following this, Rahul Yadav visited Choudhary's farm, where he observed the vari-

ous farming practices and techniques being utilized. Rahul Yadav also visited SM Farm Kotli, where the Mission Director inspected the ongoing work and projects at the farm.

The tour concluded with a visit to the Potato Seed Village at Village Arnia, where the Mission Director inspected the ongoing initiatives related to seed potato production, aimed at improving crop quality and boosting the local agriculture economy.

Rahul Yadav expressed his satisfaction over the progress of these projects and emphasized the government's commitment to supporting farmers through innovative agricultural practices, extension services, and infrastructure development.

# Man arrested for circulating video of girl on social media

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AWANTIPORA: Police in Awantipora have arrested the accused involved in the circulation of an indecent video of a girl on social media and WhatsApp groups, officials said.

A police official said the incident came to light following a written complaint filed on December 26 by a concerned citizen reporting the unlawful dissemination of sexually explicit content featuring his sister.

Acting swiftly, the police registered FIR 186/2024 at Police Station Awantipora, invoking relevant sections of the Information Technology Act and other applicable laws.

Preliminary investigations confirmed the allegations, and the accused was promptly apprehended, said the official.

The police have issued an advisory to social media users, urging them to refrain from uploading or sharing explicit content, as such actions constitute a serious offense under the IT Act.

The offense carries penalties of up to seven years of imprisonment and fines amounting to Rs 10 lakh.

# Notorious criminal booked under PSA

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SAMBA: Acting tough against criminals, Samba Police today booked a notorious criminal from the jurisdiction of Police Station Vijaypur under the Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA) and lodged him in District Jail Kathua.



The notorious criminal namely Rahul Kumar, son of Ramesh Chand, resident of Pekhari tehsil Vijaypur district Samba has been booked under PSA after obtaining formal detention order from the District Magistrate Samba. The booked criminal has been subsequently lodged in District Jail Kathua.

The repeated criminal activities of the said notorious criminal have posed a serious threat to public peace and tranquility in the region.

In order to refrain the subject from indulging in criminal activities, a dossier under PSA was recommended against the subject, upon which the District Magistrate Samba after getting satisfied issued a PSA warrant against him.

The arrest was made by a police team headed by SHO PS Vijaypur under the supervision of SDPO Vijaypur and under the overall supervision of SSP Samba.

# Notorious drug peddler booked under PIT-NDPS Act

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SOPORE: Police in Sopore have booked a notorious drug peddler under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority.

The notorious drug peddler namely Muzafar Ahmad Marazi son of Mohammad Akbar Marazi resident of Sofi Hamam Sopore have been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority. He has been taken into custody and is now being held in the District Jail Udhampur.

Pertinent to mention here that, many cases are registered against the said drug peddler and he was still involved in drug peddling by supplying drugs to the local youth of the Police District Sopore.

# PTTI Vijaypur organizes workshop on 'operational & maintenance of departmental vehicles'



## STATE TIMES NEWS

VIJAYPUR: The Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur in collaboration with Mahindra Astro India Automobiles Bari Brahmana Jammu organizes one-day workshop on 'Operation & Maintenance of departmental Vehicles'. Police personnel from various units/wings of district Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Doda, Kishtwar, Srinagar, Awantipora, Pulwama and Baramulla of J&K Police actively participated in the training program. The workshop was aimed at familiarizing the police personnel with the operational & maintenance of the vehicles. The day long workshop was held in two sessions viz., Indoor lecture and practical demonstration. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri. Dushyant Sharma-SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur, who addressed the participants, highlighting the significance of the training session. He emphasizes upon the proper maintenance of the vehicles in order to have an effective utilization of the vehicles as well as to avoid any sudden breakdown while driving. On the occasion, the invited guests Engineer/Technician Mr.

Pawan Kumar and Mr. Asgar Ali from Mahindra Astro India Automobiles Jammu shared their expertise, impart essential knowledge to the police personnel with regards to the importance of operation & maintenance of vehicles and explained in detail the types of maintenance of vehicles, general safety precautions & procedures, functioning of equipments & tools etc. during their lectures in the first session of the workshop. Accordingly during the second session, the practical demonstration on the maintenance of vehicles was presented by the invitees in order to get the participants understandable practically with the maintenance procedures of the vehicles. Concluding the workshop, Principal PTTI Vijaypur thanked both the engineers for sparing their valuable time for imparting lecture/demonstration to the police personnel and also expected that the participants will definitely have gain knowledge and shall follow these procedures to keep their vehicles maintained properly in order to avoid any undue fault while driving.

# Sant Nirankari Mission organises Zonal Mahila Samagam

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SAMBA: Sant Nirankari Mission organized the Zonal Mahila Samagam at Samba, a spiritual congregation aimed at celebrating the vital role of women in fostering love, unity, and spiritual awakening. This remarkable congregation brought together women from across the region, showcasing their dedication to the mission's core values of humanity, selfless service, and spiritual enlightenment.

The Zonal Mahila Samagam was Presided over by Behan Nirmal Manchanda Ji Gyan Pracharak and Sanyojak Gurugram Haryana. Speaking at the Samagam, she said that the overwhelming participation at this Mahila Samagam is a testament to the strength and resolve of women to lead by example, fostering spiritual and social well-being for all with unique example of women empowerment. Today women through their inspirational discourses, devotional songs, and poems



promoting peace, harmony and love. It is all with the grace of Satguru that we live a blissful life after attaining the Divine Knowledge. While being spiritually enlightened, one must remain connected with the Unchangeable Almighty God Nirankar to lead a unshakeable life. It is important to remain in society of Noble and Pious Saints. Satguru manifests our lives with all good virtues and teaches us way of living free from ego and hatred. She further elaborated that in order to live a peaceful life, one should remain devoted

in the holy feet of Lord Masted Satguru who bestows us with firm faith in God Nirankar and sense of Brotherhood and to practise all such human trait living a peaceful life with fellow beings.

Ajit Singh Zonal Incharge Jammu welcome all and said that the Samagam drew a record-breaking participation of over 5000 women devotees from various cities and towns, making it one of the largest women's spiritual gatherings in the region. KC Bhagat Sanyojak Samba presented vote of Thanks.

# EPFO Jammu conducts awareness program of Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0

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RAJOURI: Employees' Provident Fund Organization, Jammu conducted an awareness program of Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 in the presence of Satya Prakash, Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner and also attended by Pradyot Gupta Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mohd. Shafi, President of Small Scale Industries, AB. Rouf Dar President of Private School Association, D.F.O Nowshera, Mining Department along with District Nodal Officer Sh. Devinder Singh, Enforcement Officer at Conference Hall, DDC Rajouri.

While speaking on the occasion, Satya Prakash, APFC apprised the stakeholders



Satya Prakash, Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner chairing a meeting at Rajouri.

about various initiatives undertaken by EPFO under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 such as E-Nomination, UAN Activation, KYC Updation, Bank, Aadhar Seeding, Online ECR Filing, Salient Features of Employees Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) Scheme, 1976, Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 benefits for the Registered Employees and

other benefits. The hand-holding session was also provided to the employers for registration of DSC/E-Sign, filing of ECR challans etc.

During the course of discussions, the members present in the program raised number of issues pertaining to the EPFO Office and on spot directions has been given by Sh.Satya Prakash,

APFC to resolve the issue on priority. Employers were also educated on how to access the Principal Employer Portal to check sub-contractor compliance and benefits of e-nomination. Apart from this, grievances were redressed by the APFC and Nodal Officer as how and when to withdraw their PF, under which para they should apply.

The workshop lasted for more than one hour, where APFC heard the issues being faced by the establishments and employees. A hand holding and interactive session continued in which various stakeholders went live and learnt how to deal with the problems faced by them. It was found that some sub-contractors have not taken the PF code due to which many workers were

outside the fold of EPFO.

The Programme was also attended by Rajesh Gupta, president of Beopar Mandal, Nissar Ahmed President of Fruit Market Association, and Employer from Stone Crushers and representative of Private Educational Institution.

Services and benefits of "Social Security"- Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 and enhanced quantum (up to Rupees Seven Lakhs) of Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Schemes, 1976 are being rendered to employees of Union territory of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh with effect from November 2019 onwards. The features of these schemes were discussed in detail at the Nidhi Aapke Nikat programme.

# CMO Poonch conducts surprise visit to SDH Mendhar

## STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Poonch paid a surprise visit to the Government Sub District Hospital in Mendhar today to assess the functioning of the hospital and ensure quality healthcare services for patients.

During the visit, the CMO conducted a detailed inspection of various sections, including hospital wards, the X-ray section, laboratory section, ophthalmic section, Ayushman Bharat counter, operation theatre (OT), labour room, and Jan Aushadhi Kendra.

The CMO interacted with patients to understand their concerns and inquired about the facilities available to them. A special focus was



CMO Poonch during surprise visit to SDH Mendhar.

given to the implementation of Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY SEHAT, emphasizing the conversion of in-patient departments (IPD) into the scheme to enhance patient benefits.

In a meeting with the hospital staff, the CMO directed them to maintain punctuali-

ty, adhere to the prescribed dress code, and ensure the provision of better healthcare services to patients.

This visit underscores the commitment of the health department to improve healthcare facilities and ensure patient satisfaction in the region.

# BJP strengthens organizational structure through Sangathan Parv: Arvind



MLA Arvind Gupta chairing BJP workers meeting at Akhnoor.

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AKHNOOR: As part of the ongoing Sangathan Parv, Arvind Gupta, MLA from Jammu West, chaired a sig-

nificant meeting at the Akhnoor Assembly segment to hold organizational elections at Mandal level.

The meeting was attended by prominent leaders and party members, including Rajeev Sharma (District President), Mohan Lal Bhagat (MLA Akhnoor), Dr. Krishan Lal (Ex-MLA), Smt. Veenu Khanna (Returning Officer), Sh. Brijeshwar Rana (District Parbhari), Daljeet Singh (Ex-Vice Chairman Kissan Board), Dr. Suresh Ajay Mangotra, Sh. Suraj Singh (Vice Chairman DDC Jammu), Sh. Manmohan

Singh (Jila Seh-Parbhari), Sh. Bhushan Bral (DDC Bhalwal Brahmana), Smt. Sharda Bhu (DDC Akhnoor), Sh. Suresh Sharma (DDC Mera Mandriani), Sh. G.S. Chib (Convener Chhamb), and Capt. Sobha Ram (Convener Akhnoor).

Addressing the meeting, Arvind Gupta highlighted the milestones achieved under Sangathan Parv. He informed that the initiative began with a comprehensive membership drive, during which numerous active members were enrolled into the party. This was followed by

the election of new Booth Presidents, paving the way for the current Mandal President elections.

"Today's meeting was convened at Akhnoor to discuss and finalize deserving candidates for the post of Mandal Presidents. The shortlisted names will be announced following the elections of Mandal President on January 1, 2025. Subsequently, elections for District Presidents will also be conducted," he stated.

Reiterating BJP's core philosophy, Arvind remarked, "BJP is a party of the people, by the people, and for the people. Our organizational structure ensures inclusive and democratic representation at every level." He further emphasized that such efforts strengthen the party's foundation and its connection with the grassroots.

The meeting concluded with a strong resolve to uphold the democratic spirit and ensure that the Sangathan Parv continues to invigorate the party's organizational framework.

# GDC Nowshera hosts awareness lecture on Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana



Faculty members along with students during the programme at Nowshera.

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N O W S H E R A : Government Degree College Nowshera took a significant step towards promoting girls' education and empowerment by hosting an awareness lecture on the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana. The event, organized by the NSS unit, aimed to educate students about the benefits of this government-backed savings program, designed exclusively for girl children.

Dr. Sunil Dutt Sharma, Department of Dogri, delivered the lecture, highlighting the challenges faced by girl students and

the benefits of various government schemes, including the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana. The scheme, launched as part of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign, aims to meet the education and marriage expenses of a girl child, with a minimum deposit of ₹1,000 and a maximum of ₹1,50,000 per financial year.

The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign, launched in 2015, aims to address the declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and promote girls' education and empowerment. The campaign has led to an improvement in the Sex

Ratio at Birth (SRB) by 19 points at the National level, from 918 in 2014-15 to 937 in 2020-21.

The event also included a rally inside the college premises, emphasizing the importance of girls' education and empowerment. The event saw enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers, students, and faculty members.

Principal Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad commended the NSS unit for their efforts, and Dr. Mohd Zeeshan, NSS Program Officer, delivered a vote of thanks.

The event was a resounding success, inspiring students and faculty members to work towards promoting girls' education and empowerment.

# Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Sehora, Industry-2 and its adjoining areas will remain affected on December 29 from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm.

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