

GDC Marh organises workshop on 'Campus Bird Count'

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JAMMU: NSS unit joined hands with Bird watching club of Government Degree College Marh organised two-day workshop on 'Campus Bird Count, here on the college campus.

The college is registered on e-bird world's largest citizen Science Project. The programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest Prof Rakesh Kumar Koul (College Principal) along with Dr Parmil Kumar.

The workshop was conducted by Sachin Kumar Bhagat, Assistant Prof. in Political Science, a famous bird lover of Jammu and Kashmir under the overall supervision of Prof. Rakesh Kumar Koul Principal, GDC Marh who explained the mystic connection between birds and



Principal GDC Marh, Prof Rakesh Koul and other dignitaries at a workshop.

humans.

The invited speakers of the event Dr Parmil Kumar, HOD, Department of Statistics, University of Jammu and Dr. Pankaj Chandan, a wildlife biologist and an expert on Himalayan ecology inspired students to pursue higher studies in ornithology and also stressed on the

importance of wetlands and birds species. They also highlighted the role of birds for conservation of humanity.

Dr Parmil Kumar No. 1 birder of J&K who has 482 bird species of J&K and 800 bird species of India to his credit and is a well-known bird reviewer of India donated reading

material to the college for knowledge sharing among the students. He explained the importance of J&K for having 50% of birds found in India in comparison to the area of other states and shared that bird ROOK is the bird found in R S Pura Jammu only in whole of India.

There was an interactive session between faculty, students and the invited speaker wherein the students raised various queries concerning birds and were replied satisfactorily. During the programme a photographic exhibition/ book exhibition showcasing birds of J&K along with equipments required for bird watching was also displayed.

The invited speakers were felicitated with Letter of

Appreciation and Mementos. In the end, students shared their feedback and experience about the programme that how such type of programmes inspire, motivate them to connect with nature and choose their career. Refreshment was served to the participants.

Prof Anita Kumari, Prof Imtiaz Shahid, Prof Madhvi Parasher, Dr Ashu Jolly Prof Asha Kumari, Dr Balwinder Saini, Prof Shaluu Gupta, Dr Shakun Sharma, Prof Anjana Chib, Dr Sheetal Devi, Ravi Kumar (Incharge Tourism club), were also present during the event. Dr Ram Dayal presented formal vote of thanks. Technical support was provided by Mohit Kalotra and Raehhal Lal.

SSP Jammu inaugurates health checkup camp at DPO

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JAMMU: Samvedna Society Jammu organised 80th Free heart check-up camp at District Police Office Jammu.

The camp was organised by Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra and was inaugurated by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu Vinod Kumar. The camp was also attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Kulbir Handa and Deputy Superintendent of Police Hqsrs Jammu Ashok Kumar.

A medical team of experts, including a Cardiologist & Physician from Medanta Hospital Gurgaon examined the police personnel. PFT (Pulmonary Function Test), ECG, Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure and other tests were



SSP Jammu Vinod Kumar inaugurating health checkup camp at District Police Office Jammu.

done.

SSP Jammu highlighted the importance of routine health check-ups.

Keshav Chopra said that Samvedna Society is committed to provide best health care facilities to all and assured that he along with his team will continue conduct free medical camps in the future also.

Dr Arvind Sharma (Physician), Dr Shantanu Singla (Cardiologist), Sandeep Singh Jamwal (Assistant Manager Marketing), Manshu Skolia, Saniya Sharma, Muneet, Riya, Pearl, Romeel, Nand Kishore, Ikhlaj, Gazanfar, Azhar, Shameem, Sushil Gupta, Manoj and Divyansh were also present.

Sanskrit Deptt of GCW Parade celebrates Basant Panchmi



Students and faculty members of Sanskrit Dept of GCW Parade celebrating Basant Panchmi.

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The program's schedule encompassed a variety of enlightening and spiritual activities, including Vedic mantras Chanting, the invocation of light with sacred mantras, a soulful Welcome Song, Shiv-Parvati vivah, Radha-Krishnan dance, Bhangra, Giddah etc.

On the occasion, Principal Dr. S.P Sarsvat congratulated all the staff and students of the Sanskrit Department and emphasized the importance of the Festival. Dr. Mamta Sharma HoD, Sanskrit Presented a welcome address and Dr. Surinder Kumar presented a vote of thanks.

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JAMMU: The Department of Sanskrit, Government

College for Women Parade Ground organized a cultural programme to mark the

DIC Jammu hosts awareness programme on PM Vishwakarma scheme

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JAMMU: District Industries Centre Jammu, in collaboration with the District Administration on Friday hosted an awareness programme on PM Vishwakarma scheme here in Teachers Bhavan for the stakeholders. The awareness event was chaired by Joint Director IEDS, MSME DFO, G Velladurai.

The PM Vishwakarma scheme has been launched on Sep 17, 2023 by the Prime Minister. Under the scheme 18 categories of artisans have been covered. After successful registration at CSC and due step wise verifications by the authorities, the artisans will be eligible for a toolkit of Rs. 15000; A Collateral free loan up to Rs. 300000 at just 5% interest rate. For more details of the scheme the artisans can con-

tact Gram Panchayat/ Panchayat Secy./GRS/BDO/ DIC office/DC office.

At the outset, Rajesh Kumar, IEDS Assistant Director delivered welcome address and a brief about the seminar. Detailed presentation and clarifications regarding the registrations process of the scheme was given by D K Tyagi, IEDS Assistant Director Officer from MSME DFO, Jammu.

Representatives of CSC Centre, Ministry of Skill Development Government of India and Lead District Manager gave presentations on the role of their respective Department in PM Vishwakarma verification & execution. Guest of honour, Shehzada, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Jammu motivated the participants and officers of district administration to bring maximum number of potential beneficiaries on the platform to enable them to take benefits from this scheme.

The Chief Guest, G Velladurai appreciated the efforts of the district authorities for registrations & A Senet" and motivated the stakeholder departments to go for more registrations.

Sandeep Dubey, Malvika Sharma, Roohi Khajuria, from District Industrial Centre extended Vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and participants.

NHM MD reviews implementation of NTEP, adult BCG vaccination trial

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JAMMU: Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), J&K, Nazim Zai Khan, on Friday chaired a meeting held to review implementation of National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP), Sub National Certification Claims and Adult BCG Vaccination Trial in Jammu and Kashmir.

Nazim Zai directed the concerned officers and officials of Health Department to work diligently to achieve the targets set for elimination of tuberculosis from the UT by 2025 as per National Strategic Plan (NSP) 2017-2025. He instructed them to expedite procurement of pending lab equipment in the Intermediate Reference Laboratory (IRL) of Jammu division for making it operational at the earliest.

He exhorted upon the concerned to conduct external death audit of TB patients and Contact Tracing of active pulmonary TB cases. He also asked for mapping of all Ayushman Arogya Mandirs with Nikshay Portal for providing TB drugs as per the mandate of Central TB division, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Emphasizing the importance of Nikshay Poshan Yojana, the MD directed the officers to bring all the eligible beneficiaries under the ambit of NPY without any fail.

Among others the meeting was attended by the Director Health, Services Kashmir, Director Family Welfare and Immunization, J&K, State Tuberculosis Officer Kashmir, State Immunization Officer J&K besides Chief Medical Officers, District TB Officers and other officers and officials from NHM and Health Department.

Declare assembly elections in J&K, restore statehood: Kazmi



J&K President of Apni Party Trade Union, Ajaz Kazmi and others at a joining programme.

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UDHAMPUR: J&K President of Apni Party Trade Union, Ajaz Kazmi, on Friday concerned over the delay in holding assembly elections in Jammu and

Kashmir while terming it a discrimination with the people of an erstwhile historic state.

He was addressing a worker's meeting in Udhampur. Kazmi demanded that the

discrimination must be ended by declaring assembly elections in J&K, and statehood should also be restored so that an elected Govt can independently work for the people of J&K.

DSST provides cleaning tools, materials to Govt Hospital G'Nagar

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JAMMU: Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust (DSST) provided cleaning tools and materials to Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar.

The distribution of cleaning tools & materials were carried out in the presence of former Deputy Mayor Jammu & BJP senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria.

On the occasion, Medical Superintendent of Gandhi Nagar Hospital, Dr Hamid Zargar, Geetanjali Jasrotia and officers and employees of Hospital were also present.

Billawaria said that Trust has been doing a great job in helping out the needy.

He said that the Trust is also doing excellent work regarding cleanliness, an example of which was that today they provided cleanliness equipment to Gandhi Nagar Hospital.

He also mentioned that the Trust has been providing help to the poor, destitute and needy people in the form of food, clothes, medicines and other necessary items. Billawaria appealed to the family members of the patients



DSST in presence of former Dy Mayor B.S Billawaria providing cleaning tools, materials to Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar.

who visit the hospital and said that they should cooperate with the administration in keeping the hospital clean and use the dustbin.

He called upon all the people to ensure their participation regularly to make the cleaning campaign launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi a success.

He also urged citizens to come forward and contribute to this noble cause. He added that such charitable initiatives should be encouraged in order to provide a better life to the needy and poor people. The members of the Dogra

Sewa Sambhal Trust also expressed their gratitude to Billawaria for his support and appreciated his efforts in providing assistance to the people.

They mentioned that the Trust will continue to do its best in helping the needy and destitute people. They also said that the Trust is always open to receive donations in kind or in cash.

Prominent among others who were present during the program included-Rachit Khosla, Lovisha Gupta, Isher Singh Noni, Arvind Gupta and Bhushan Verma.

Crime Branch J&K organises awareness programme on drug abuse at MAM College

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JAMMU: Crime Branch J&K under the Union Government's Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan in collaboration with Anti-Narcotics Task Force Jammu (Specialized Wing of JKP to tackle the menace of drugs) conducted an awareness Program on Drug Abuse at Auditorium of MAM College, here on Friday.

The programme was witnessed by about six hundred college students, NCC Cadets, NSS Students, College faculty and ANTF Jammu team.

The programme was inaugurated by Javid Ahmed Matto (DIG Crime Branch J&K).

Lectures were given to students by DIG Crime J&K Javid Ahmed Matto and different experts on Health and Awareness issues by Dr. Muzaffar Jan (Director of Drug De-Addiction Centre, PCR Kashmir) and legal issues by Laeeq Ahmed Dar (Joint Director Prosecution, Crime Branch J&K).



DIG Crime Branch J&K, Javid Ahmed Matto delivering lecture on drug abuse at MAM College, Jammu.

The lecture on Menace of Drug Abuse was delivered by Raj Kumar (SSP ANTF J&K) and participants were made aware against the alarming rise in the number of drug abusers, drug peddlers, drug distributors across the UT of J&K.

The lectures included data related to drug abusers in J&K based on a research study conducted by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in Collaboration with AIIMS.

During the programme general public asked to aware

their children against the menace of Narcotic drug and psychotropic substances and its addiction and further appealed the general public particularly the young youth to stay away from drugs, help the drug dependents get proper treatment at hospitals/Drug DE-addiction and rehabilitation centers and to share any kind of information regarding drug related activities with ANTF so that strict legal actions are taken against such drug dealers.

The identity of the informant as well as whistle-blower

shall be kept confidential. Persons found in drug peddling will be dealt strictly as per law. The community participation in fight against drug abuse can serve the purpose of complete eradication of the menace of drugs from our society.

Other officers who attended the programme are Amarjit Singh SSP (SO to Spl.DGP Crime Branch J&K), Gurdev Singh Rakhwal (Principal MAM College, Jammu, Ajay Sharma SP South and Tanweer Ahmed DYSP ANTF Jammu.

Congress won't leave any stone unturned to protect interests of J&K people: Bhalla

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JAMMU: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla on Friday asserted that Congress has always taken a "leading role" in tackling the challenges posed before the country.

"It very well knows how to discharge its role of sacrificing everything for the country," Bhalla said while interacting with aggrieved people of Bahu constituency.

Bhalla said, "today, the situation of J&K has become adverse owing to the anti-people policies of the government. Spiralling inflation, poverty, and challenges before the democratic values,



JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla interacting with people at Jammu.

Constitution and Constitutional institutions, can only be tackled by the Congress. For this, everybody has to play an active role."

Urging the Congress workers to understand the pain faced by the people, Bhalla said, "The history of the Congress has been to reduce the pain of every section of the country. This is our present as well as the future. Hence, our first priority is the country and the people. Stand with them, share their pain, and work hard to help them get rid of the pain."

"To elect their own representatives to place them at the helm of affairs is a democratic right of the people, and they cannot be deprived of this right for so long without any plausible reason," he said. Emphasizing on unity among the people of Jammu and the Valley, and urging them to maintain harmony, Bhalla said, "People of both regions ought to stand united and maintain harmony so that they can protect their Constitutional rights and mutual interests."

He said, "We have a vision and a roadmap to ensure the economic empowerment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. I assure you that we will ensure impartial development of all regions and prosperity for all citizens, regardless of their regional, religious, or political affiliations."

He urged the leaders and workers to enhance their political activities and public outreach program in their respective areas in order to remain in touch with the masses.

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