

# JU's Kathua Campus organizes lecture cum workshop on "Understanding Poetry"

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KATHUA: The Department of English, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu organised an expert lecture cum workshop titled "Understanding Poetry: The Genre and The Inspiration", for the students of 2nd and 4th semester, under the con- venership of Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu. The lecture cum workshop aimed to provide attendees with insights into the nuances of poetry, tech- niques for analysing poetic works and strategies for enhancing their appreciation for this art form. In his message to the students, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia encouraged students to make the most of this oppor- tunity to enhance their understanding of poetry and to keep their minds open and their curiosity alive.



Resource persons and officials of Kathua Campus during the workshop.

The resource person for the guest lecture was Dr. Garima Gupta, Associate Professor in Department of English, University of Jammu and presently head- ing the Department of Journalism and Media Studies. She has partici- pated in numerous national and international conferences both in India and abroad and also published exten-

sively on various topics in national and international journals and anthologies. She was also a recipient of Indira Gandhi women Achiever's Award by the International Friendship Society in 2010. The welcome address was given by Dr. Nimita Sharma, Lecturer, Department of English. The lecture was attended by stu- dents of Semester 2nd and

4th, Department of English; faculty members and stu- dents of UIET, Kathua Campus and faculty mem- bers of Department of MBA. The resource person started the session by guiding the students and participants on a journey through the world of poetry, unravelling its mysteries and uncovering its beauty. From elucidating poetic devices, to elaborating the

difference between poem and poetry, to providing invaluable tools for explor- ing and appreciating poetry in all its forms, overall, it was an engaging and inter- active session which not only encouraged active partici- pation but also provided stu- dents with a platform to apply their knowledge as they were given worksheets to practice the knowledge imparted during the session. The interactive learning experiences are invaluable for students as they foster a deeper understanding and retention of the subject mat- ter. The students of the Department of English also got a chance to recite their poetic creations and received invaluable insights from the resource person. The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Meenakshi Thakur, Lecturer, Department of English.

# IOs must take all measures to improve investigation, disposal of cases: SSP to cops

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REASI: The Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Reasi, Mohita Sharma- convened a comprehensive crime review meeting at the District Police Headquarters in Reasi today. The meeting was attended by the SHO, IC PPs and other officers.

During the meeting, the sta- tus of under investigation cases related to ULAP(A), NDPS Act and Crime against women & children were reviewed. The progress made in ongoing criminal investiga- tions was discussed to ensure timely resolution and justice for victims. Strategies to strengthen community polic- ing and enhance public safety were deliberated upon, emphasizing the importance of community involvement in maintaining law and order. Measures to tackle drug abuse within the district were dis- cussed, with a focus on pre- vention, rehabilitation, and



SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma chairing a meeting.

enforcement. Addressing the officers, SSP Reasi said that the Investigation officers must take all the measures to improve investigation and dispo- sal of cases. She directed that the quality of investiga- tion and disposal of these cases needs improvement and stressed upon them to adopt the latest techniques and stan- dard operating practices which would bring better results in investigation process. SSP Reasi, directed the par- ticipating officers to remain

extra-vigilant, strengthen nakas/checkpoints, and gener- ate actionable intelligence so that the nefarious designs of anti-national elements can be thwarted. She further directed the officers to take the lead while conducting area domi- nation/patrolling and specula- tive/specific CASOs in vulner- able areas/pockets. This meeting served as a crucial platform to identify challenges, share insights, and develop actionable plans to address both existing and emerging security concerns in the district.

# DDC Chairman visits Mega Horticulture Nursery Chakroi on Indo-Pak Border



DDC Chairman Col Mahan Singh during visit to Horticulture Nursery Chakroi on Indo-Pak Border.

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RS PURA: Col Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman Kathua, along with Ram Sewak, Director Horticulture Jammu, visited the Mega Horticulture Nursery Chakroi, located on the zero line of Indo- Pak border in RS Pura Sector. During his visit, the DDC Chairman interacted with staff and trainees and showed a keen interest in the various plants being grown and grafted at this unique nursery. The Mega

Nursery has set a target for the production of more than 8 lakh hybrid plants comprising Citrus, Gava, Mango, and Dragon fruit of various varieties. The DDC Chairman also witnessed a demonstration of the hi-tech system being adopt- ed for the supply of water, fertil- izers, pesticides, etc., and the use of poly houses for tempera- ture control for all-season pro- ductivity of saplings. The DDC Chairman appreci- ated the efforts of the

Horticulture Department and called upon farmers and public representatives to visit this mega facility for the promotion of horticulture in Jammu region, which has exponential potential to double farmers' income as envisaged by Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi. He asserted that it is a matter of pride that such state-of-the-art facilities have been created by the present LG Administration for the welfare of the farming community.

# SMVDU organizes two day workshop on Innovative Sustainable Design

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KATRA: The School of Energy Management and the School of Architecture & Landscape Design, under the patronage of the Institute Innovation Council (IIC), jointly organized a two-day intra-institute workshop on Innovative Sustainable Design at SMVDU with an aim to nurture creativity, col- laboration, and sustainable development. The workshop intends to bring together fac- ulty, staff, and students to explore cutting-edge con- cepts, exchange ideas, and develop solutions to address persistent environmental challenges. The inaugural session commenced with Ar. Abhinay Gupta, Asst. Prof. at SoALD, extending a warm welcome to the distinguished guests, including Prof. Pragati Kumar, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, along with faculty members, resource persons, and enthu- siastic students. The Vice Chancellor emphasized the



Officials of SMVDU during the workshop at Katra.

importance of organising such workshops which help to pool innovative ideas of the young minds. He added that sustainable design plays a crucial role in shaping a bet- ter future for generations to come. As we face challenging issues such as climate change, resource depletion, and environmental degrada- tion, it is vital that we har- ness the power of innovation to create solutions that are both ecologically sound and socially responsible. The workshop featured a diverse range of sessions, including expert presentations and hands-on workshops. Participants had the oppor- tunity to engage with experts in the field, share their

insights and experiences, and collaborate on projects that promote sustainability and innovation. Prof. Ashutosh Vaishstha, Dean Faculty of Management and Chairperson, IIC SMVDU stated that by bringing together stakeholders from across our institution, we hope to nurture interdis- ciplinary collaboration and encourage the cross-pollina- tion of ideas. Through this collective effort, we aim to inspire positive change and empower individuals to become catalysts for sustain- able development in their respective fields. Dr. Sanjeev Anand, Associate Dean R&D, said that this work- shop is part of IIC 6.0

Calendar Activities for Academic Year 2023-24 given by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell and the best innovations will be rewarded. Dr. Yatheshth Anand, Assistant Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering and coordinator of the workshop explained about the details of the work- shop and how the innovations will be evaluated and reward- ed. The session progressed with enlightening presenta- tions by notable resource per- sons. Ar. C L Razdan, former Director of the School of Architecture at SMVDU, captivated the audience with his discourse on the retro- fitting project at Pahalgam,

offering a profound learning experience for the attending students. It was followed by Er. Vaneet Aggarwal from BeeKay Protection Systems who shared pioneering advancements in home secu- rity, safety, and fire-fighting technologies, enriching the discourse with practical innova- tions aimed at enhancing residential safety standards. The Inaugural session was attended by experts, Ar. C. L. Razdan, Mr. Vaneet Aggarwal, BEE Protection and Dr. Vineet Tyagi, Dean R&D, Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, Head, SoALD, Ar. Navin Gupta, Assistant Professor, SoALD, Ar. Abhimanyu Gupta, Assistant Professor, SoALD. The workshop not only served as a platform for knowledge dissemination but also ignited a spirit of inquiry and exploration among par- ticipants, reaffirming the commitment of SMVDU towards fostering a culture of innovation and sustainability in academia and beyond.

# Washrooms at Poonch District Hospital in a dilapidated condition



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POONCH: Filthy and unkempt washrooms in wards of Raja Sukhdev Singh Hospital in Poonch district have become a major concern for the public health, visiting for medicines and treatment. These unhygienic conditions spread infections drastically. It seems that the cleanliness drive under Swachh Bharat seem to have lost its effect as the authorities have ignored to maintain basic cleanliness. The poor condition of washrooms at the Civil Hospital has become a cause of worry among

patients visiting the hospital as a majority of Toilet seats and urinals have not been cleaned for months, rendering them useless for patients, attendants and staff of the hospital. Dark stains on the walls and the urinals could easily convey the story of negligence on the part of authorities. Ironically the condition of four VIP Bathrooms also seems to be deplorable with them not being cleaned since many months. The general public has urged the Administration and LG to kindly look into this matter which is putting the health of general public in grave risk.

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# Kisan Ghosti conducted

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R S PURA: A Kisan Ghosti was conducted at village Tutray, Panchayat Meshian Zone Kirpind under Alternate Agriculture System for Sustainability, Sub Div RS Pura on the direction of SDAO R S Pura Harvinder Singh. SMS Arun Jaraal from Sub Div and Dr Muneswar from KVK RS Pura made the farmers aware about conduct of Kisan Ghosti (promotion of organic farming) under Alternate

Agriculture system for sustain- ability, (HADP). Farmers were also given method demo on Panchgavya, Beejoamrit, Jeevamrit besides the benefits of vermicompost fertilizer. Different queries put forth by farmers were also addressed on the spot. They were also made aware on the adoption of IPM techniques. Others present in the camp include SMS Satvir Singh, AEO Kirpind Saloni, Anil Verma, Amit Bakshi and Ajay Sharma.



An agri official speaking during Kisan Ghosti.

# GDC Nagrota, Duggar Manch organises symposium on Employment Opportunities in Regional Languages

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NAGROTA: Under the aegis of IQAC, Department of Dogri in collaboration with Duggar Manch and Career Counselling Cell organized this Symposium. It was a great opportunity to witness not only the cultural, linguistic but also professional Renaissance of Dogri language. The students and the staff got the opportu- nity to listen to khand methi Dogri, from none other than Padamshree Prof. Manohar Singh. Other speakers on the occasion were Sahitya Academy Winner Vijay Verma of Seri and Randhir Singh Raipuria.



Students and faculty members of GDC Nagrota during the programme.

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# NSS Unit of GDC Khour visit GPS Naryana



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KHOUR: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Government Degree College Khour visited Govt. Primary School, Nai Basti, Naryana on the 3rd Day of the ongoing 07 Days NSS Special Winter Camp. The motive behind the visit was to interact with the Primary School children and to make them aware regarding various good habits like maintain- ing personal hygiene, moral values, kindness, modesty, honesty etc. The visit was conducted under the leadership of Prof. (Dr) T. K. Sharma, Principal and under the

supervision of Prof. Himanshu Khajuria, NSS Programme Officer. About 42 NSS volun- teers of the College active- ly interacted and indulged the children into various co-curricular activities like singing, dancing, playing games etc. Volunteers also inspired them with motivational lectures. Various station- ary items (viz. pencils, erasers, color kits etc.), sweets and fruits were dis- tributed among children. They felt very happy with the visit of NSS team and urged volunteers to visit school in future also.

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# District Level Dance Competition held under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

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UDHAMPUR: District Level Dance Competition was organized under the aegis of Chief Education Officer, Udhampur at SIKS HSS Boys Udhampur in which Chief Guest Chief Education Officer Udhampur Geetu Bangotra and Guest of honour Dr. Chief Education Officer Udhampur Kalpa Jasrotia graced the occasion. The Competition was inaugurated with impres- sive speech of Geetu Bangotra, accompanied by DEPO Udhampur Chand Krishan Pandita and Renu Kotwal Vice-Principal of SIKS HSS Boys Udhampur.



Chief Education Officer Udhampur Geetu Bangotra and others during the programme.

It is pertinent to mention here that Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat activity was a unique initiative of Govt. of India in which Jammu Kashmir UT was paired with the Tamilnadu State and series of activities was organized from time to time with the aim of cultur- al fusion between two states. In the said competi-

tion eleven schools of sec- ondary level participated and contestants mesmerize the audience with their capti- vating cultural perfor- mance on the theme of Tamil Dance. Judges Sunita Tikoo, Amandeep Kaur and Anuradha has judged the performance minutely in fair and impartial manner, which was very tough as all the performances are well orchestrated. On the basis of their per- formances Supriya Sharma of HSS Chak clinched the

first position, Gudia of HSS Barta secured the second position and Tania Choudhary of HSS Battal- Ballian secured the third position. Rakesh Singh DRG, Vivek Gupta and Amita Sharma PET played their crucial role in making the pro- gramme huge successful. At last certificates of appreciation distributed to the Toppers and Jury mem- bers and refreshment distributed to all the Participants.

# District Screening Committee approves one case at Doda

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DODA: To address grievances stemming from militancy-relat- ed incidents, Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, presided over a significant meeting of the District Screening cum Coordination Committee in his office today. The Committee convened to deliberate upon 11 cases involving victims of mili- tancy-related incidents and missing persons, all falling under the purview of SRO-43 of 1994.

representatives from BSF, RR, CID, and other pertinent agen- cies, collectively pledged to streamline and coordinate efforts in combating prevailing issues within the district. The meeting's focal point was the holistic approach towards addressing the multifaceted challenges posed by militancy- related incidents. By fostering collaboration among various stakeholders, the committee aims to enhance efficiency in delivering relief and support to affected individuals and fami- lies. Moving forward, the District Screening cum Coordination Committee remains steadfast in its com- mitment to prioritizing the welfare of those affected by mili- tancy. With a unified resolve and concerted efforts, the com- mittee endeavors to navigate through complexities and usher in tangible solutions for the bet- terment of the community.

During the session, rigorous discussions ensued among the committee members, includ- ing key stakeholders from various departments. After meticulous consideration, one case garner- ed approval, signaling a ray of hope for the affected family. Emphasizing expeditious action, DC Doda underscored the necessity for time-bound clearance of pending cases to alleviate the suffering of affect- ed families. In a bid to ensure the authenticity of claims, DC Doda directed officials to con- duct thorough verifications of the victims. The committee, which included ADC Doda Sudershan Kumar, Additional SP Doda Shakeel Bhat, and

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