

# International Women’s Day celebrated across Jammu region

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**HIRANAGAR:** International Women's Day celebrated at Govt GLDM Degree College Hiranagar under the patron-ship of Principal Prof Suresh Sharma. The theme of the programme was 'Gender Equality and A Sustainable Tomorrow'. This program was organised under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotasav by the Cultural Committee, GS cash Committee and Women Counseling Cell. Dr. Davinder Kour HOD Education , Covenor of all committees and being Senior Person acted as Chairperson of the Program. A debate competition was organized on this occasion. Programme was compared by Prof Arun Kumar Hod Sociology and Prof Mukesh Kumar of music department. Senior person who attended the programme Prof Sujhat Khan Hod Department of Computer Application , Prof Gurdayal ,Hod Geography, Prof Rajesh Sharma HOD Maths ,Prof Rakesh Sharma HOD Hindi , all the faculty members , students of NCC ,And NSS. Gifts were distributed among all the female faculty members and partici-pants. Vote of thanks pre-sented by Sh Vikram Jamwal Physical Director. The Cultural program was pro-vided by Prof .Bharat Bhushan HOD Music. The organing members were prof Chinky Sangral , Prof Neha Bhagat, Prof Meena Devi, Prof Kiran Thapa, Prof.Kamlesh , Prof.Nidhi .Prof Preeti.At the end refreshment provided to all the Participants.

**RAJOURI:** To celebrate International Women's Day 2022, The Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Rajouri organised a symposium on 'Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow'. The symposium was organised by the Cultural and literary Club of the University.

Prof. Akbar Masood said that International Women's Day comes with an opportunity to highlight the many extraordinary women amongst our staff, students and alumni, who continue to push for equality in all its forms to make this planet a much better place to live.

Dr. Danish Iqbal , Convener, Cultural and Literary Club of the University congratulated the participants of the symposium for sharing their valuable ideas on the occasion. Dr. Farkhanda Ana, Assistant Professor, School of Engineering and Technology highlighted the theme of the symposium and introduced the topic to the participants. Mohd Sayed from department of Arabic secured first position where-as the second position was shared by Snobar Fayaz of Management Studies. Umar

Bashir of EVS secured third position. Other students who participated in the symposium included Hiba Mir, Haseena and Nadeema Bashir from Centre for Hospitality and Tourism, Atiqua , Qurat and Asima from School of Biosciences and Biotechnology and Bisma Gulzar from



Women's Day celebrations at GDC Nowshera.

Department of Urdu. Among faculty members who spoke on the occasion included Dr. Manzar Alam Assistant Professor ,Department of Arabic and Dr.Rizwana Shamsi ,Department of Urdu.

Dr. Mamta Bhat, Assistant Professor, Environmental Sciences conducted the proceedings of the event and presented the vote of thanks.

**RAMNAGAR:** Govt. Degree College Ramnagar under the auspices of Women Development Cell organised a Rangoli competition on the occasion of International Women's Day as a part of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav having theme- Gender Issues in the Contemporary Society' under the guidance of Principal Dr. Udhey Bhanu and Prof Suresh kumar Dogra (H.O.D Physics). The programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest and Patron Principal Dr. Udhey Bhanu. Prof. Swarna Devi (H.O.D Political Science), Prof. Shobha Rani (HOD Dogri) and Prof Suresh Chander (Faculty Dogri) acted as judges in the competition. The floors looked colourful with the rangolis on them making difficult for the judges to choose few out of them. The first position was shared by Shepali, Manisha and Sapna (Sem-I). Second position was shared by Ankush Klotra and Monalika Sharma (Sem-I). Shruti (Sem-V) bagged third position. Finally, the programme was concluded by a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Divya Puri (H.O.D Psychology). The program was attended by Prof. Suresh Kumar Dogra, Prof. Harmeet Kour, Prof. Brinder Kumar, Prof Swarna Devi, Prof. Aditya Sharma, Dr. Om Prakash, Prof. Ritika Mahajan, Dr. Hari Singh, Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed, Dr. Mohd. Riaz, Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Prof. Rashmi Gupta, Prof. Anice Ahmed, Prof. Naveed Hussain, Praveen Sharma, Dr. Preeti Sharma, Satish Kumar, Vimal Sharma, Hitesh kumar, Rudrika Kalsotra, Renu Gupta, Ab

Roof Bhat, Azad Hussain Bhat and Mushtaq Ganai etc. The whole event was organized by the committee members of Women Development Cell Dr. Monica (Convener) Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Prof. Shobha Rani, Prof Divya Puri, Prof. Neetu Sharma, and Prof Suresh Chander.

**N O W S H E R A :** International Women's Day, 2022 celebrated in GDC, Nowshera in collaboration with Indian Science Association, Jammu Chapter with Zeal & Zest. The event was hosted by Literary Committee & Women Empowerment Cell

of GDC, Nowshera. The Chief Guest of the Programme was Neelima Shah, DFO Nowshera and Guest of Honour were Prof. Ranvijay Singh, Principal of GDC, Ukhral & Prof. J.S. Tara, Convener of Indian Science Congress, Jammu Chapter . The programme started with a welcome address by the Principal of the College, Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma. He congratulated everyone on International Women's Day and in his message said that females are getting better in every field as compared to males.



Faculty and students of GDC Jindrah during the event.

The proceeding of the programme was conducted by the Sonika Sharma & Kiran Bala of Department of Education and formal vote of thanks was presented by Ria Kohli, HOD Computer Sciences.

Meanwhile, Kalal Rashtriya Rifles organised a lecture to highlight all women related schemes at Seri, Nowshera. The speaker conveyed the idea that empowerment of women is imperative for a better tomorrow and that when we empower women, we empower the future of the society. Various initiatives of the Govt like 'Mahila-E-Haat', 'Beti Bachao Beti Padao',

'One Stop Centre Scheme', 'Working Womens Hostels' were highlighted. 'The Support of Training and Employment Programme for women (STEP)', 'Nari Shakti Puraskars' were explained to the attendees.

To mark the celebration of International Women Day , Sunderbani Forest Range organised a plantation drive at Govt Middle School Salyote in which medicinal and ornamental plants were planted by Sarpanch Salyote Sharda Devi along with staff of the school. The plantation drive was organised by Rangel Singh Block Officer Sunderbani and Ved Parkash Block Officer Devak. Range officer Sunderbani Rakesh Verma wished the women present on the occasion by planting medicinal and ornamental plants in the premises of Govt Middle School Salyote.

The plantation drive was conducted under the direct supervision of Vivek Verma Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri and Neelima Shah Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera.

**JINDRAH:** Women Development Cell in collaboration with Department of Sociology of GDC Jindrah celebrated International Women Day under the guidance of Prof Dr. Rajshree Dhar, Principal of the college. The programme started with addressing remarks of Prof. Poonam Rainu, Department of Sociology, Prof . Jasneet Kour, Department of Political Science delivered a lecture on the topic , " Political Socialisation of women'. Dr. Seema concluded the programme with formal vote of thanks. The whole activity was organised and compiled by Prof. Poonam Rainu , Department of Sociology.

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**SAMBA:** NABARD, Jammu Regional Office celebrated International Women's Day at District

Samba. Yasha Mudgal, Secretary Cooperative Department, Jammu was Chief Guest, while Dr. Ajay Kumar Sood, Chief General Manager, NABARD, UT of J&K, Dr. Parul Jasrotia, President, WICCI Rural Tourism Council and Ms Swarna Bhagat, Chairperson Women Credit Cooperative Ltd. were special guests on the occasion.

To commemorate this day, NABARD sponsored women Self Help Groups (SHGs), Joint Liability Groups (JLGs),Farmers Producers Organisation (FPO) members, successful women farmers, women entrepreneurs and social workers were invited for felicitation and sharing their experiences.Products manufactured by members of SHGs and FPOs promoted by NABARD were also put up for display in stalls.

On the occasion, Yasha Mudgal, Secretary, Cooperative Department, Jammu inaugurated a Demonstration Unit cum Common Facility Centre for



A doctor examining a woman during the camp at Bhadarwah.

dress designing and bamboo craftsunder Livelihood Enterprise Development Programme (LEDP) of NABARD.

Dr. Ajay Kumar Sood, CGM, NABARD highlighted various programmes of NABARD for welfare and economic upliftment of rural women. Yasha Mudgal, Secretary, Cooperative Department, Govt. of J&K, congratulated NABARD for welfare and economic upliftment of rural women. Yasha Mudgal, Secretary, Cooperative Department, Govt. of J&K, congratulated NABARD for welfare and economic upliftment of rural women. Yasha Mudgal, Secretary, Cooperative Department, Govt. of J&K, congratulated NABARD for welfare and economic upliftment of rural women.

On the occasion of International Women Day, District Administration Samba organised 'HUNAR'; Display your talent competition under the aegis of Beti

sive Women talent hunt programme for girls to showcase their talent in Singing, Dancing, Instrument playing, Painting, Poetry, Art out of waste. The winners of these categories shall be further provided training to polish their talent and explore its various aspects and avenues.

In today's programme students participants included Radha Rani, Manisha Verma, Sonali, in Poetry category, Megha, Mansi in Singing Competition, Guddu & Lakshay in instrumental category, Sadhna, Vishali, Sheetal Sharma, Mohini, Chahat in dance category, Amisha, Aastha, Neha in Painting competition and Manisha, Sia, Neha, Anjali in Art Out of Waste category.

Programme Officer ICDS Anu Bhel, Principal Degree College Ashok Bhagat, District Social Welfare Officer Deep Kumar, District Information Officer Ajay Sharma besides AD FS&CA, College Professors Students and locals were also present.

ious age groups benefitted from the same. Beside 150 males and children were also provided free medicines and check-ups.

Medical cover was provided by Army Medical Officer. During the event masks and sanitizers were also distributed.

Army also organized a cultural event at Skill Development Center(SDC) near Pasri Bus stand Bhadarwah, in which dozens of girls, who were getting training in SDC participated.

Meanwhile, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bhadarwah also organized an awareness programme at Degree College Bhadarwah to celebrate International Women's Day.

On the occasion Chairman DLSA Bhadarwah, Varinder Singh Bahu (Principal and District Judge Bhadarwah) was the chief guest, while Sub Judge Mudassir Farooq, who is Secretary DLSA presided over the function. Advocate Majid Malik and other officials of Judiciary were present on the occasion.

**KHOOR:** NSS Seven day Winter Special Camp was inaugurated on Tuesday with the celebration of International Women's Day. On this occasion a poetry recitation competition was organised in which the college students participated with immense enthusiasm. This year's theme is "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow" focusing on achieving gender equality in the context of climate change and environmental & disaster risk reduction.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Tarsem Lal, enlightened the participants regarding the rights of women. Prof. Arun Sharma (Department of History) traced the changes in the status of women in India from vedic period to the present times. The entire program was organized by Professor Gurvinder Kour under the guidance of Dr Kuldeep Raj Sharma, Principal GDC Khour. All the faculty members also attended the programme along with students.

**B H A D A R W A H :** Continuing it's efforts towards providing basic medical support to the villages located in remote areas, Rashtriya Rifles unit of Indian Army based at Bhadarwah in collaboration with SDH Bhadarwah conducted a free Medical check-up camp for women on the occasion of International Women's Day at Panchayat Hanga, of Jammu and Kashmir's additional district Bhadarwah. Meanwhile DLSA Bhadarwah also organized an awareness programme to celebrate the day.

In a unique concept to observe International Women's Day, the free Medical camp was organised in the Hanga village that is one of the far-off area in Bhadarwah. It is worth mentioning that the villages always face difficulties while availing treatment due to a lack of proper infrastructure.



Women Day celebrations at GDC Kathua.

**KATHUA:** Centre for Women Studies of Government Degree College Kathua, celebrated International women's day in the college campus. Prof. Raj kiran, in charge Principal of

the college was the Chief Guest of the event. Advocate, Appu Singh, was the guest of honour.. Dr. Rachna, coordinator, CWS, in her welcome address said that International Women's Day is celebrated every year to take an opportunity and encourage all to actively choose celebrating women's achievement, create awareness about women issues and raise voice for their greater equality.

Soudamani Sharma, a student of National Law University also interacted with the students. 100 students participated in this program. Prof Jaswinder Singh and Members of sexual Harassment Committee, Women Cell and other faculty members were also present in the function. Prof. Roma presented vote of thanks.

District Administration Kathua organized a mega programme to mark the International Women's Day at Government Degree College for Women. Women from all walks of life besides women achievers, NCC and NSS volunteers participated in large numbers.

The programme was organised by the Kathua unit of the Social Welfare Department in collaboration with Nari Shakti Jagran Manch, Kathua.

DDC Chairperson Kathua, Mahan Singh, who was the chief guest on the occasion kick started the proceedings of the programme by lighting the traditional lamp.

Vice Chairperson, DDC Raghunandan Singh; Advocate J&K High Court Deepali Arora also spoke on the occasion.

On the occasion, a scintillating cultural programme was presented by college girls. A felicitation ceremony was also organized to reward the meritorious girls and women achievers in different fields.

Chairperson, Nari Shakti Jagrati Manch, Kathua Sushma Mahajan while speaking on the occasion highlighted the role of society in general and administration in particular to uplift and empower the women to maintain social equilibrium

## BJP led Govt harassing people by new orders everyday: Congress



Congress leader Satish Sharma and others during membership drive.

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**AKHNOOR:** Monthly meeting of Congress Workers was held at Akhnor under the leadership of Satish Sharma which was organised by Block Congress Committee Akhnor and was attended by a large number of prominent congress workers of Akhnor:

Congress workers had a long discussion on the problems that this Govt. is creating for the people of Jk Ut on daily basis. Speaking during the meeting, Satish Sharma said no such day passes when this administration comes up with a new order to harass the people of the U/T. Every single day this BJP led administration comes up with something new to harass the poor people of J&K. He said that from last many months students and employees are on roads fighting for their rights but this BJP led administration is hell bent to destroy their future and not listening to their demands at all. They are behaving like kings who doesn't cares about the people of the kingdom. He said that daily wagers are

working without proper salary from last many years and fighting for their regularisation but BJP for the sole purpose of their electoral benefits is playing with their careers by delaying their regularisation process.

After the meeting the workers conolded the demise of senior Congress leader ex Sarpanch Manoharlal Bhagat. Others who were present during meeting were Kumar, Block Presidents Bachan Singh, Mada Lal Sharma, Onparkash, Rohit Sharma, Vice President Chowkichaoura Vishal, Working President Mohan Lal, Darshan Lal, Om Parkash , ZEO Baldev Raj, ZEO Babu Ram Bhagat, Retd. Dept. Commandant Arjun Singh, Jaswant Singh and Sanjeev Bhagat.

## Army initiates steps for women empowerment & capability development

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**BATOTE:** In a novel endeavour to promote social upliftment with emphasis on women empowerment, Army at Dharmand, Batote undertook multiple initiatives for enhancing awareness and enabling capability development amongst women. A seminar cum cultural event was organised for the young girls including teens that was attended by approximately 230 girls and women from remote villages of Dharmand, Champa and Batote. The event commenced with a talk on Health Awareness for young girls by an Indian Army doctor; Captain Twinkle Rathore. Captain



Army officials along with girl students during the programme at Batote.

Twinkle very lucidly explained the emotional changes that girls in their teens undergo and how to overcome them with resolve. The spirit of 'Nari Shakti' was at its epitome when Major Chhavi Gupta, an officer from Indian Army, motivated the girls to follow the path of Mirabai Channu, Kalpana

Chawla and Mary Kom. Representing the image of Durga, both the lady officers emphasized upon the young girls to work hard and break the mental shackles to achieve extraordinary. The event showcased a cultural programme by 10 girls from a Ramban based orphanage, Kasturba Gandhi

Balika Vidyalaya. These orphan girls wonderfully performed on the National theme of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao', blending flawlessly their performance with the patriotic colours of 'OneIndia'. Highlight of the event was the experiences of 'Mitti ki Beti', when a daughter of the soil, Dr Chandpreet

Kaur, narrated her awe inspiring experiences to all the girls and their mothers present in the function. Hailing from Muzaffarabad in J&K, her friends and their families have continually faced the wrath of terrorism since 1993, forcing them to leave everything behind and stay in tents, refugee quarters. Despite acute difficulties, she has risen to become a doctor today and is now a successful teacher at Jammu. She thanks the national support available for children affected by terrorism and indicated to the parents about seamless opportunities that education will provide to their children, especially girls.

## Patwari Association's protest enters 4th consecutive day

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**UDHAMPUR:** Indefinite strike being launched by Patwari Association entered in 4th consecutive day in Udhampur on Tuesday. According to reports, all Patwari of district Udhampur and Tehsil Chenani and Ramnagar also boycotted their routine work to keep continue protest in support of their genuine demands at different Tehsil level also. Addressing the issues of Patwaris, Provincial Executive Member Vinal Sharma, District President Lochan Singh highlighted charter of demands which was long pending from last so many years. They demanded construc-



Members of Association during the protest at Udhampur.

tion of Patwar Khasas in every Patwar Halqa which is need of the hour to protect records. "Due to non availability of Patwar Khana, Patwaris are helpless to run their work at their own rented

offices for which not even single penny ever being paid by Govt" they said.

They also demanded from Govt to clear pay anomalies as graduate placed under 2400 grade pay which is less 400

from promised during advertisement. They further demand stop harassment of Patwaris and quashment of open FIR lodged on the direction of Div. Com Jammu. Prominent among who present were Dr Raj Singh state apex body member Onkar Singh Tehsil president Udhampur; Surinder Kumar general secretary tehsil body, Milap Singh, Anoop Singh, Krishan Kumar; Sham Kumar; Pradhan Singh, Shabbir Mohd, Riyaz Mohd,Manjeet Singh and all Patwaries of tehsil Udhampur; Same dharnas also performed at respective tehsil headquarters of District Udhampur:

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