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POONCH: In a significant move, Dr. Shenaz Ganai, joining Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), made her first official visit to Poonch.

atmosphere Lassana, a bustling area of Tehsil Surankote, BJP office Poonch was charged with

gathering of people warmly welcomed the politician.

Dr. Ganai's presence resonated with the community, sparking optimism and heightened interest in the BJP's agenda within the

The welcoming reception showcased the growing support for the BJP in Poonch, as locals expressed their

Workshop on 'Techniques for Wildlife Monitoring

in Himalayas' concludes at Bhaderwah Campus

eagerness to collaborate with Dr. Shenaz Ganai in addressing the region's developmental needs.

This visit not only marked a significant milestone for the newly-inducted BJP member but also signaled a potential shift in political dynamics in Poonch, emphasizing the party's outreach and efforts to connect with diverse communi-

MLCPardeep Sharma, Rajesh Rana District Present BJP, Sunil Gupta Spokesperson BJP. Gurdeep Singh Saraf Seh Parbari Poonch District BJP, Manzoor Lala Sr. leader BJP, Ambika Saraf Sr leader BJP, Joti Bhalla district President Woman Wing, Azar Manash Sr leader BJP were also pres-

Preliminary Intra-District Goonj-2024 held at SPPND GDC Samba

SAMBA: SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba hosted preliminary Intra-District Goonj-2024, a Mega Festival, an inter-collegiate event featuring participants from Vijaypur, GDC, Ramgarh, Purmandal and GDC, Samba.

The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of lamp. Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, along with distinguished Jury was welcomed by president of the college Saloni Sambyal.

The preliminary round featured a diverse range of competitions including Poster Making, Rangoli, Elocution. Light



Participating students posing for a photograph with fcaulty members.

Singing, Photography and Group Dance.

The successful participants from the preliminary round will advance to the finals of Goonj 2024, which will be held at the esteemed University of Jammu.

This event provided an opportunity to students to showcase their talents on a large scale under the discerning eyes of judging panel which included Dr. Aditi Khaiuria and Dr. Snober Chib from GDC, Ramgarh, Dr. Sunita Devi from GDC, Purmandal, Dr. Poonam Kundal from GDC, Vijaypur and Prof. Rashi Gupta and Prof. Seema Sharma from GDC, Samba. In Poster Making, Kavya

Charak

Vijaypur and Alisha Meenia clinched first and second position. In Rangoli-Making Saloni Sambyal from GDC Samba and in Light Vocal Singing, Chandan Kumar GDC, Vijaypur fromemerged winners.

Group Performance GDC Samba earned a spot in the finals,

represent the college in the Elocution. In addition to the selection process, it is noteworthy that GDC, Vijaypur secured direct entry in the Indian Group Western Singing, Short FilmMaking Similarly, Photography. GDC. Samba earned a direct entry in skit category, showcasing their prowess in theatrical Principal of the College commended the hardwork and dedication of the students and expressed confidence in their ability to represent their colleges at the upcoming Goonj-2024, a Mega Festival organized by the University of Jammu.

Samba has been selected to

Five days training programme for Investigators on 'Women Safety' concluded at SKPA

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UDHAMPUR: Five days training programme for Investigators on "Women Safety" sponsored by BPR&D New Delhi which commenced on 4th March 2024 at S.K. Police Academy concluded today. Sixteen (16) Police Officers of the rank of ASI to Dy.SP which include 04 female officers attended the training programme.

The course was designed to accommodate investigation skills and knowledge of latest provisions of law including POCSO, JJ Act, IT Act, etc. To achieve the objective of the training programme, experienced guest speakers including Shalini Sharma, Member, Juvenile Justice Board Jammu, Kanika Gupta, District Social Welfare officer Udhampur, Ashwani Kumar, Sr.PO district Court Reasi, Dr. Savita SAmit Parkash Seghal, Sr.PO, SKPA Inspr. Rakesh Manni, SKPA, Inspr. Paramjeet Singh, SKPA, Inspr. Isha Mahajan, SHO Women P/S Udhampur, shared their wide range of knowledge with the participants on different topics.

On the occasion a valediction function was organized in the Academy, Rajinder Kumar



dignitary. Gupta, SSP SKPA was Chief Guest on the

occasion of valediction of the course. In his valedictory address, he advised the participants to be sensitive towards women victims and adopting guidelines for the purpose laid from time to time. He further said that the main objective of the course is to enhance the capacity of the investigating officers especially in women related cases. The valediction was also attended faculty of SKPA

The course was coordinated by Tilak Raj, Inspector assisted ASI Rajinder Singh.

SMVDU student presents Paper at Raghu **Engineering College Visakhapatnam**

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KATRA: Umair Bin Farooq, a senior student from the School of Electronics Communication (SoECE) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, presentconference paper titled Simplified Biasing AFSS Microwave

Absorber" at the Wireless, Antenna, and Microwave Symposium (WAMS) 2024 held at Raghu Engineering College, Visakhapatnam, which was co-authored by his Project supervisor, Prof. Ranjan Kumud SMVDU, and Prof. Satish K. Sharma, San Diego State University, USA. The proposed research aims to design a dual-polarized wideband active absorber with a simplified biasing arrangement. The active involvement of the UG Student in such type of project underscores the university's dedication research

achieving

demic excellence. This achievement not only highlights Umair

Farooq's commitment but also emphasizes the high academic standards upheld by the School of Electronics and Communication Engineering

It serves as an inspiration for future scholars, setting a commendable example and illustrating the university's steadfast commitment to fostering research and scholarly endeavors in the field of Electronics

Nayyar, Prof. Department of Law, University of Jammu, Rakesh Sambyal, CPO SKPA, Faculty and researchers of Bhaderwah Campus at the workshop Sukhvir Singh, Dy.SP, AD (Admn) SKPA.

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BHADARWAH: Week long workshop cum national Development Programme on 'Techniques for Wildlife Monitoring in the Himalayas' concluded at Campus University Bhadarwah

The workshop was organised by Institute of Mountain Environment. Bhaderwah Campus in collaboration with Malaviya Mission Teacher Training (MMTTC), University of Jammu. It was attended by 40 participants including the faculty and researchers from different institutes across India.

Prof. J. P Singh Joorel, Rector, Bhaderwah Campus complimented the Institute of Mountain Environment Bhaderwah Campus especially and thanked organizing Secretary Dr Neeraj Sharma for bringing a large number of participants from around the country

and engaging them to the most recent advances in wildlife monitoring in the Himalayas.

Prof Joorel urged participants to build joint proposals and begin working on collaborations. "The doors of IME are always open to scientific associations," he

Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Organising Secretary of the workshop informed that it is a matter of satisfaction that the anticipated goals were achieved as the workshop participants were introduced to different techniques and protocols used in wildlife monitoring in the Himalayas.

On this occasion, major thrust was given to the field data collection, collation and analysis followed by practical exposure to the working of the modern equipment such as camera traps, rangefinder, radio collars, quadcopters and PTTs, etc.

Dr. M.K Kumar, CCF, Jammu; Dr. Koustubh Sharma, Director Science and Conservation, Snow Leopard Trust, Bishkek; Dr. Yashveer Bhatnagar, Country Head, IUCN, New Dr. Khursheed Delhi; Ahmed, Head Mountain Wildlife Division, SKUAST

Kashmir; Dr. Ashwin Viswanathan, Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysore; Dr. Tariq Ahmed, Department of Wildlife protection, J&K: Dr. Muzaffar Ahmed and Dr. Shakha Sharma from department of higher Education, J&K were the resource persons on this occasion.

Dr. Ashwin Viswanathan, one of the resource persons, emphasized the relevance of unique mountain $_{
m this}$ ecosystem, which is a birding hotspot with a lot of research potential in terms of bird surveys and monitoring.

3-Day Interactive Session on Bharat Scouts and Guides concludes at BGSBU **STATE TIMES NEWS** RAJOURI: Baba Ghulam

Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) organised a three day interactive session on Bharat Scouts and Guides. The session was organized by

the Office of the Dean of Students in coordination with the Coordinator of the BSG Unit of BGSBU Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice

Chancellor in his remarks congratulated the efforts of Office of Dean of Students and Coordinator BSG for taking the initiative of conducting such an event in the University. Vice-chancellor said that this

event is likely to have sparked

VC BGSBU, Prof. Akbar Masood and others at a programme. the interest of many young minds, encouraging them to embark on their own scouting journeys. The Vice-Chancellor added that this BSG session at BGSBU successfully show-

cased the University's potential to empower young minds and contribute to their holistic development.

embark on their journey with

He said that as students

ingful connections and contribute positively to society. Haroon Rashid Malik, Scout

the BSG, they can expect to

gain valuable skills, forge mean-

Leader from SHQ Jammu was the resource person for the

Haroon explained the straightforward process of joining the BSG. The session delved into the diverse activities and experiences offered by the BSG, viz, from camping and hiking adventures to community service projects and skillbuilding workshops.

He told the students that BSG provides a platform for students to develop leadership

skills, teamwork, self-reliance, and environmental consciousness. The resource person emphasized the BSG's commitment to instilling moral values, discipline and a sense of social responsibility in its members.

The session highlighted the numerous benefits students can

gain by joining the BSG, such as, Personal development, Leadership Community service, Outdoor friendships. The session con-

experiences and Lifelong cluded with an inspiring call to action from the resource person, encouraging students to embrace the unique opportunities offered by the BSG.

BOS and Curriculum Workshop held at SMVDU This adaptation aims to

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KATRA: The School of Electronics Communication Engineering (SoECE) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi (SMVDU), University Katra, convened the Board of Studies (BoS) meeting to address critical academic matters concerning the field

Electronics Communication Engineering.

The first session started with a discussion on curriculum with Prof. Suresh Devasahayam, IIT Jammu. His valuable inputs are of great significance in finalizing the NEP structure for



Distinguished attendees included the External Raieshwari Pandev and Dr. Yashna Sharma from Delhi

The meeting was chaired



Expert members of the Board of Studies, Prof. Technological University.

by Prof. Pragati Kumar, the Vice Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University.

The meeting also includes Dr. K.R. Jha, Dean Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Sumeet Gupta, Faculty In-Charge Examination. NEP Coordinator of the SoECE, Dr. Vikram Singh, BoS Member Secretary and faculty members of SoECE.

The primary agenda of the meeting centered around the adaptation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 framework for the B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering focusing on integrating Honors and Minor specializations.

align the curriculum with the transformative vision outlined in the NEP 2020, fostering multidisciplinary learning and skill development. Faculty members of SoECE presented the proposed syllabi, meticulously designed to incorporate the NEP 2020 directives while ensuring adherence to the AICTE guidelines. The BoS engaged in com-

prehensive discussions to tailor the curriculum. emphasizing holistic development, industry relevance, and research orientation. During the proceedings.

Prof. Pragati Kumar, the

Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, underscored the significance of embracing the NEP 2020 framework, fostering a conducive learning environment that nurtures creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Dr. Anil Bhardwaj, the

Head of SoECE, thanked the participants for their invaluable contributions to advancing educational standards. He emphasized the university's commitment to implementing the NEP 2020 directives effectively. ensuring the holistic development of students and preparing them for the challenges of the future.

DC Doda visits Ek Mukhi Shivji Heritage Temple, other ancient sites on Mahashivratri Eve

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, alongside Additional Deputy Commissioner Sudershan Kumar, and ACR Doda Sunil Kumar Bhutval l embarked on a visit to the ancient Pandavas site at Shiva Dal and the Ek Mukhi Shivji Heritage Temple at Mohalla. The visit aimed to honour the sacred occasion and explore the cultural heritage of the region. During the visit, the DC led team was warmly welcomed by the president of the Ek Mukhi Shiv Mandir Samiti, Seva Ram Parihar, along with devout devotees. Both officials paid homage at the ancient temple, offering sacred water on the ancient Shiv Lingam and seeking blessings. In recent days. Principal Secretary to Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta, also conducted a significant visit to the ancient temple. He emphasized the cultural significance of heritage sites, stating that these have the potential to attract visitors not only from Jammu and Kashmir but also from across India and the world. Principal Secretary Gupta's assurance underscores the importance of preserving and promoting cultural heritage to foster tourism and enrich cultural exchanges. The visit by Deputy Commissioner Doda and other officials highlights the commitment to preserving and celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Principal Secy inaugurates reading hall at Chadwal

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KATHUA: Principal Secretary, Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta, on Saturday inaugurated a reading hall at border block library, Chadwal.

Director Libraries and Research. Jammu Kashmir, Mohammad Rafi, along with Deputy Director Libraries, Jammu, Parveen Kumari, Chief Librarian,

SRS Library Jammu,

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inaugurating reading hall at border block library.

Sabhyita Chief Rani, Librarian Kathua, Aasif Mohammad Khan Librarian Kathua Sunil Sharma besides former PRIs were present on the

occasion. The Principal Secretary emphasized the importance of such initiatives in cultivating a culture of lifelong learning and intellectual curiosity. He expressed optiimpact of this reading hall on readers of the region.

"In a world increasingly reliant on digital mediums, establishment of physical reading spaces like this reading hall underscores the enduring importance of tangible community resources for education and enlightenment", maintained the

Principal Secretary. He said that inauguration mism about the positive of the library has marked

beginning of a new chapter in the literary journey of the entire border area. "As the doors of the reading hall open to the public, it is anticipated that it will become a vibrant hub for knowledge exchange, cultural exploration, and community engagement", he added.

The objective behind construction of such utilities affirms the commitment of the government towards nurturing reading habits among the youth and fostering a knowledge-driven society. During the event, former PRI members submitted a memorandum for establishment of a similar library in Kore Punnu.

The Principal Secretary pledged to expand the network of libraries across all parts of the region, thereby enriching literary infrastructurein uncovered

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Om Prakash Bhagat on Saturday chaired an important meeting with sectoral officers to discuss and strategize the preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections. The meeting emphasized the importance of ensuring a smooth, fair, and transparent electoral process.

During the meeting, Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat delineated the pre-poll responsibilities assigned to the sectoral officers. These responsibilities encompassed a comprehensive range of tasks, including mapping of polling stations to assess physical infrastructure adequacy, ensuring no unauthorized campaigning, vigilant enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), meticulous counting of voters, identification of vulnerable individuals, and implementation of confidence-building measures. Moreover, sectoral officers were entrusted with the crucial role of acting as zonal magistrates, necessitating their collaboration with law enforcement agencies.

As the elections draw nearer, the focus will be shifted to poll eve responsibilities, which entail overseeing the deployment of



polling teams and ensuring the timely arrival of all essential materials at designated polling stations. Sectoral officers were instructed to verify the deployment of security forces as per the predetermined plan and provide timely reports to the control room after confirming satisfactory arrangements.

On the day of polling, sectoral officers were tasked with executing the duties aimed at facilitating a seamless voting process. These responsibilities include conducting frequent inspections of polling stations, monitoring the presence of security forces, supervising the activities of polling agents, and promptly addressing any issues or complaints that may arise during the voting process. Additionally, officers are asked to oversee the proper handling and sealing of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) at the conclusion of polling

Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat reiterated the importance of performing these duties with utmost dedication and diligence to uphold the integrity of the electoral process and ensure the democratic rights of citizens are safeguarded. He emphasized the critical role of each officer in fostering a conducive environment for free and fair elections.

the administration remains committed to upholding the principles of democracy and ensuring that the electoral process is conducted in a transparent, efficient, and impartial manner. Among the others, ADC Rajouri, Rajeev

As the Lok Sabha Elections draw nearer,

Kumar Khajuria; ASP, Musadiq Majid Basu; Dy DEO, Shakeel Ahmed; and other sectoral officers attended the meeting.