

GDC Nowshera celebrates National Science Day



A section of dignitaries during the programme.

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NOWSHERA: Department of Physics celebrated National Science Day with a series of inspiring events and activities aimed at promoting scientific awareness and innovation among students. This annual celebration honors the discovery of the Raman Effect by Sir C.V. Raman, reinforcing the importance of scientific research and its impact on society.

The event commenced with an inaugural address by our Principal, Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad, who highlighted the role of science and technology in shaping the future. A special lecture on this year's theme 'Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for Viksit Bharat' was delivered by HOD Physics Dr. Kuldeep Kumar. The students and faculty members

actively participated in quiz competitions, and debate competition showcasing their innovative ideas, fostering critical thinking and scientific temper among young minds.

Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad, Principal of the College expressed pride in the enthusiastic participation of students and encouraged them to continue exploring the wonders of science. The celebration concluded with the distribution of prizes and certificates to winners of quiz and debate competition.

The first prize was bagged by Simran deep Singh of Semester 4 in the category of quiz completion and Madhu won the first prize in the debate competition. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Muzahir Iqbal, Lecturer in the Department of Physics.

Javed Rana inaugurates Water Supply Schemes in Mendhar

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POONCH: Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmed Rana, reaffirmed government's commitment of providing safe drinking water to every household of the Union Territory.

The Minister was addressing the gathering after inaugurating two Water Supply Schemes (WSSs) at Kasab and Malikpur, Mendhar during his extensive visit to the district. These WSSs have been completed with a cost of Rs 3.25 crore and Rs 5.45 crore respectively, as part of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

Rana said that the government is committed to ensure that every individual has access to safe drinking water and today's inauguration of WSSs is a step towards that direction. "Water security ensures a strong future and concrete

measures are being taken to improve water supply and better management of water resources in uncovered areas, which is crucial to address water supply issues," maintained the Minister.

The Minister said that the WSS Kasab will benefit a population of 1,560, with installation of 205 new connections while the WSS Malikpur will serve a population of 2,075, souls with installation of 150 new connections.

He asked the locals to remember that our rights to this infrastructure come with our collective responsibility as the community to protect and preserve it so that it can serve us better and for longer.

The locals expressed gratitude to the Minister for making the schemes operational thereby fulfilling their long pending demand.

Three-day awareness camp on New Criminal Laws begins in R S Pura

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R S PURA: A three-day awareness camp on the newly implemented criminal laws began at the SDM Office, R.S. Pura, under the chairmanship of ADC Jammu, Anusya Jamwal. The event was attended by SP Irshad Hussain Rathar, SDPO Gurmeet Singh, SDM Seema Parihar, SHO Ravi Parihar, and other Tehsil officials.

During the session, SHO Ravi Parihar highlighted the importance of the three new criminal laws - Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSAN), which came into effect on July 1, 2023.

He emphasized that these laws would help in



ADC Jammu, Anusya Jamwal and others during the programme.

stricter punishment for criminals and faster resolution of pending cases. He also explained the Zero FIR provision, which allows citizens to file an FIR at any police station, regardless of jurisdiction, ensuring swift action. He urged the public to report crimes to the police without delay.

Advocate Parveen Kaser (Munsif Court, R.S. Pura) provided a detailed legal

perspective on the implementation of these laws and their impact on judicial proceedings and criminal justice.

SP Irshad Hussain Rathar stressed the importance of legal reforms for maintaining law and order. He also discussed the history of the Indian Penal Code and highlighted the role of digitalization in modernizing the judicial system.

38 women get certificates on completion of Tailoring course conducted by RSETI

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RAMBAN: SBI Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI) Ramban awarded certificates to 38 trainees from two batches of the Women's Tailoring Training Program successfully completed at Ramban. The initiative aims to empower women by equipping them with professional tailoring skills, enabling them to become self-reliant entrepreneurs.

The event was graced by Branch Manager State Bank of India, Sachin Kumar, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he congratulated the trainees on their achievement and encouraged them to use their newly acquired skills to start their own businesses, become financially independent, and contribute to the local economy.

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Presiding over the function, Director, RSETI S. Harvinder Singh, applauded the efforts of the trainees and emphasized the importance of vocational training in fostering self-employment opportunities. He urged them to take advantage of financial assistance programs such as PMEGP, Mudra Yojana and IADP to establish their own tailoring businesses.

The program concluded with the signature RSETI Claps, symbolizing encouragement and support for the newly trained women entrepreneurs. The participants expressed their gratitude to SBI RSETI Ramban for providing them with valuable training, promising to utilize their skills effectively for economic growth.

GDC Samba, GDC Hiranagar jointly celebrate National Science Day

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SAMBA: SPPND GDC Samba and GLDM GDC Hiranagar jointly organized a two-day event to celebrate National Science Day, commemorating Dr. C.V. Raman's discovery of the Raman Effect, which earned him the Nobel Prize in Physics (1930).

The event, themed "Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for Viksit Bharat," emphasized the role of young minds in advancing India's scientific and technological progress.

The first day witnessed a seminar and symposium at GLDC Hiranagar while the second day celebration at SSPND GDC Samba featured science model demonstrations by 27 students from various schools, including HSS Girls Samba, HSS Boys Samba, Lord Krishna HSS, Kristu Jyoti Convent School, Adarsh Vidyapeeth HSS, Bal Shiksha HSS, Nanakchak GHSS, B.B.N



Students and faculty of both colleges during the programme.

Institute of Intellectuals (Vijaypur), and Shri Ram Universal School (Vijaypur), along with students from GDC Samba.

The event provided a platform for students to translate theoretical knowledge into practical innovations, fostering scientific inquiry and creativity.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Pankaj Bandhoria, Convenor, Innovation &

Incubation Cell, GDC Samba.

Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal, GDC Samba in her address emphasised the importance of nurturing a scientific temperament and that a Viksit Bharat-a developed India-needs scientific minds that think beyond limits.

She lauded the collaborative efforts of both colleges in promoting scientific inquiry.

Prof. (Dr.) Pragya Khanna,

Principal, GDC Hiranagar, as Special Guest highlighted the critical role of science in daily life and encouraged students to pursue careers in research and innovation.

Kewal Krishan, CEO Samba, as Special Guest, stressed the significance of the Raman Effect and its increasing applications in various scientific fields.

Students showcased a diverse array of scientific models focusing on renewable energy, AI-driven technology, eco-friendly infrastructure, futuristic healthcare solutions, drip irrigation etc, reflecting their vision for a better tomorrow reflecting their creativity and understanding of scientific principles.

The competition was adjudged by Dr. Poonam Kamotra and Dr. Ramkrishan (GDC Hiranagar), Prof. Rashi Gupta, and Prof. Mala Bhasin (GDC Samba). In the college category, Suvridha Sambyal secured the first position, followed by Vansh Bhandari in second, while

Narayan, Ankit, and Vansh shared the third prize.

In the schools' category, Kristu Jyoti Convent School won first place, Adarsh Vidyapeeth HSS clinched the second, and GHSS Samba secured third place, with consolation prizes awarded to B.B.N Institute of Intellectuals, Vijaypur, and Shri Ram Universal School, Vijaypur.

The event was organised by the Incubation and Innovation Cell of the college with the proceedings conducted by Dr. Asha Singh, while Assoc. Prof. Renu Rajput delivered the vote of thanks.

CV Raman Science Club of the college also organised a vibrant Poster making contest and a preliminary presentation of Model Making Competition.

This collaborative initiative not only honored India's scientific legacy but also inspired students to explore innovation and research, aligning with the nation's vision of Viksit Bharat.

GDC Mahanpur organises awareness programme on new Criminal Laws



Resource person being honoured during the event.

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MAHANPUR: Seminar, Symposium, Debate Committee of GDC Mahanpur in collaboration with the Police Department, Basohli organised an Awareness Drive on Friday.

The event was organised to raise awareness about newly introduced three Criminal laws. The programme was organised by Dr. Jogbinder

Singh Soodan, Convenor Seminar, Symposium Debate Committee under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, the Principal of the College.

The Resource Person and Guest of Honour on the occasion was Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma, SDPO Basohli. He gave an informative Power Point Presentation on the topic "newly introduced

three criminal laws".

The new criminal laws in India are significant because they aim to modernize the justice system, protect rights, and ensure justice for all.

A token of appreciation was presented to Suresh Kumar Sharma, SDPO Basohli. The students as well as NSS Volunteers were enlightened by the fruitful and informative presentation. More than 50 students attended the Lecture. Besides this, All faculty members were present in the Awareness Drive.

The event was hosted by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, the formal welcome note was presented by Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Convenor Seminar, symposium Debate committee and the formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Sapna Devi.

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan on Friday convened a crucial meeting with officers from the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj to review the implementation of various flagship schemes, including the Aspirational Block Development Program (ABDP), Aspirational Panchayat Development Program (APDP), MGNREGA, PMAY-G, SBM-G, Awaas Plus Survey, and other key initiatives.

At the outset of the meeting, Assistant Commissioner Development Phulail Singh gave a detailed presentation on the development schemes, including physical and

DC reviews implementation of RDD Sector schemes in Kishtwar District



DC Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan chairing a meeting.

financial progress achieved at the block level.

The meeting also covered the procurement status of essential items by Block Development Officers (BDOs), including water coolers, PA systems, tents, canopies and other items under the Area Development Plan.

Further, the DC reviewed the recovery status of

PMAY defaulters and instructed Tehsildars to take stringent actions against the defaulters. "All PMAY defaulters be summoned and required to start construction of houses within the next 15 days, with legal action to follow in case of non-compliance" the DC stressed and advised for close monitoring of geotagging of the houses to ensure

accurate tracking and progress.

A committee comprising CPO, members of the designated cell and a Village Level Committee (comprising 20 local persons) were constituted to oversee the verification of parallel works, completion of tasks and other essential activities. The DC emphasized the achievement of 100% Aadhaar seeding and also reviewed the status of the plantation drive under MGNREGA. Further, the DC directed ACD to submit the details of total job card holders and corresponding demands. Furthermore, Tehsildars were instructed to identify suitable land for the construction of Panchayat Ghars.

The DC also reviewed the construction of compost pits

and set a 5-day deadline for BDOs to verify individual household latrines (IHHL). Additionally, strict actions were outlined for blacklisting contractors who fail to meet the required standards of work, and re-tendering will be initiated where necessary.

The DC set a deadline of March 4 for all BDOs to finalize the list of works to be taken up under the upcoming Capex Budget after approval from the Gram Sabhas.

The meeting was attended by CPO Shah Nawaz Bali, ACD/ACP Phulail Singh, all BDOs, XEN REW, AD Planning RDD, AEEs, JEs, Panchayat Account Assistants, all Tehsildars, Panchayat Secretaries (via virtual mode) and other RDD officials.

GDC Marh organises Interdisciplinary Quiz Competition

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JAMMU: To foster scientific temperament, creativity and innovation among students, Government Degree College Marh Science club, in collaboration with IIC and IQAC, on Friday organized Inter-Discipline quiz competition to mark National Science Day celebrating this year's theme 'Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for Viksit Bharat.'

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Koul emphasized the importance of science and technology in shaping the future. He appraised



Faculty members and students during the programme at Marh.

the students that the aim of this competition is not about winning and losing but learning and enhancing their scientific temperament.

The competition featured basic concepts from Bio-Sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics, Environmental Sciences, Computer Sciences, Current affairs & Science and Technology, allowing students to showcase their knowledge, social responsibility and problem-solving skills.

As many as 12 students, divided in 4 teams, participated in the four round quiz competition.

In the valedictory session,

prizes (mementos and certificates) were given away to the winning teams and the participants. First prize was won by team D, Mercury (Kunal, Sanjay, and Suresh), while Team B Venus (Diksha, Shilpa, Abhishek) won second prize and Team C Earth (Mohit, Geetanjali and Shivansh) won the third prize. IQAC convenor, Prof. Intiaz Shahid made all the requisite preparations for ensuring a flawless execution of the competition. Dr. Balwinder Saini (HOD Chemistry) conducted the proceedings of the programme.

The event was conducted with full cooperation by Dr.

Madhvi Parasher (HOD Botany), Dr. Rahul Sharma (HOD Computer Applications), Dr. Ram Dayal (HOD Maths), Prof. Anjana Chib (HOD Environmental Sciences), Prof. Ashakumari (HOD Geography) and Dr. Gurleen Kour. Prof. Sachin Kumar Bhagat (NSS PO), Ravi Kumar (PTI) and Brijbir Jaswal (HOD Physics) were also present during the event. The students provided highly positive feedback regarding the competition and stated that such contests need to be held on regular intervals to spread knowledge and develop decision making and problem solving skills among them.

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SAMBA: A significant outreach program was conducted on Friday here at Naran Panchayat under the ongoing anti-drug IEC campaign.

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma led the event. The local community actively engaged in discussions on drug prevention, rehabilitation and the collective responsibility of society in tackling substance abuse.

The DC underlined the significance of organizing awareness programs in schools and local institutions in promotion of the campaign, directing Education officials to integrate drug prevention initiatives into school curricula and conduct regular sensitization sessions. He also urged teachers and parents to stay vigilant, identify early warning signs and promote open communication with children.

Medical and healthcare representatives highlighted the physical and psychological impact of drug addiction, emphasizing the need for early intervention, routine health check-ups and counseling facilities. DC Samba



DC Rajesh Sharma during the programme at Samba.

instructed medical teams to organize regular awareness drives in schools and public spaces to help in early detection and prevention.

He emphasized the need for a united and proactive approach to combat drug

abuse, highlighting the role of education, healthcare and community participation in addressing this challenge.

The event witnessed the participation of SDM Ghagwal Sunaina Saini along with Tehsildar Ghagwal, BDO Ghagwal, public representatives and officials from the medical and education sectors. The program concluded with emphasis on a coordinated approach between administration, law enforcement and civil society to make Samba a drug-free district.

JKMPCL inaugurates bulk milk cooler, Amul cattle feed store to mark Int'l Year of Cooperatives-2025

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JAMMU: In a significant step towards strengthening the dairy sector, the Jammu and Kashmir Milk Producers' Cooperative Limited (JKMPCL), in collaboration with the Cooperative Department, Jammu, inaugurated a Bulk Milk Cooler and an Amul Cattle Feed Store at Rehail, Block Bishnah, District Jammu. The initiative was led by Deputy Registrar Jammu, Tasbina Sheikh, as part of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 celebrations.

The newly established Bulk Milk Cooler at Rehail is expected to reduce milk wastage,

particularly during the summer months, thereby enhancing the income of dairy farmers. Additionally, the collaboration with Amul is poised to bring valuable insights into best practices such as quality standards, branding, and efficient supply chain management, bolstering the dairy industry in the region.

This event is part of a series of activities planned across District Jammu to mark the International Year of Cooperatives 2025. These initiatives aim to empower cooperative societies, promote sustainable development, and encourage community-driven economic growth.

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