

School safety training programme concludes at Doda



A resource person delivering lecture.

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DODA: Three day district level school safety training cum orientation program under Samagra Shiksha concluded in the Conference Hall of Chief Education Officer here. Teachers from across the all 10 educational zones of District Doda participated in the training. During the program the teachers were sensitized about the safety of the children in the schools through various means and measures. The main aim and purpose of the training was to generate awareness amongst teachers on how to make

schools a safe and secure zone for students and to highlight their role and responsibilities. Kismat Singh, Ajait Singh Lecturers; Sumeiya Bano Teacher and Irshad Hussain teacher -the resource persons for the programme highlighted the importance of preparing school Disaster Management Plan. The Resource persons also highlighted the safety and precautionary measures to be adopted in the schools to avoid any kind of hazard. The participants were also given certificates of participation by Chief Education Officer Doda.

KVK-Kathua organises valedictory of vocational training programme on seed production

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KATHUA: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kathua under the auspices of Directorate of Extension, SKUAST-Jammu concluded three days vocational training programme on seed production as an enterprise held on 2nd - 4th April, 2024. The main objective of this programme was to train rural youth/ farmer's about seed production so that they can set up new ventures in seed production and enhance the income of farmers. The programme was attended by more than 12 number of rural youth of the area. The programme was organized under the guidance of Dr. Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension at SKUAST-Jammu. Dr. Vishal Mahajan, Chief Scientist & Head, KVK-Kathua formally welcomed the chief Guest of this programme Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension at SKUAST-Jammu and also the trainees and told them about the background of the programme. He told that



KVK officials along with participants during the event.

this programme on entrepreneurship development in seed production will have fruitful outcomes which will go a long way in increasing the quality seed production and consequently the income of farmers. The programme was led by Dr. Vishal Sharma, Scientist (Agronomy) of KVK, Kathua with the brief introduction of seed production programme of Rabi/Kharif crops. He told that the main aim of the programme was to develop entrepreneurship development among the rural youth so that they can augment

their income. He motivated the trainee on the quality seed production for harnessing maximum benefits from higher yield of crops. Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat, Chief Scientist (Agril. Extn.) in his address informed the trainees about the benefits of forming Self Help Groups. He emphasized that they should work as SHG of quality seed producers for getting more remunerations. Dr. Anamika Jamwal, Chief Scientist (Plant Protection) sensitized the participants on insect - pests of cereal crop, their

impacts on quality seed production and their management. Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension at SKUAST-Jammu who was chief guest of this valedictory function of vocational training on "seed production" during his concluding remarks emphasized the trainees to attend more such types of training programmes at KVK-Kathua. He also was of the opinion that such types of training programmes helps the rural youth in stating their own ventures in the field of agriculture and allied sectors. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Programme Assistant (Farm), Sushant Sharma (SRF) and Amit Mahajan (FA) also present on this occasion. Among others Vijay Singh, Neeraj Singh also contributes in this programme. Trainees showed a great interest in seed production and asked the scientist to conduct more such type of training programmes for rural youth so that they can learn by doing.

Nukkad Natak themed 'Let's Break The Silence' presented at GCOE



Faculty members along with students during the event.

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JAMMU: A Nukkad Natak was organised on the theme "Let's Break The Silence" under the aegis of SPARSH/GSCASH Committee of GCOE, Jammu. The program initiated with the welcome address by Dr. Davinder Kour, Convenor SPARSH Committee. The main objective of this event was to spread awareness amongst staff and students about sexual harassment. Prof. Dr. Jyoti Parihar, worthy Principal of the Govt College of Education, Jammu inaugurated the programme by encouraging the students to report such instances in case

they come across them either inside or outside the college campus. Vote of Thanks was Proposed by Prof. Kiran Thapa. The event was coordinated by SPARSH Committee members Prof. Deepali Devi, Dr. Shalini Sharma, Dr. Ambica Kumari, Dr. Sonam Gandotra and Raman Karalia alongwith student members Anjali, Jaspreet, Bhagya lakshmi Neha and Gourav. Other faculty members who attended the event included Dr. Rajinder Kour, Prof. Anuradha Choudhary, Prof. Shalini Rana, Prof. Priyanka, Prof. Roopa, Dr. Shubra, Prof. Sarita, Usha Kumari, Karuna.

JU students visit Sri Raghunath Sanskrit Maha Vidyalaya

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SAMBHA: The Department of Home Science, University of Jammu organised an educational visit of the M.Sc students to Sri Raghunath Sanskrit Maha Vidyalaya in Birpur, Samba, as part of its outreach and practical program. The aim was to expose students to the management practices of this educational institution operated by the J&K Dharmarth Trust. The institution offers free educational and residential facilities to students from various remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir, providing them with modern education alongside instruction in religious rituals and traditional Vedic values, fostering their holistic development. Led by Prof. Shashi Manhas from the Department of Home Science (Human Development), the group of M.Sc. students engaged in insightful interactions with the students of Sri Raghunath Sanskrit Maha Vidyalaya. Prof. Manhas



JU students during visit to Sri Raghunath Sanskrit Maha Vidyalaya at Samba.

emphasized the importance of morale-boosting and positive self-esteem, commending the institution for preserving Indian traditions and customs. Gratitude was extended to the Dharmarth Trust, particularly President Brig. (Retd.) Mr. R.S. Langeh and Jt. Secretary Virinder Jamwal, for facilitating the visit. Members of the Home Science department and Prof. Shashi Manhas lauded the management of Sri Raghunath Sanskrit Maha Vidyalaya for their commendable efforts in maintaining the institution. Principal

Parveen Khajuria, along with Kuldeep Shastri and the school staff, provided comprehensive insight into the school's infrastructure, including its extensive library. Under their guidance, students delivered a spiritual presentation showcasing their proficiency in reciting shlokas and their commitment to community service. The visit concluded with expressions of gratitude from the Home Science Department and Prof. Shashi Manhas towards the J&K Dharmarth Trust for facilitating the enriching interaction between students and staff.

GCW Udhampur organises poster making cum Slogan Writing competition

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UDHAMPUR: To Mark World Earth Day with the aim to aware the students about the negative impacts of plastic on our environment, Kirti Sharma, a student of Semester 4th was adjudged best in the poster making cum slogan writing competition on "Planet Vs Plastic" organized by the Department of Botany, Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur held in the college campus. Second and third positions were clinched by Smriti Sambyal and Anjali Verma both of Semester 4th respectively. As many as 20 students of the host institution participated in the poster making cum slogan writing competition and expressed their ideas and views on the topic. The programme was organised under the guidance of Principal of the college Professor (Dr.)

Nalini Pathania and HoD Botany Prof. Anita Gupta. Principal of the college, Professor (Dr.) Nalini Pathania lauded the efforts of department of botany in organizing the event of great importance in her college. She urged for more such programmes in campus for the general awareness of youngsters. Dr. Shalun Jasrotia, Department of Music, Prof. Meenakshi Jamwal, Department of Commerce and Prof. Manju Bala Department of Dogri were acted as judge in the programme. The whole programme was coordinated by Dr. Shah Rafiq Department of Botany. Later, the certificates of achievement were distributed among the participants by the guests. Among other, Senior faculty members and large number of students were also present on the occasion.

Police imparts anti-drug awareness among students

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KATHUA: In an effort to combat drug abuse among youth, Kathua Police under the "Operation Pathshala" organized an Awareness Programme on "Drugs Abuse" at Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School Kathua. The event aimed to educate students about the detrimental effects of drug abuse and promote a healthy lifestyle. Moreover they were also familiar with the Traffic Rules, and they were told to keep away from Phone Addiction, online betting and to take part in hobbies like outdoor games and other creative activities. The programme was organised by P/S Kathua at Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School Kathua under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Kathua Sh. Manjeet Singh and SHO PS Kathua Insp. Ajay Singh in the presence of Principal GHSS Boys Kathua Sh. Tara Chand



Police officer educating students.

Sharma alongwith students/staff members who were also graced the occasion. During the programme, students were provided information about the physical, mental, and social consequences of drug addiction. Various interactive sessions and activities were conducted to engage students and encourage open discussions about the dangers associated with drug use. In this event chairing officers, delivered informative lectures, highlighting the importance of

making informed choices and seeking help when faced with peer pressure or addiction issues. During the programme, students were also motivated to abide by the traffic rules and were told to keep away from drug abuse, phone addiction, online betting etc and take to positive hobbies like outdoor games and other creative activities. The event concluded with a pledge ceremony, where students vowed to stay away from drugs and creates a drug-free society.

Havan, Vidyarambh Sanskar mark Hanuman Jayanti at BVM School



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KATRA: Havan and Vidyarambh Sanskar were organized in the Bharatiya Vidya Mandir School Katra on the occasion of the Lord Hanuman Jayanti. School management committee member Shiv Kumar Sharma, parents, 75 stu-

dents and teachers participated in the programme. Sundrakand was recited in the school, Hanuman Chalisa Havan was conducted with recitation of mantras. At the end, Principal Sapna Sharma wished everyone and prasad was distributed to all.

Baru reviews booth arrangement of Kalakot-Sunderbani

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KALAKOT: Sanjay Baru, senior leader BJP & district Prabhari, and Neena Sharma, District President reviewed the booth arrangement of Kalakot-Sunderbani Assembly constituency ahead of tomorrow's 2nd phase Lok Sabha polling in the presence of DDC Sunderbani Rajinder Sharma, district Seh-Prabhari Balkrishnan, and Constituency Convenor Pritam Sharma. Sanjay Baru, while addressing the meeting, asked the senior leaders of the party to meticulously plan for the smooth conduct of election for the second phase of Parliamentary elections 2024. He asked them to



Sanjay Baru, senior leader BJP & district Prabhari addressing party workers during meeting.

personally supervise that the maximum voting could be done in all the polling booths under this constituency. He asked them to ease the voting process by assisting the voters in looking for their booths and ensure that the maximum voting is witnessed with

minimum rush and discomfort to the elders. He also asked them to make arrangements for the voter slips to the voters, if anyone needs them on the spot. Sanjay Baru further asked the party leaders to prompt all the booth presidents to do

a last-minute check for any remaining voter to whom the voter was passed due to any reason. Neena Sharma, shared the minute details of all the arrangements that have been already made to avoid the last-minute rush, while she stressed that the party leaders should try their best to encourage voting well before the last time. She also discussed all the arrangements that have to be made for the tomorrow's smooth conduct of the election. that the necessary arrangements BJP Sunderbani Mandal President Naseeb Singh Chib, B.J.Y.M Rajat Singh, Saroj and other office bearers were present in the meeting.

Court rejects bail in murder case

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JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge Doda Amarjeet Singh Lageh rejected the bail application Davinder Kumar who was facing trial in murder case. The factual matrix of the case in nutshell is that on 08-07-2016, Police Post Kastigarh received a telephonic information from PCR- Doda that a dead body is lying alongside the bank of river Chenab at a place called Zangli. Based on this telephonic information, the inquest proceedings under section 174 of Cr.P.C were initiated. During inquest proceedings a bangle and Chundi were recovered from corpse of deceased which were allegedly identified by Pws. Pritma Devi and Darshan Kumar. Further, during inquest proceedings it was revealed that name of deceased was Sushma Devi about whom missing report was already lodged with Police Station Doda. The call details of mobile phone of deceased indicated that she was in touch with petitioner on June 4, 2016, the day of her missing. Inquest proceedings also substantiated that petitioner had illicit relations with deceased who was elder to him by 10/11 years and when petitioner was engaged in 2013 with one (name withheld), deceased took objection to the same and engagement was therefore cancelled. As per inquest report, when petitioner was again engaged in the year 2016, deceased again took objection to the same. This conduct on the part of deceased allegedly became a hurdle in the way of petitioner to get married and he therefore allegedly tried to do away with deceased.

To carry out this plan to logical conclusion, petitioner allegedly called deceased on June 4, 2016 to a place called Suigwari on the bank of river Chenab, had a sexual intercourse with her and thereafter he induced her remain with him till it was dark and thereafter while strolling alongside the bank of river Chenab, petitioner allegedly strangled her with her Chundi, killed her and thereafter threw her in river Chenab along with her purse and mobile and fled. Based on outcome of this inquest report, F.I.R No. 146/2016 for offences under Sections 302/201 of RPC was registered and investigation started. Additional Sessions Judge Doda Amarjeet Singh Lageh after hearing both the sides observed that the trial of the case is at face end and on facts therefore this Court is not inclined to entertain application of petitioner as such, the highest magnitude and the punishment thereof assigned by law of extreme severity notwithstanding. The discrepancies in the evidence led by prosecution thus far which Ld. Counsel for petitioner attempted to highlight, I am afraid - cannot be delved deep at this stage. More heinous is the crime, the greater is the chance of rejection of bail application though however dependent on and subject to factual matrix of each case. For all what is said hereinabove and having regard to the nature and character of evidence available on record, gravity of the charge and the punishment that an offence under section 302 of RPC carries, I am of the considered opinion that application of petitioner has no merit at this stage and same is therefore dismissed.

Court awards 14 yrs RI in rape with minor

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UDHAMPUR: Additional Sessions Judge Udhampur Dinesh Gupta today awarded 14 years rigorous imprisonment to one Sanjay Kumar alias Sanju of Amar Nath resident of Village Jib, Tehsil and District Udhampur, who was facing trial in rape with minor from last seven

years. Brief history of Prosecution case is that on April 23, 2017, complainant Ramesh Kumar along with the victim came to Police station and moved written complaint that her daughter had gone to the house of Amar Nath to play. At about 3-3:00 PM, his daughter came back to her home and her clothes were stained with the blood and she was crying. On being asked she narrated to them that, accused came there and forcibly took her into one Kachha room of that house and after closing the door of the room, committed rape on her. At that time of commission of offence, age of the girl was 8 years. Upon this initial written complaint, FIR was registered and investigation was initially handed over to the Vishal

Manhas, subsequently investigation was handed over to the SI Sanjay Raina and finally to Sohan Singh. After completion of investigation, Police produce the challan against the accused for commission of offence under section 376/342 RPC. Prosecution while availing several opportunities produced 18 witnesses. After hearing APP Himanshu Parkash for the UT of J&K & Defence counsel and the accused, Court said that it is settle Law that one of the prime objectives of criminal law is to impose just, appropriate, adequate and proportionate sentence commensurate with the culpability taking into account the nature and gravity of the crime and manner in which it was committed. Increase in rape cases is a cause of

concern for all of us and such cases need to be dealt with sternly and a strong message must go to such perpetrators of crime. Court ordered that for the commission of offence under Section 376 RPC accused shall undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of fourteen years (14 Years) and a fine of Rs.100,000/- and for offence u/sec 342 accused shall undergo imprisonment for the period of 1 years. Both the sentences shall run concurrently. The fine amount, if realized, shall be paid to the victim as compensation. In default of payment of fine the convict shall further undergo imprisonment for six months. The period of detention already undergone shall be set off from the sentence awarded to the convict.

Election teams reach all 365 Polling Stations across Samba

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SAMBHA: Election teams have safely reached all designated Polling stations across Samba district, part of Jammu Parliamentary Constituency, going to polls tomorrow. The district has 365 polling stations with 72 flagged as critical and three as shadow polling stations. The dispatching of polling parties took off from three designated centers. Two centres for dispatch of teams were established at Mini secretariat Samba and one at SDM office Vijaypur. As many as 150 teams were dispatched to assembly constituency 70-Samba, 112 to AC 69-Ramgarh and 103 to AC 71-Vijaypur. District Election Officer Abhishek Sharma urged Returning Officers (AROs), Zonal and

Sector Magistrates to ensure timely arrival of poll parties at their designated locations. Comprehensive arrangements were made for departure of polling parties, encompassing vehicles, seating arrangements, refreshments, and security measures. The District Election Officer, accompanied by SSP Vinay Sharma, conducted visits to all centers. They interacted with polling parties, urging them to adhere to Election Commission guidelines diligently and execute their assigned tasks with dedication and integrity. The deployment of polling parties marks a crucial step in the electoral process, ensuring that democratic exercise proceeds smoothly and efficiently.

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