

# GDC Samba hosts panel on empowering J&K Women

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SAMBA: In a progressive stride towards gender parity and women empowerment, Shri Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College, Samba hosted a Panel Discussion and Felicitation Ceremony on the theme "Building a More Inclusive Future: Empowering the Women of Jammu and Kashmir." The event was held in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department, Samba, Take One Television Network, and Jamkash Trucking Pvt. Ltd.

The programme began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and felicitation of the dignitaries, followed by a warm welcome address by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, who reiterated the college's commitment to nurturing morally upright and socially responsible youth in alignment with the theme of inclusivity.

Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Director Colleges, Higher Education Department, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his keynote address, he emphasized the importance of creating a conducive educational ecosystem where young women are encouraged to lead with confidence. He highlighted that knowledge



Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Director Colleges, Higher Education Department felicitating a student.

coupled with skill development is the key to true empowerment. He also appreciated the initiative of organising a meaningful discussion and reiterated the need to conduct such programmes on a mass level, where young minds can engage with thought leaders and broaden their perspectives on critical societal issues.

Kuwarni Dr. Ritu Singh, a royal descendant and renowned social activist, Special Invitee, chaired the panel. In her address, she passionately advocated for inclusivity as a social responsibility rather than charity, urging the youth to become active contributors to nation-building by fostering respect, compassion, and

equality in all spheres of life. She exhorted full support in developing GDC Samba as a hub of excellence in skill development more-so for promoting local crafts, and agro economy.

The panel featured accomplished professionals from diverse fields—Payal Saraf, a celebrated entrepreneur and interior designer, shared her journey of building meaningful spaces that radiate emotion and elegance. She inspired the students by emphasizing that one doesn't need to start big to pursue a dream. She encouraged young women to take the first step by launching their ventures on a modest scale with zeal and passion and making the most of the support available through

various government schemes and initiatives for startups. Mitali Gupta, a leading nutritionist, discussed the pivotal role of holistic health and balanced nutrition in empowering women. She highlighted the vital connection between emotional well-being and nutrition, underscoring how a balanced diet not only nourishes the body but also fosters mental resilience and a vibrant, healthy life. She further emphasized the critical role of personal and environmental hygiene in sustaining a healthy, resilient lifestyle. Himani Parihar, a young and promising legal professional currently serving as Munsif Samba, provided valuable insights into legal rights and protections available to women. She addressed the critical issues of domestic violence outlining the avenues for free legal aid and the importance of awareness around cyber-crime protections to ensure safety and justice for all women. A signature campaign on empowerment, wellness, and inclusivity was also launched during the event, urging students to pledge solidarity for a more just and equal society.

The event included a felicitation ceremony wherein

Take One Television Network & Jamkash Trucking Pvt. Ltd. under the leadership of Devyani Rana honoured meritorious female students of the college for their outstanding academic achievements. Nawaz Sharif District Social Welfare Officer from Social Welfare Department, Samba also felicitated dedicated female non-teaching staff of the college for their committed service. Both organisations shared their vision in supporting youth empowerment, highlighting their collaborative efforts with academic institutions to promote inclusive development through media and industry platforms and social welfare schemes.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Convener Women Development Cell, Assoc. Prof. Sarabpreet Kour and a soulful rendition of the National Anthem. With nearly 1600 students across 20 streams, adequate infrastructure, smart classrooms, automated library, and a growing network of MoUs with reputed organizations, GDC Samba continues to march ahead in its mission of academic excellence and inclusive development.

# ABVP Kishtwar congratulates SSP for heroic elimination of foreign terrorists

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KISHTWAR: The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Kishtwar, represented by Anurag Sharma (President, ABVP GDC Kishtwar) and Ashish Sharma (Vice President), met with Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishtwar, Javed Iqbal, to extend heartfelt congratulations on the remarkable success of the recent anti-terror operation in Chhatroo, where three highly dangerous foreign



ABVP Kishtwar delegation calling on SSP Javed Iqbal.

Pakistani terrorists were neutralized. This strategic and high-risk operation marks a significant milestone in restoring peace and stability in the Chenab region, which has witnessed several disturbing terror incidents since 2024. Foreign terrorist elements had been actively attempting to destabilize the region by targeting security forces, instigating fear among locals, and reviving militancy in remote pockets of Kishtwar, Doda, and Ramban. From killings and arms recoveries in forest belts to the resurgence of sleeper cells, the threats were growing dangerously real.

However, the firm resolve and unflinching courage of the Jammu & Kashmir Police, under the visionary and fearless leadership of SSP Javed Iqbal, have successfully dismantled these nefarious plots. His unwavering commitment to duty, razor-sharp strategic planning, and unmatched bravery have turned the tide against terror in the region.

SSP Javed Iqbal is not a social media influencer or reel-maker officer—he is a ground-level warrior whose actions speak for themselves. Without seeking personal publicity or praise, he continues to serve with dedication, leading from the front and

delivering results where it matters the most.

He stands tall as a paragon of integrity and valor - a leader whose presence evokes confidence, and whose deeds have restored a sense of security across the Chenab Valley.

ABVP Kishtwar salutes the courage and professionalism of the brave hearts of the Jammu & Kashmir Police, and also expresses deep gratitude to the Indian Army and all security forces who are working round the clock to safeguard our borders and maintain internal security. Their sacrifices and dedication remain the backbone of our national integrity and peace.

# IGP Jammu chairs Thana Diwas at DPL Poonch, assures timely grievance redressal



IGP Jammu Zone, BS Tuti speaking at the Thana Diwas at Poonch.

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POONCH: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Jammu Zone, BS Tuti, on Thursday chaired the Thana Diwas at District Police Lines (DPL) Poonch, where he interacted with the public and listened to their grievances. During the event, Tuti assured the attendees that all genuine issues and complaints raised by the public would be addressed at the earliest. "Grievance redressal is our top priority, and we are committed to resolving

the concerns of the people as quickly as possible," he stated. Also present on the occasion were Tajinder Singh, DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range, and Shafiq Hussain, SSP Poonch. Both officers joined the IGP in assuring the public that the police are working in a people-friendly and professional manner to enhance trust and deliver effective services.

The Thana Diwas initiative serves as a platform for direct interaction

between the police and the public, helping to strengthen community policing and improve transparency in law enforcement.

Later on, IGP Tuti also addressed a media gathering and emphasized that while militancy remains a challenge in Jammu, the police force has undergone significant capacity building over the past two years. He expressed confidence that the impact of these efforts will be visible soon.

# Sangarsh lauds DC Rajouri's efforts in celebrating Rajouri Day

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RAJOURI: Sangarsh - A Civic Movement today held a Press Conference at Rajouri and hailed the efforts of District Administration Rajouri led by Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma IAS for holding the historic Week long Rajouri Day Celebrations.

Expressing gratitude, Sangarsh claimed that this was for the first time in the history of Rajouri that Civil Administration led by DC Rajouri Abhishek Sharma IAS in collaboration with different Civil Society representatives organised a well planned week long Rajouri Day Celebrations with great pomp and show. Major activities included Self Purification Fast, Trekking Expedition, Sports Mela, Bike Rally, Trade Fair, Stall Display, Illumination of different nodal points of Rajouri, Stage Play at Rana Auditorium, program at Balidan Bhawan, Historic



Sangarsh members during the meeting at Rajouri.

Event at ALG attended by LG J&K UT Shri Manoj Sinha and the entertaining cultural evening by Sabri brothers at Sports Stadium, Rajouri.

Highlighted that since 2015, the Sangarsh Movement has been holding Week Long Rajouri Day celebrations as the first Civic Organisation and has always appealed the authorities to show keen interest in organising Rajouri Day

Celebrations, but for the first time in 2025 District Administration Rajouri led by sincere efforts of DC Rajouri Abhishek Sharma IAS with all gravity organised Rajouri Day celebrations with huge pomp and show and also involved different Civil society organisations in this noble cause.

Explaining the importance of Rajouri Day, Sangarsh stated that this day is an ode to the sacrifice of countless

innocent people whose life and liberty was snatched by the barbarian mercenaries from across the border and celebrating this day will prove to be a constant reminder of the importance of unity and integrity of the Nation. While addressing the leaders of the movement appealed like minded fellow citizens to join Sangarsh Movement that aims to uphold Justice, Equality, Peace, Prosperity and

Brotherhood in the society which is also prime aim of preamble of Indian Constitution.

Also during the press meet Sangarsh Movement announced to hold comprehensive activities that shall primarily focus on the engagement of Youth particularly teenagers in different programs of Sports, Display Your Talent competitions, stress management workshops, carrier counselling sessions, motivation and positive attitude building activities and many more such programmes with the sole aim to channelise the energy of the target groups towards the mission of building potential assets in the society.

Those who addressed media includes Vikrant Sharma (Chief Resource Person), Muneer Mirza (Vice President), Kanav Badyal (Vice President), Saleem Talib, Ashish Bhasin and Aman Zari (Executive Members).

# Awareness presentation on oral cancers conducted

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NOWSHERA: Under the guidance of the worthy Director Health Services (DHS) Jammu, Dr. Hamid Zargar, and the supervision of Deputy Director Dentistry Jammu, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, along with the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Rajouri, Dr. M.L. Rana, a comprehensive awareness session on oral cancers was conducted today at the Conference Hall, CMO Office Rajouri.

The session featured a detailed presentation by Dr. Ghulam Qadir Bhat, Nodal Officer, National Oral Health Programme (NOHP),



Rajouri. The presentation aimed to enhance awareness regarding early detection, prevention, and management of oral cancers, particularly among healthcare professionals at the grassroots level.

The event saw active participation from all Medical Officers and Mid-Level Health Providers (MLHPs) of the district, who gained valuable insights into the causes, symptoms, and risk factors associated with oral cancers, as well as the importance of community-level

screening and timely referrals.

The health department continues to prioritize such initiatives to strengthen preventive healthcare and promote awareness on critical health issues within the region.

# DDC member inaugurates development works

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AKHNOOR: In a significant push towards rural development, Senior BJP leader and District Development Council (DDC) member Pandit Suresh Sharma on Thursday inaugurated a series of development projects in Panchayat Gharatal, Block Maira Mandrian. The projects, completed under the PRI Capex scheme, amount to a total investment of Rs 22 lakh.

Key projects inaugurated include the construction of link roads and internal streets in Gharatal, Gosan, and Noor villages, the establishment of a waiting hall at the revered Drigi Mata Temple, and the



DDC member Suresh Sharma inaugurating dev works.

development of a Passenger shed in Gosan to enhance public convenience.

While addressing the residents, Suresh Sharma reaffirmed his commitment to inclusive development and

stated that similar initiatives are being carried out across all Panchayats of Block Maira Mandrian and Chowki Choura. "The aspirations of the people are our top priority, and we are working tirelessly

to translate their demands into reality," he said.

The local community warmly welcomed these developments and extended heartfelt gratitude to Suresh Sharma. They praised his proactive approach and urged him to continue working in the same spirit for the upliftment of the region.

The event witnessed the presence of several prominent dignitaries, including Ram Lal Sharma, Parmanand, Gulshan Kumar, Akshay Magotra, Ashok Kumar, Pawan Kumar, Joginder Kumar, Rattan Lal, Sardari Lal, Vidhi Ram, Bhim Sen, and others.

# Three-day course on 'Investigation of Anti-Corruption cases' commenced SKPA

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UDHAMPUR: Three days course on "Investigation of Anti-Corruption cases" commenced today at SKPA. 14 investigating officers are participating in the said course.

Corruption is a global challenge that undermines the principle of justice, equality and transparency. It erodes trust in institution and hinders societal progress. The course is



SKPA officials along with participating officers.

devised to delve into the intricacies of anti-corruption investigations, aiming to equip the participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to combat corruption effectively. The main focus of the course is to understand the various forms of the corruption and the legal frame works.

On the occasion, an inaugural function was organized. Rakesh Sambyal, Chief Prosecuting Officer, CII SKPA was the chief guest. Sambyal, welcome all the

course participants on behalf of Director SKPA and emphasized upon the participants that the investigation of Anti-Corruption cases is not just about finding the culprits, it is about restoring faith, protecting public resources and ultimately improving the lives of our citizen, it is about creating a culture where corruption is no longer tolerated. He also laid stress upon the participants to remember that the work you do is not just a job it is a service to society, each case

you investigate has the potential to bring about positive change and deter others from engaging in corrupt practices.

In order to achieve the desired objective of the course the eminent guest faculty from Anti-Corruption Bureau J&K, CID J&K, FSL J&K as well as this Academia are invited to share their vast experiences with the participants on the different topics. The course is being coordinated by Raiz Ahmed, Sr. PO and assisted by HC Balbir Singh.

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**EXTRACTION WEST CIRCLE JAMMU**  
**ABBREVIATED TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS**

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#	e-Nit No & dates	Endorsement No and dates
1	01 of 2025-26/Tender/West dated 16-04-2025	21-40/Tender/JKFDC/West dated 12-04-2025
2	02 of 2025-26/Tender/West dated 16-04-2025	41-60/Tender/JKFDC/West dated 12-04-2025

The tenders shall be submitted online on J&K e-Procurement portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in). The calendar of events shall be as under:-

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1.	Publishing Date	16.04.2025 at 1800 Hrs
2.	Document Download Start Date	17.04.2025 from 0900 Hrs
3.	Pre Bid Meeting	17.04.2025 at 1500 Hrs
4.	Bid Submission Start Date	17.04.2025 from 1600 Hrs
5.	Document Download End Date	28.04.2025 at 1600 Hrs
6.	Bid Submission End Date	28.04.2025 at 1600 Hrs
7.	Technical Bid Opening Date	30.04.2025 at 1100 Hrs
8.	Uploading of Technical Bid Evaluation Sheet	To be notified later
9.	Financial Bid Opening Date	To be notified later
10.	Uploading of Financial Bid Evaluation Sheet	To be notified later
11.	Declaration of the Successful Bidder	To be notified later

The tenders (Technical Bids as well as Financial Bid) will be opened online in the office of General Manager Extraction JK West Circle, at Bikram Chowk Jammu. In case of un-foreseen circumstances, the date of opening will be next working day or else notified separately. The detailed tender documents (SBD) with terms and conditions are available on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).

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