

Three more children get gift of hearing through cochlear surgeries sponsored by SMVD Shrine Board

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KATRA: Over last several years, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has been making positive strides for elimination of deafness amongst young children of the region, by way of sponsoring Cochlear Implant Surgeries at SMVDNSH (the Board's super specialty Hospital at Kakryal). In furtherance of these initiatives and with bountiful of Mata's blessings, three more deaf children received gift of hearing through sponsored Cochlear surgeries. The surgeries in reference have helped the SMVDNSH to acquire a unique clinical accomplishment of being first Hospital in the entire region for simultaneous undertaking of 3 Bilateral (both ears) Cochlear Implant Surgeries. Notably, one of the beneficiary child was merely of 16 months of



SMVDSB members along with team of doctors and treated children.

age; posing vis-à-vis higher surgery-related challenges. The beneficiary families; hailing from the UT of J&K, were unequivocally appreciative of the philanthropic support provided by Sh. Anshul Garg, CEO Shrine Board in transforming lives of their broods. They also spoke quite high of the infrastruc-

ture of SMVDNSH and clinical expertise of its surgical team. Additionally, the beneficiary families expressed their gratefulness to Dr. M. M Mathavan, Facility Director and Dr. Gopal Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer for their tireless efforts, relentless support and co-ordination resulting into perform-

ance of surgeries within short span after the families approached for financial support. Dr. Rohan Gupta, ENT Consultant and Cochlear Implant Surgeon shared the research-based input of early age being critical to drive maximum benefit from a Cochlear Implant Surgery. He also apprised that a bilateral Surgery enables the beneficiary to enjoy even better outcome in the shape of better sound perceptions, directionality, localisation and easier listening in noisy environments; hence reducing cognitive load on brain. Dr. Rohan updated that in the last 6 months as many as 09 Bilateral Surgeries have been performed at SMVDNSH with majority of the beneficiaries being around 2 years of age, who gained extensively from the

post-op rehab/ audiological management. In this context, Dr. Rohan applauded the critical team work and extensive support rendered by anaesthesia team headed by Dr. Pankaj Gupta and Post Op. care team headed by Dr. Anand and Dr. Kamaljeet. Dr. Rohan also mentioned that for children having 'severe' to 'profound' Hearing loss, the hearing aids do not offer much promise and thus a Cochlear Implantation is the only promising solution. He emphasized that identifying children in need of Cochlear Implant Surgeries at a young age assumes significant importance for the success of surgery and applauded the very significant role played by audiological professionals of the region in this regard.

Celebration of Int'l Nurses Day commences across Ramban

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RAMBAN: Celebration of International Nurses Day 2024 commenced today in district Ramban on the theme "Our Nurses Our Future, the Economic Power of Care". Various entertaining and informative events dedicated to the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, were held at District Hospital Ramban, DISHA Institute of Paramedical & Nursing Sciences and other healthcare centres to highlight and honour the invaluable contributions of nurses to the healthcare system worldwide. At DISHA Institute of Paramedical & Nursing Sciences, the Hosts and students welcomed esteemed guests and dignitaries, especially chief guest of the programme, Medical Superintendent District



Medical Superintendent District Hospital, Dr. Varinder Trisal along with other staff during the event.

Hospital, Dr. Varinder Trisal. The Medical Superintendent emphasized the indispensable role nurses play in the healthcare sector, acknowledging their dedication, compassion and tireless efforts in providing quality patient care. He commended the faculty and staff of DISHA Institute for organizing such meaningful events that recognize and appreciate the noble profession of nursing.

A number of students spoke on the importance of nurses' day and presented culture programmes, skits and participated in poster making competitions. Later, Principal of DISHA Institute Hilal Wani extended gratitude to the guests for their valuable presence and support. He reiterated the institute's commitment to nurturing future generations of compassionate and skilled nurses who uphold the highest standards of patient care.

S. Sidharatha Paramedical Training Institute organises industrial visit

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BAR BRAHMANA: An Industrial visit to Medley Pharmaceutical Limited, Bari Brahma Jammu was organized by S.Sidharatha Paramedical Training Institute, Sunjwan on Saturday. 30 students of first year D.Pharm actively participated & benefitted in this visit which was successfully coordinated by Senior faculty members Obaid Yaqoob, Irfan Malik, Fiza Nighat & Urofa. Best wishes have been given by Management of S.Sidharatha Institute. As per their PCI curriculum as well as for getting practical knowledge this visit was organized. The students were given warm welcome by the staff & Management of Medley Pharmaceuticals. Firstly, all the students were taken to gowning room separate for



Students during visit to Medley Pharmaceutical Limited, Bari Brahma Jammu.

male and female and provided with gowns and caps, several posters were there instructing proper gowning procedure. Afterwards the Industry expert person has explained to each batch by taking into the different sections of industry such as raw material store section, production department (tablet, syrup, ointments etc), quality control department, packaging section and last fin-

ished product section. During the visit the students came to know about the big industrial equipment and procedures used in the Pharmaceutical Industry. Finally, the students were asked to gather in the conference room where the GM, Plant Head, Quality Control Head, Production Manager HR head of Medley Pharmaceuticals

gave the power point presentation regarding overview of the plant of Medley Pharmaceuticals and their growth, achievements and cultural activities. During this educational session students were taught the production process of the pharmaceuticals industry. The students ended the visit by clicking a group photograph and moved out of the plant. The students, staff & Management of S.Sidharatha Institute Jammu expressed their whole hearted gratitude for the industrial visit allowed by the Medley Pharmaceuticals and above all the cooperation, knowledge & support rendered by the Staff & Management of Medley Pharmaceuticals. The students were so much obliged & Happy that they concluded the visit with a shouting slogan "thanks medley".

First batch of 58 Hajj pilgrims leave for pilgrimage from Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: The first batch of 58 Hajj pilgrims comprising of 37 males and 21 Females from district Kishtwar left for Saudi Arabia on Saturday. They start their journey towards Srinagar via Sinthan top from where they will board the flight and proceed for the 40-day pilgrimage to the Islamic pilgrimage sites in Mecca and Medina. Emotional scenes were witnessed at the premises of Islamia Farida Educational and Research Institute Kishtwar as relatives bid adieu to the pilgrims. Hajj is one of the five fundamental pillars of Islam and the annual pilgrimage is undertaken by Muslims the



DC Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav flagging off Hajj pilgrims.

world over. District Administration Kishtwar including DC Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav and Additional SP Kishtwar Pawan Sharma also remained present in Islamia Faridia educational and research Institute Kishtwar to see off the hajj pilgrims. They flagged off the first

Imam Jamia Masjid Kishtwar Farooq Ahmed Kichlow wished all the best to the hajj pilgrims for their pious journey. DC Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav after flagging off the hajj pilgrims talking with media said that all arrangements has been put in place for the safe journey of hajj pilgrims. He said proper trainings, documentation, Vaccination and foreign currency exchange has been done for the safe and hassle free journey of the hajj pilgrims. "We have also established a control room for the hajj pilgrims and they can contact any time in case they face any problems," DC added.

Govt GLDM Degree College Hiranagar organises awareness lecture on career opportunities



Resource person delivering lecture.

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KATHUA: Career Counselling Cell and NSS unit of Government Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Degree College Hiranagar on Saturday organised an Awareness lecture on Career opportunities for graduate students here under the guidance of the College Principal Dr Pragya Khanna. As many as 50 students actively participated in the programme and raised many queries regarding career and professional choices in future. The Chief Guest for the Programme was Convener Career Counselling Cell and Head, Department of English Prof Bindu Sharma. The programme began with the formal welcome address by Prof Shapia Shameem, Assistant Professor in Education. She formally introduced the guests and Resource Persons from Mahadev Centre

of Excellence- a leading institute from Kathua imparting guidance for civil services and other competitive exams. Advocate Pallavi, a social activist and educator was the guest of honour and Mr R.K Jha and team from Delhi were the resource persons. Prof Bindu Sharma motivated the students to wisely choose their careers from today only as the right decision at the right time can be instrumental for success in life. The programme was coordinated by Dr Rajni Bala, Head Department of Sociology and concluded with the formal vote of thanks by Dr Rakesh Sharma, Head Dept of Hindi. Dr. Ramkrishnan, NSS Program Officer, Dr Rajesh Sharma, Prof Anit Kumar Sharma, Prof Ganga Sharma, Dr Poonam Kumari, Dr Vijay Chauhan and other faculty members of the college graced the occasion.

SCS GDC Mendhar organises practicum on recent trends in sericulture

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MENDHAR: SCS Government Degree College Mendhar, under the esteemed patronage, supervision, and guidance of Principal Dr. Mohammed Azam, organized a one-day Practicum on Recent Trends in Sericulture on 11th May 2024. This event was a collaborative effort of the Departments of Botany and Zoology, along with the Women Development Cell and Career Counseling Cell. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members and a large number of students, showcasing their zeal and enthusiasm for learning. The organizing committee, led by Prof. Sarshad Hussain as the Organising Secretary, Dr. Mahroof Khan as the Coordinator, Dr. Rehfit Naz Koser as the Incharge of the Women Development Cell, Prof. Inam Ul Haq as the Incharge of the Career Counseling Cell and Assistant Professor of Zoology, and Dr. Gowhar Ahmad Shapoo, Lecturer in the Department of Botany, ensured the smooth execu-



Winner student receiving trophy during the event.

tion of the practicum. Dr. Rubia Bukhari, Incharge of the Department of Sericulture at Pooneh Campus, University of Jammu, graced the event as the key resource person. Her informative lecture and demonstration emphasized the importance of sericulture in economic and sustainable development. Dr. Bukhari's insights inspired the audience, highlighting the historical significance and contemporary relevance of sericulture, especially in Jammu and Kashmir. Dr. Mahroof Khan, the event coordinator, expressed gratitude to the organizing

team for their efforts in arranging such a meaningful event. Dr. Rehfit Naz Koser, Incharge of the Women Development Cell and Head of the Department of Urdu, also extended appreciation to the resource person and participants for their contributions to the success of the event. In his presidential address, Dr. Mohammed Azam, Principal of SCS GDC Mendhar, congratulated the organizers, key resource person, and participating students for their roles in organizing an informative and wonderful program. The event was attended by

distinguished staff members, including Dr. Mohd Ibrahim, Dr. Liyaqat Ali, Dr. Basharat Ahmed Shaheen, Prof. Mohd Qasim Mir, and Dr. Jameel Ahmed, further enriching the discussions and interactions. The valedictory function concluded with the distribution of certificates among the participants. Prof. Inam Ul Haq, Assistant Professor of the Department of Zoology, delivered a formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all involved in making the event a resounding success. Overall, the Practicum on Recent Trends in Sericulture served as a platform for knowledge exchange, skill development, and community engagement, contributing to the promotion and preservation of sericulture in the region.

Donate generously to rebuilt Madrasa Siraj-Ul-Uloom Chatroo: saroori

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KISHTWAR: After the devastating fire incident took place in the great religious Madrasa Siraj Ul Uloom at Chatroo Tehsil of Kishtwar, donations for the reconstruction of the madarsa took place in the Jama Masjid of Chatroo. Vice Chairman DPAP Ghulam Muhammad Saroori appealed everyone to donate generously for the reconstruction of the Madrasa. He explained the significance of donating in a Madarsa as it's a good deed and for the betterment of the future generations. Saroori also encouraged everyone during the collection of the donation, around Rs. 40 lakhs was collected on the occasion of Friday prayers. He also requested the young people to help in cleaning the area of incident so that the reconstruction would be easier for the architects as the services

of expert architects will be hired for the construction of this Madrasa and architects from Kashmir will come very soon and a map will be prepared by them. He also said that the estimated budget of this project is around 5-10 crores. He also added that it won't be difficult if everyone will participate passionately in the donations. The Inam of Jamia Masjid Chatroo also appealed to the people to come forward to donate more so that the construction of the Madrasa can be done as soon as possible. It was decided during the deliberations in the Jama Masjid on the eve of Nimaz-e-Jumma that the reconstruction would be done in a modern way to avoid such incidents in future. Hopefully all the people present at the Jama Masjid showed their generosity by offering generous donations.

Mission Save Lives Road Safety Rally spreads awareness in Samba

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SAMBA: The Mission Save Lives Road Safety Rally, initiated by the Lt. Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha, on Saturday organised an awareness program and Rally in collaboration with District Administration Samba led by Deputy Commissioner, Abhishek Sharma. An awareness program was organised in the Conference Hall mini secretariat in which around 200 students from different institutions participated. At the outset of program, CEO Kashmir Road Safety Foundation, Nasir Ali Khan emphasized the urgency of implementing comprehensive road safety measures to curb accidents and promote a safer environment for all road users in J&K. He presented data, case studies, and proposed initiatives aimed at fostering a culture of responsible road behavior. A significant focus of the program was dedicated to the "Mission Save Lives J&K Tour 2024." He pointed out that



DC Abhishek Sharma flagging off rally.

road accidents killed more people than deaths caused by Covid or by drug overdoses. Thereafter, the DC Samba Abhishek Sharma flagged off the rally from Conference hall and appreciated the efforts of Kashmir Road Safety Foundation for creating awareness, educating communities, and also assisting in Implementation of road safety measures. He emphasized that w.e.f 1st January 2024, 71 accidents were reported in district Samba in which 13 persons died and 104 persons suffered from major and minor injuries. He advised the students to drive the vehicle at safe speed, wear a helmet

of ISI standard, wear seat belts, avoid using mobile phones and unwanted honking on roads, ensure that the vehicle is properly serviced and don't drive under the influence of drugs. Furthermore, he underscored that everyone should follow these important safety measures in order to stay safe and secure. Also, it is very important for children to learn these safety measures at an early age so that they can avoid unfortunate incidents in the future. Among others ACR, Dr Kusum Chib, CEO Kewal Krishan, Ex En PWD, DySP traffic, DIO, Tehsildar, MYD Inspectors and other officers attended the program.

DLSA Kathua organises 2nd National Lok Adalat of calendar year 2024

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KATHUA: As per the Action Plan issued by J&K Legal Services Authority and under the radiant guidance of Chairman District Legal Services Authority, Kathua Ashok Kumar Shavan,(also Pr. District & Sessions Judge), 2nd National Lok Adalat of the calendar year 2024 was held here today in the District Court Complex. The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial



Chairman DLSA Kathua Ashok Kumar Shavan inaugurating Lok Adalat.

lamp by the Chairman DLSA. In his address to the distinguished gathering, Ashok Kumar Shavan shed light on the purpose of the National Lok Adalat, emphasizing its significance in delivering swift justice. He deliberated upon the significance of holding such Lok Adalats by giving instant justice, how it saved energy & time and how it benefits the poor litigants. Seven benches were constituted to settle referred

cases, each comprising esteemed members of the judiciary and legal fraternity. Bench No. 1 comprised of Ashok Kumar Shavan, Principal District & Sessions Judge and Cheena Sunbria, Munsiff JMJC, Kathua; Bench No. 2 was consisted of Kusoom Pandita, Additional District & Sessions Judge Kathua and Puneet Kumari, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel Kathua; Bench No. 3 consisted of

Swati Gupta, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kathua and Neena Thakur, District Mobile Magistrate, Kathua, Bench No. 4 was comprising of Jyoti Bhagat, Munsiff JMJC, Billawar and Poonam Gupta, Addl. Special Mobile Magistrate, Billawar, Bench No.5 was comprising of Rimpi Rami, Munsiff JMJC, Hiranagar and Vijay Kumar Sharma, President, Bar Association Hiranagar; Bench No. 6 included Jeevan Kumar Sharma, Munsiff JMJC Basholi and Shub Kumar Sharma, Bar President, Basohli and Bench No. 7 consisted of Rajni Bhagat, Munsiff JMJC, Mahanpur and Deep Kumar, Advocate Mahanpur. The 2nd National Lok Adalat was held across the district wherein different kinds of matters were placed before the Benches included Hindu Marriage Act (HMA), Motor Vehicle Act, MACT

Cases, Bank Recovery (both pre-litigation and post-litigation) matters, Criminal Compoundable, and also Traffic Challans. In today's National Lok Adalat, Advocates, Litigants, people from various departments, Senior Citizens have also participated. Further in the National Lok Adalat, 6349 of Pre-Litigation cases of different nature including Bank Recovery Cases were settled 423 Post litigations of Bank Recovery Cases were settled and a recovery of Rs 63,16,160 has been effected, besides in MACT Cases Compensation of Rs 70,40,000 has been Awarded and a fine of Rs 459800 Traffic Challan and Other petty Offences were recovered from the defaulters. All the participants were totally benefitted and satisfied in the event of National Lok Adalat.

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