

DC Reasi reviews implementation, extension of e-Office upto Block/Tehsil level

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik chaired a critical meeting today in the video conference hall of the DC Office Complex here to review the implementation, extension, and operationalization of the E-Office system across all government offices in the district.

The major focus of the meeting was the implementation of E-Office 2.0, under which the system will be extended up to the tehsil and block levels.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that this initiative is part of a broader effort to streamline govern-



Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik chairing a meeting.

ment operations by digitizing processes and significantly reducing paper usage. She further added that the extension of E-Office to the block level will improve efficiency, productivity, and transparency.

The meeting was attended

by line department officers, including those from subdivisions, tehsils, blocks and sectoral departments within Reasi. The District Informatics Officer (NIC) provided a detailed presentation on IT infrastructure requirements, network infra-

structure, templates, connectivity issues and more.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all district officers to take timely action and ensure that the required data is submitted within a week to facilitate a smoother implementation process. She

also instructed officials to ensure their network and IT infrastructure are up to date to support the operationalization of E-Office.

The DC directed all officers to coordinate closely with the District Informatics Officer (NIC) to ensure a hassle-free rollout of the E-Office system at the block level. The initiative is expected to enhance operational efficiency and contribute to the broader goal of digital governance within the region.

ADDC Sukhdev Samyal, DSEO, DSWO, CAO, CHO, CAHO, DIO and other district/sectoral officers were present during the meeting.

NDTK celebrates Adi Shankaracharya Jayanti



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UDHAMPUR: In order to celebrate Adi Shankaracharya Jayanti volunteers of Navami Devika Teerthi Kshetra (NDTK) Udhampur organised a program to celebrate Jyanti here on the bank of holy Devika river in Udhampur today.

According to convenor Vimal Sharma programme was started after lightning traditional lamp by ADC Prem Singh. Speaking on the occasion Singh focused on the teachings of Adi Shankaracharya who took Sanyas at the very early age who is according to Hindu scriptures was avatar of Lord Shiva. Adi Shankaracharya primarily preached Advaita Vedanta. He emphasized self inquiry as tool to remove ignorance. Adi Shankaracharya also established four Mathas in four corners of India to balance the Advaita Vedanta teachings and protect Hindu Traditions.

Plantation drive also conducted in rose Garden established earlier to save mother earth and gave message to youth and society to contribute little bit towards mother nature. At the end parsad also distributed among the participants.

Prominent among who present were Vimal Sharma, Surinder Kumar, Rakesh Sharma ex Sarpanch Jib, Sunil Sharma, Bupinder Kumar, Ajeet Singh, Mukesh kumar, Kuldeep Kumar, Subash Kumar, Santosh Kumari, Mokshi ,Master Rinku and many more.

FICCI-FLO JKL, GCW Udhampur sign MoU to empower women through skilling, wellness, and entrepreneurship

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UDHAMPUR: In a significant step towards empowering women in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, the FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Chapter, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur.

The MoU, signed here on today, marks the beginning of a collaborative partnership aimed at enhancing the personal, academic, and entrepreneurial capacities of women students in the region. This initiative, aptly titled "The Power to Empower", reflects a shared vision of both institutions to create transformative opportunities for young women in the region.

The agreement was formalized in the presence of senior representatives from both sides. Representing FICCI-FLO JK&L were Aati Choudhary, Chairperson, Varuna Anand, Past



NGO members along with college faculty during signing of MoU.

Chairperson, Rupika Sahai, Vice Chairperson and Nandita Bajaj, Secretary. From GCW Udhampur, Prof. Nalini Pathania, Principal, GCW Udhampur and senior faculty members including Dr. Indu Khajuria (IQAC Convenor), Dr. Ajay Kumar Sharma (NSS Programme Officer), Dr. Ravinder Kumar (Career Counseling Cell Convenor), and Dr. Rewa Lakhotra (Hospitality & Protocol Convenor) participated in the signing ceremony.

Prof. Nalini Pathania, Principal of the college, shared her thoughts on the occasion, stating, "This MoU is not just a formal agreement but a powerful commitment to equipping our young women with the skills, exposure, and support they need to thrive in today's dynamic world. We are proud to collaborate with FICCI-FLO JK&L, whose dedication to the cause of women's empowerment aligns seamlessly with our mission of holistic education."

The MoU outlines a broad

framework of collaboration in areas such as skilling and entrepreneurship, health and wellness, and empowerment. Through this partnership, both parties aim to jointly conduct events, workshops, and training programs that promote digital and financial literacy, entrepreneurial thinking, and career development for the students of GCW Udhampur. The students will benefit from the experience and insights of successful women entrepreneurs and domain experts invited by



Similarly inter-state Buses don't stop at kathua adding to the woes of the people.

The Managing Director, RTC reiterated resolve of the government to operationalize the ISBT kathua and assured MLA of addressing the issue on priority.

Dr. Bharat Bhushan, MLA Kathua also urged for restora-

tion of RTC Bus Service between Kathua and Pathankot which was stopped during COVID-19.

Later MLA Kathua discussed issues of Municipal Council Kathua and Municipal Committees of Lakhampur and Nagri with Director Urban Local Bodies Manisha Sareen.

ML Toofan conferred with J&K Gaurav Puraskar-2025 Award

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BILLAWAR: Social Welfare and Development Committee Kishanpur Dungara Tehsil Billawar on its 48th foundation day awarded Madan Lal Toofan, a noted Dogri Poet known as (Jan- kavi) and a veteran sportsman (Volleyball game) with Jammu & Kashmir Gaurav Puraskar 2025 for is his contribution in literary and sports field. Madan Lal Toofan remained President of Kathua District Volleyball Association for 16 years and still serving as Vice-president of J&K Volleyball Association. During his tenure as President of Kathua, Kathua District Volleyball Team was either



Committee members honouring Madan Lal Toofan, a noted Dogri Poet and veteran sportsman.

winner or runners-up in J&K State Volleyball Championship.

Kishanpur Dungara NGO has constituted a jury (Committee) which collects data of outstanding social workers, sportsmen and lit-

erary persons of the District and recommends their names for these awards after examining their role in these fields.

The award was given in well attended function in the Committee office near Govt

Middle School Kishanpur Dungara. Cultural programme was also presented by students of Govt Middle School Kishanpur .

S P Sharma, President of Social Welfare & Development Committee threw light on the achievements of the Committe during last 48 years and thanked the recipients of awards for gracing the occasion. Prominent persons from Kathua , Billawar & Hiranagar who attended the function were Rajni Kant Ex- President Brahman Sabha Kathua, Dit Sharma retd. Naib- Tehsildar,Des Raj Sharma Retd Chief Manager, and Mohinder Sharma a veteran Volleyball Player.

Samba police organizes debate competition on drug abuse at GHSS Vijaypur

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SAMBA: Samba Police on Saturday organised a debate competition on drug abuse at Govt. Higher Secondary School Vijaypur which was attended by hundreds of students, lecturers, teachers and other members of the school management.

The programme at Govt. Higher Secondary School Vijaypur organized under Civic Action Programme (CAP) was presided over by SSP Samba, accompanied by SDOPO Vijaypur and DySP DAR Samba in which a total of nine students had actively participated.

SSP Samba presented mementos and certificates to



SSP Samba presenting memento and certificate to a winner.

the first, second and third best student speakers whereas six other student speakers were also felicitated with participating certificates on the occasion.

While speaking on the occa-

He asked the students to stay away from the drug abuse and inform police about any drug related activity in their areas. The identity of the informer shall be kept secret. A pledge for say no to drugs was also taken on the occasion.

The Principal of GHSS Vijaypur expressed her sincere gratitude to the Police Department for organizing such programme in the school.

The efforts of J&K Police in promoting awareness about the negative impact of drug abuse were highly appreciated by the school management and attendees. At the end, refreshment was also served to the students.

Jasrotia slams Pakistan for spreading disinformation and propaganda to deflect attention from its own wrongdoings

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JASROTA: Former Minister and MLA Jasrotia Rajiv Jasrotia strongly condemned the coordinated disinformation campaign launched by Pakistan-based media outlets and proxy social media handles. The campaign aims to discredit senior Indian Armed Forces officers in the wake of India's resolve to punish the perpetrators of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

In a handout issued here, Jasrotia debunking false narratives stated that these attempts have been comprehensively debunked by official

records and authoritative fact-checks. He emphasized that this exposes Islamabad's habitual resort to fake narratives whenever confronted with the prospect of decisive Indian action. Slamming Pakistan's pattern of deception, Jasrotia highlighted Pakistan's consistent pattern of spreading disinformation and propaganda to deflect attention from its own wrongdoings. He emphasized that such tactics will not deter India from taking decisive action against terrorism.

Jasrotia's statement underscores the need to expose and counter Pakistan's disinformation campaigns. India's resolve to punish the perpetrators of the Pahalgam terror attack remains unwavering, and the country's armed forces will continue to take all necessary measures to ensure national security. Saluting Security Forces, Jasrotia said nation's security forces are indeed the epitome of bravery and sacrifice. They have consistently demonstrated their unwavering commitment to defending Mother India, often putting their lives on the line with a smile.



KVK Reasi organises Training Programme for SHGs members



KVK officials along with SHG members during the programme.

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised a training programme for the Self Help Groups (SHGs) members here at Bhaga village in Reasi district of J&K which was enthusiastically attended by the number of women members of SHGs of the area. The programme was organised under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension Prof. Amrshi Vaid of SKUAST-J.

Dr. Banarsi Lal, Chief Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi initiated the pro-

gramme with the warm welcome of participants. During the technical session he highlighted the role and importance of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the current scenario of livelihood diversification especially for the marginalized rural women of hilly areas. He discussed on various incomes generation activities among the rural women and stressed on value addition in agriculture for more farm returns. He also discussed on woman empowerment and emphasised on SHGs formation in the rural areas. He said that SHGs formation has an immense scope in hilly areas and can play a significant role in enhancing the income and employment

among the rural women. He spoke on regular saving, budgeting, record keeping, regular meetings, regular interloaning, linkage with banks, repayment need etc.He highlighted the importance of homogeneity, fortnight meetings and book keeping for the significant results in SHGs. He also guided farm women on small business planning, effecting marketing strategies and product development. He stressed on the agri-entrepreneurship development in rural areas by working in groups and discussed on Atam Nirbhar Bharat. He also guided the participants on packaging, labeling, branding and marketing of processed agro-products. He discussed on

value addition in fruits, vegetables and spices to enhance the income and employment among the rural women. He narrated that by the value addition in fruits and vegetables rural women can fetch more money and thus they can raise their socio-economic status.

During the programme some quarries were raised by the group's members which were answered by the KVK officials in a satisfactorily way. During the programme an progressive woman farmer of the area, Smt.Anita Kumari was also present who shared her experiences on value addition in agriculture with the other trainees. The participants thanked KVKReasi scientists for organizing such a useful programme. It is worthwhile to mention here that such training programmes foster economic independence, self-reliance and sustainable growth for SHGs members, enabling them to positively impact their communities and lead fulfilling lives. The programme was assisted by Sh.Manohar Lal and concluded by Smt.Anita Kumari with formal vote of thanks.

Ghagwal unites to promote community cleanliness movement



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SAMBA: The transformative "Saturdays for Ghagwal" initiative continues to build impressive momentum as residents, officials, and security personnel joined forces for the second consecutive weekly cleanliness drive. The successful drive focused on the vital corridor connecting Shri Narsingh Dev Ji Dham to the National Highway, demonstrating the growing community commitment to civic responsibility.

"What began as a simple initiative has quickly evolved into a powerful movement that brings together people from all walks of life," said SDM K.S. Bali. "We're seeing unprecedented collaboration between government departments, religious institutions, and citizens-all united by a shared vision for a cleaner Ghagwal."

The campaign, launched on April 19 at the revered Shri Narsingh Dev Ji Mandir, strategically targets key religious, social, and governmental areas each week. The focused approach ensures meaningful impact while building sustainable civic engagement habits among residents. Notable participation from the 41 Battalion of TBP, local women's groups, and public representatives highlights the initiative's broad appeal and ability to transcend traditional participation barriers.

"We invite all residents to join us this coming Saturday as we continue this vital work," added Tehsildar Ghagwal. "Together, we are not just cleaning our region- we are strengthening the bonds that make Ghagwal special."

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