

SPPND GDC Samba organises certificate distribution ceremony

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SAMBA: SPPND Government Degree College, Samba, on Saturday organized a Certificate Distribution Ceremony to felicitate students who successfully completed a 20-hour Certificate Course on "Financial Literacy", held in March 2025. The course was conducted by the NIIT Foundation in collaboration with FICCI FLO Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Chapter and the college's Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC).

The Financial Literacy course was designed to provide students with essential knowledge and practical skills in managing personal finance, budgeting, banking, savings, and responsible financial decision-making. The training was conducted by the faculty of the Department of Computer



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

Science in three batches, covering students from various streams including Education, Sociology, Physics, and Commerce. The course concluded with an online examination conducted and evaluated by NIIT Foundation.

The certificate distribution event commenced with a welcome address, followed by an overview of the course objectives and learning outcomes. The Principal of the college,

Prof. Dr. Twinkle Suri, presented certificates to the students and congratulated them on their dedication and performance.

Students were honored in various performance categories, namely Outstanding, Excellent, Very Good, Good, Satisfactory, and Participation (for those who attended the course but did not appear for the final exam). The event was marked by a spirit of

achievement and encouragement.

In her address, the Principal appreciated the collaborative efforts of the NIIT Foundation, FICCI FLO JKL, the IQAC Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Banpreet Kour, Course Incharge Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ramandeep Kour and the Computer Science Department Assoc. Prof. Dr. Minu Bala (HOD), Asstt. Prof. Dr. Neha Jain,

T.Asstt. on Acad. Arrangement Pryanka Deonia, T.Asstt. on Acad. Arrangement Ria Sharma, T.Asstt. on Acad. Arrangement Rakesh Kumar; T.Asstt. on Acad. Arrangement Ria Sharma, T.Asstt. on Acad. Arrangement Rajni Sambyal and Lecturer on Acad. Arrangement Akanksha Bali in successfully implementing the course. She highlighted the relevance of financial literacy in today's fast-evolving economic landscape and encouraged students to apply their learnings in real-life scenarios.

The function concluded with appreciation for the students' active participation and a reaffirmation of the college's commitment to delivering meaningful, skill-based education through academic-industry collaboration.

Dy CM visits border areas in Nowshera division; assesses, addresses public grievances

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RAJOURI: In a significant outreach initiative aimed at addressing the public grievances in border areas, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, conducted an extensive tour of Nowshera division.

During the visit, the Deputy Chief Minister met several public delegations who apprised him of various issues, including road connectivity, water supply, electricity, healthcare facilities and other developmental concerns.

The Deputy Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to the concerns raised by the residents. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to well-being of the border population. He emphasised that providing basic amenities at the doorsteps of the people is top priority for the administration. He issued on the spot directions to the con-



Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary during tour of Nowshera division.

cerned officers for prompt redressal of issues raised by the delegations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Dy CM reiterated the government's resolve to ensure equitable development across all regions, with special focus on welfare of border residents. He assured that concerted efforts are being made to address the challenges faced

by the people, improving their living standards.

The Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Nowshera, Pritam Lal Thapa; District Mineral Officer, Mohd Rafiq; Tehsildar Nowshera; Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Nowshera and other officers of the district administration.

Clean-up drives organised across Kathua District to promote plastic-free environment

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KATHUA: As part of the ongoing World Environment Day celebrations, the Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Kathua organized a series of clean-up drives across the district to promote the message of a plastic-free environment.

In Bani, the clean-up initiative was conducted under the leadership of Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Sh. Jia Lal at the Floriculture Park. The event witnessed active participation from the staff of the YSS department and students from various schools, who joined hands to clear the area of plastic waste and spread awareness about the harmful effects of plastic pollution.

A similar drive was carried out in Billawar at Naaz Ground, where students and staff from different educational institu-



Students carrying out cleanliness drive.

tions took part enthusiastically. They worked together to clean the premises and encouraged the local community to adopt eco-friendly practices.

In Zone Malhar, the campaign continued with strong involvement from school students and faculty, further amplifying the district-wide message of environmental responsibility and sustainable living.

The main objective of these clean-up drives is to spread awareness among the public about the dan-

gers of plastic usage and to emphasize that maintaining a clean and green environment is a shared responsibility. The department aims to instill a sense of environmental stewardship in young minds while encouraging collective action for a better future.

These efforts reflect the commitment of the Youth Services and Sports Department to support environmental conservation and inspire communities to adopt sustainable habits in their daily lives.

MLA launches construction of road project in Bishnah Constituency

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BISHNAH: In a significant development aimed at enhancing connectivity and improving infrastructure in the Bishnah constituency, Dr. Rajeev Bhagat, MLA Bishnah kick-started the construction of a vital road project. The initiative, undertaken under the NABARD Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)-XXVIII, will see the construction of a 2.00 kilometer road connecting the Government Primary School Pandorian to Shamshan Ghat/Gujjar Basti and its allied links within Block Arnia.

The ambitious project, with an estimated cost of Rs 305.80 Lakhs, is being executed by the Public Works Department (Roads & Buildings) Sub Division Bishnah. The commencement ceremony witnessed enthusiastic participation from the local community, including Ex-Sarpanches, Panches, and other prominent citizens of the area,



MLA Bishnah Dr. Rajeev Bhagat starting road work.

alongside the Engineering Wing of PWD (R&B) Sub Division Bishnah.

Speaking at the launch event, Dr. Rajeev Bhagat emphasized the crucial role of infrastructure development in the overall progress and prosperity of the region. He stated that the newly sanctioned road will significantly benefit the residents of Pandorian, Shamshan Ghat, Gujjar Basti, and adjoining areas by providing improved access to essential services, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, and market areas.

"This road has been a long-pending demand of the people of this area, and I am delighted that we have finally commenced its construction," said Dr. Bhagat. "Better road connectivity is fundamental for socio-economic development. This 2-kilometre stretch will not only ease the daily commute for the residents but will also open up new avenues for growth and opportunity in the region."

He further lauded the efforts of the PWD (R&B) department for their role in taking up this crucial project

and urged them to ensure the timely and quality completion of the work. Dr. Bhagat reiterated his commitment to bringing more developmental projects to the Bishnah constituency and assured the public of his continued efforts towards addressing their needs and aspirations.

The residents present at the event expressed their gratitude to Dr. Bhagat for his initiative in addressing their long-standing demand for a proper road. They highlighted the difficulties faced earlier due to the lack of a well-constructed road, especially during the rainy season, and expressed hope that the new road would bring significant relief and convenience to their daily lives.

Officials from the PWD (R&B) Sub Division Bishnah assured the MLA and the public of their commitment to executing the project efficiently and adhering to quality standards. They outlined the planned phases of construction and expressed confidence in completing the

road within the stipulated timeframe.

The NABARD RIDF scheme plays a vital role in supporting rural infrastructure projects across the country, and this initiative in the Bishnah constituency underscores its impact in improving the lives of people in rural areas. The construction of this road is expected to have a positive ripple effect on the local economy and the overall quality of life for the residents.

The presence of local leaders and community members at the launch event highlighted the collective enthusiasm and support for this development project. The initiative is seen as a significant step forward in bridging the infrastructure gap in the region and fostering greater connectivity within the Bishnah constituency. With the construction now underway, the residents eagerly await the completion of the road, which promises to bring enhanced convenience and progress to their communities.

SCWF Katra honours Army, CRPF, BSF officers for successful Op Sindoor

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KATRA: The Senior Citizens Welfare Forum (SCWF), Katra, celebrated its 12th Foundation Day during its 126th monthly General Body Meeting held at the Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra.

The event was chaired by Shiv Kumar Sharma, President of the Forum, with proceedings conducted by Channay Ram, General Secretary.

The second session of the meeting was marked by the special presence of officers from the Army, CRPF, and BSF, who joined the celebrations on the eve of Operation Sindoor.

The dignitaries were warmly welcomed by Forum President Shiv Kumar



Forum members honouring officers.

Sharma and Vice President Sukhdev Singh.

Pardeep Kumar Giri Goswami, Commandant 6th Bn CRPF Katra, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Major Anuj Gadre, OC Army Camp Katra; Shiv Paul

Yadav, Assistant Commandant CRPF 6th Bn; and Ramesh Kumar, ASI Incharge BSF 41 Bn Katra, were present as Guests of Honour.

The officers were felicitated with traditional honours, including Mata ki

Chunari, turbans, and mementos. Special guests Vikas Darmania Chartered Accountant, and Sanjay Incharge of Disha Chhatravas Katra, were also attended the event.

In their addresses, Commandant Pardeep

Kumar Giri Goswami and Major Anuj Gadre elaborated on the significant role of the armed and paramilitary forces in safeguarding the nation from internal and external threats.

Several respected members of the Forum-Sham Lal Sharma, Retired Senior Master; Gopal Krishan Komal, President Awardee and retired ZEO; Channay Ram, retired ZEO; Amar Nath, retired Principal; Rattan Singh Manhas, retired Headmaster; and Sukhdev Singh, retired Community Health Officer-shared their thoughts and recited poetry dedicated to Operation Sindoor, appreciating the unwavering efforts of the security forces.

DC felicitates CBSE toppers of Reasi district



Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik along with meritorious students.

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REASI: In a gesture celebrating academic excellence, Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik, felicitated the CBSE Class 10th and 12th toppers from Reasi district at a special event organized by the District Administration at the Conference Hall, Reasi.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik congratulated the students on their outstanding performance and lauded their hard work and dedication. She emphasized the pivotal role of parents and teachers in shaping the academic journey of students, stating that "scoring well in board examinations marks the beginning of building self confidence and opens doors to future success."

Trophies were awarded to

all the meritorious students as a token of appreciation and encouragement. Among the Class 12th toppers were Gouri Jamwal (Humanities stream), Bumi Mahajan (Commerce stream), and Vastal Abrol (Science stream). In Class 10th, Shiv Sharma from Kendriya Vidyalaya was recognized for his exceptional results among the CBSE schools in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner engaged in an interactive session with the toppers, encouraging them to pursue their goals with determination and self-belief. She further told student that with focus and perseverance you can achieve all your goals and aspirations.

DC Reasi also took the opportunity to interact with parents and teachers, listen-

ing to their insights and appreciating their support in the students' success stories. She acknowledged their contribution in creating a nurturing environment that fosters learning and growth.

The event was graced by senior officials including ADC Rakesh Kumar, CPO Narinder Kumar, CEO Deepak Gupta, and DIO Ujjwal Sambyal, who also shared motivational messages and personal experiences to uplift the students.

The initiative was well received by attendees, with parents, teachers, and students expressing heartfelt gratitude to the District Administration for organizing an event that not only celebrates academic excellence but also inspires others to pursue educational success.

GDC Ramgarh organises awareness rally in connection with World Environment Day 2025

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RAMGARH: In connection with the upcoming observance of World Environment Day 2025, Government Degree College (GDC) Ramgarh organized an impactful awareness rally focused on the pressing issue of plastic pollution.

The event was held under the leadership of the Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr.) Meeru Abrol,



Faculty members along with students during the rally.

and aligned with this year's global theme: "Ending Plastic Pollution."

In her address, Prof. (Dr.) Meeru Abrol highlighted that World Environment Day serves as a reminder of our collective responsibility towards the planet and urged everyone to make conscious efforts in their daily lives to combat plastic pollution.

The rally was a joint ini-

tiative of the ECO Club "Amrita" and the Department of Environmental Sciences, in collaboration with the NSS unit 'Prabha'. It aimed to sensitize students and the surrounding community about the harmful effects of plastic use and to promote eco-friendly and sustainable alternatives.

Prof. Braham Dutt, NSS Programme Officer along

with Dr. Shivali Panjgotra, Convener of Ecoclub and Head of the Department of Environmental Sciences, coordinated the event.

Students actively participated by holding informative posters and raising slogans that highlighted the urgent need to reduce plastic dependency, safeguard natural resources, and protect the environment for future generations.

The rally started from the college premises and passed through nearby areas, engaging local residents and drawing attention to the environmental hazards posed by single-use plastics. Students also interacted with members of the public, encouraging them to adopt responsible waste management practices.

Faculty members including Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Dr. Snobar, Prof. Braham Dutt, Ashok Kumar, Dr. Neeraj Bargoitra, Anjali Devi, Priya Sharma, and Sayama were present and supported the initiative, reinforcing the collective commitment of the college community toward environmental awareness and action.

This initiative is part of the college's continued efforts to create a greener and cleaner environment and to instill sustainable values among youth and society at large.

Poonch Administration, Saviour Blood Donors organise blood donation, awareness camp

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POONCH: District Hospital Poonch, Saviour Blood Donors J&K and District Administration Poonch jointly organized a Blood Donation cum Awareness Camp, where people were educated about the importance of blood donation and were appealed to come forward and donate blood to help save lives.

On this occasion, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Poonch, Mohammad Sayed (JKAS) was present as the Chief Guest.



Chairman of Saviour Blood Donors J&K, Ajaz Siddiqui expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Mohammad Sayed (JKAS) for attending the Awareness Camp and motivating the public to donate

blood. Ajaz Siddiqui also extended his thanks to **Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Poonch, Mohammad Shafiq whose cooperation made this event possible.

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