

# Health Care Centre inaugurated on celebration of Sri Guru Arjun Dev Maharaj’s Shaheedi Purab

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AKHNOOR: A momentous event took place at Gurdwara Tapo Asthan Sant Baba Sunder Singh Ji, Akhnoor, as the Health Care Centre, consisting of a Clinical Laboratory, Physiotherapy Centre, and Dental Cell, was officially inaugurated. The welfare initiative, aimed at providing affordable and high-quality healthcare services, is dedicated to serving the entire community, with a particular focus on underprivileged sections of society. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr. S.P. Singh Oberoi, a world-renowned philanthropist and Founder & Managing Trustee of Sarbat Da Bhala Charitable Trust. Dr. Oberoi, who has devoted his life to humanitarian work globally, was instrumental in establishing this health centre. The facil-



Dignitaries during the event at Akhnoor.

ities are part of the Trust's mission to ensure "Health for All" by offering subsidized diagnostic lab services, physiotherapy treatments, and dental care. Speaking during the inauguration, Dr. S.P. Singh Oberoi announced additional welfare services for the community, including the provision of ambulance services and ultrasound facilities at subsidized rates at the

Gurdwara. This gesture further underscores the commitment to providing essential healthcare at affordable prices. Several distinguished guests from various sectors, along with local dignitaries and members of the community, attended the event. The guest list included Permod Kohli (Former Chief Justice, Sikkim High Court); Justice S.S.S. Bedi

(Trustee, Sarbat Da Bhala Charitable Trust); Dr. Satnam Singh Nijjar (Trustee, Sarbat Da Bhala Charitable Trust); Dr. Harbaksh Singh (Chief Medical Officer, District Jammu); Ranjeet Singh Tohra (President, DGPC Jammu); S. Ranvir Singh (Joint Secretary, DGPC Jammu); Arjun Singh (Chairman, Gurdwara Tapo Asthan); Surjit Singh

(President, Gurdwara Tapo Asthan); Amrik Singh (Vice Chairman); Jeeva Singh (Vice President); Gurvinder Singh; Capt. Gurdial Singh; Gagan Singh; Gurdeep Singh; Harbans Singh and Jitender Singh. The event was further enriched by the Shaheedi Purab celebration of Sri Guru Arjun Dev Ji Maharaj, the fifth Sikh Guru who was executed for his refusal to alter the Sikh scriptures. The celebrations saw a large gathering of Sangat from nearby villages and Jammu, who arrived at the Gurdwara Sahib to participate in the Shabad Kirtan and Katha. The spiritual atmosphere was complemented by the Chhabeel Seva (distribution of cold water) and the offering of Guru Ka Langar, ensuring that the day was not only a moment of reflection but also a service to all.

# Manyal inspects preparations for Baba Chamliyal Mela

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RAMGARH: Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Ramgarh and former Minister for Health and Medical Education, J&K, on Friday visited the historic Baba Chamliyal Shrine to inspect preparations for the annual Baba Chamliyal Mela, scheduled for 26th June 2025. Located approximately 40 kilometers from Jammu and 17 kilometers from Samba, the shrine situated along the International Border with Pakistan and stands as a symbol of secularism and inter-faith harmony. Thousands of devotees from Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and other parts of India visit the shrine every year to pay homage to Baba Dalip Singh Manhas, revered as Baba Chamliyal. Dr. Manyal also highlighted the recent blacktopping of the NABARD-funded road from Ramloo to Chak



Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Ramgarh at Shrine.

Salaria, inaugurated on 8th June 2025 at a cost of Rs. 2.56 crore, which will significantly improve connectivity to the Swankha Mandir and Baba Chamliyal Shrine. He reiterated his commitment to strengthening infrastructure, preserving cultural heritage, and promoting spiritual tourism in the Ramgarh region. Dr. Manyal explained that the word 'Cham' translates to 'skin', and people on both sides of the border believe that the 'Shakkar' and

'Sharbat' from the shrine have healing properties for various skin diseases. He added that devotees from Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, and other states also come to seek blessings and carry the sacred 'Shakkar' and 'Sharbat' home. The 322-year-old Chamliyal Mela, held annually in Village Chamliyal, remains a powerful expression of faith, unity, and tradition near the International Border.

# Department of Environmental Science, NSS Unit of GDC Bani celebrates World Environment Week



Principal of College, Dr Manohar Lal flagging off rally.

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BANI: Department of Environmental science and NSS Unit of GDC Bani celebrated World Environmental Week and it was dedicated campaign for promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices. Environment week commenced from 5th June and culminated on 13 June. During this week series of activities conducted which includes Plantation drive on 5th June 2025, pledge taken ceremony on 9th June 2025 and Rally in vicinity of College on 13th June. On the concluding day of World Environment Week, Prof. Naseeb Kumar Bhagat highlighted the importance of celebration of world environment week for widespread promotion of awareness about environment and solution to various environmental issues. Principal of the College, Dr Manohar Lal stressed upon greater participation of students in various extracurricular activities for all round personality development.

Dr Lal also ensured the students that in coming days mega activity in collaboration with Art of Living organization shall be conducted and urged upon students to Participate in Large number. NSS program officer Dr Nisha Devi executed and managed all the three activities effectively. On the concluding days 60 students of BA Sem 2nd participated in Rally to give message in society in clear and loud manner with slogan "Plant tree, Save environment". A pivotal moment of the week was the pledge ceremony, where students of GDC Bani, led by Dr. Nisha Devi, the Program Officer of the NSS unit, solemnly vowed to protect and preserve the environment. The pledge underscored their commitment to adopting sustainable habits and encouraging others to do the same. The event was graced by the presence of esteemed faculty members, including Dr. J S Soodan, Prof. Akash Zutshi, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Narinder Kumar, and Prof. Vishab Thappa.

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra(KVK) Reasi along with Deptt. of Agriculture, Reasi and other line departments organised the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan here in remote villages Angralla, Shedole and Lar barnsal of Gulabgarh block in Reasi district of J&K which was enthusiastically attended by number of farmers of the areas. The programmes were organised under the guidance of Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N. Tripathi and Director Extension, Prof. Amrith Vaid of SKUAST-J. The campaign has been receiving an overwhelming response from the farming community. The campaign aims to strengthen the farmers welfare by gathering insights on their challenges, indigenous and feedback to inform research driven solutions. Dr. Banarsi Lal, Chief Scientist & Head, KVK Reasi spoke on latest agricultural innovations and stressed on efficient agricultural practices for



KVK officials along with locals at Gulabgarh area.

more farm returns. He also guided participants on natural farming and discussed on soil health management for more profits and quality farm produce. He also guided farmers on the efficient farm management practices and stressed on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in various crops. He stressed on advance horticulture and suggested on medicinal and aromatic plants farming. He also emphasised on quality seed and planting material for more profits. Jasvir Singh, Agriculture Extension Officer,

Department of Agriculture, Reasi guided farmers on different agricultural schemes such as H A D P , P M - KISAN, KCC, PMFBY etc. and encouraged farmers to take advantages of such schemes to enhance their crops productivity and income. He stressed on diversification in agriculture for more farm returns. He also guided participants on soil health management. Dr. Arvinder Kumar guided farmers on commercial farming and elaborated scientific farming of various Kharif season crops. He also guided participants on climate resilient agriculture

and stressed on new agricultural innovations for more farm returns. He emphasised on commercial horticulture for more profits. He also spoke on entrepreneurship development in agriculture and upgraded the knowledge of the farmers on various schemes. Officials from Department of Horticulture, Reasi, guided participants on various horticultural crops schemes undergoing in Reasi distt. and provided on spot solutions of various horticultural problems to the farmers. Officials from Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries

also guided participants on various schemes for the welfare of the farmers. Farmer-scientist interactions programmes were also organised during which the participants asked various queries which were answered satisfactorily by the experts. Farmers appreciated the efforts of KVK Reasi and line departments and responded that such programmes are very useful to increase their knowledge and skills. Sarpanches and Panches of the area were also present during the event. The programme was assisted by Manohar Lal, Mohd. Iqbal and concluded by Dr. Arvinder Kumar with formal vote of thanks.

# Forest Fire control measures discussed at Poonch; DC stresses timely response, coordination



Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting today to review the district's preparedness for Forest fire control and management. The meeting was attended by functionaries of Forest Department, Disaster

Management, Fire & Emergency Services and representatives from other stakeholder departments. Discussions focused on current preparedness, response mechanisms and long-term mitigation strategies. The DFO Territorial briefed the meeting on the prevention

and control measures already in place. It was informed that 17 Forest Fire Control Rooms, comprising officials from Forest Territorial and other departments, have been established across the district to ensure swift response. Detection of forest fires is being assisted through real time SMS alerts from the Forest Survey of India's Fire Alert System. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal stressed on

round the clock functioning of the Forest Fire Control Rooms to facilitate immediate intervention. He emphasized that timely action, coordinated efforts and active community involvement are crucial to minimizing damage to forests, biodiversity and public safety. All departments were instructed to work in close coordination to ensure effective control measures and minimize potential losses due to forest fires.

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DODA: District Police Doda organized debate competition programme " under Civic Action Programme (CAP 2024-25) on "Nasha Mukht Abhiyan" at Govt. Higher Secondary School Doda. On directions/guidelines of Sandeep Mehta, SSP Doda, a debate competition was organized by Ajay Anad DySP Hqrs Doda at Govt Hr. Sec. School Doda under the adage of "Nasha Mukht Abhiyan" under CAP 2024-25 to make the students aware on drug abuse in which 09 students of Hr. Sec. School Doda participated. Among the students who were adjudged as 1st, 2nd and 3rd are Danish Farid S/O Farid Ahmed student of class 11th, Musarrat Ahmed S/O Mohd Amin Student of class 11th and Nittan Singh Sh Dev Raj student of calss 12th of Govt. Higher Secondary



Police officials along with others during the programme.

School Doda was given 1st prize, 2nd and 3rd prize respectively while as other participants were given a prize with certificate of participation. On this occasion, DySP Hqrs Doda Sh. Ajay Anand also delivered lecture on the drug abuse, cyber crime, traffic violations with special focus on de-radicalization and other social crime in the society. DySP Hqrs Doda emphasized upon the students to channelize their energy in positive direction

and devote their time in studies and sports which has a key role to build their future career and also for better and healthy society. It was also urged upon the participants to cooperate the Police in eradicating the menace of drug and other evils from the society. Nearly 200 students including teaching staff attended the debate competition and the DySP Hqrs Doda highly appreciated the outstanding performance of the students who participated in this event. Principal of

Govt Hr. Sec. School Doda Sh. Dr. Rishi Kumar Manhas along with staff as well as the students of the school were impressed with the programme and appreciated the role of Police for organizing such awareness programme. Among others, SHO PS Doda Sh Parvaiz Ahmed Khanday and SHO Women PS Doda Sh Farooq Ahmed were also delivered lectures on the occasion and make the student aware about the drug abuse and other social evils.

# GDC Vijaypur hosts special lecture on ‘Fundamental Rights and Duties’

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SAMBA: As a part of the series of events being organized under the banner of "Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhiman" and to mark the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a special lecture on "Fundamental Rights and Duties" was organized by NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) of Government Degree College Vijaypur. Prof. Sonia Devi briefed the students about fun-

damental rights and duties guaranteed to all the citizens of India. She stated that fundamental rights are enforced by the courts, subject to certain conditions. "These rights guarantee social justice. Article 12 to 35 in part III of the Indian Constitution deals with fundamental rights; while Article 51 A enshrined in part IV A of the constitution deals with fundamental duties" she informed the students. Principal of the College, Dr. (Prof.) Ashu Vashisht advised the students to have a clear understanding of their rights and duties as a citizen of India. She further said that fundamental duties are moral obligations of all citizens to help promote a spirit of patriotism and uphold India's unity. The event was coordinated by Dr. Arti Sharma (HOD Environmental Science), Dr. Manoj Heer (HOD Dogri), Dr. Naseem Chowdhary (HOD English and NSS PO) and Dr. Naim Singh.

# GDC Darhal organises awareness program under NMBA

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DARHAL: The NSS Unit in collaboration with IQAC of the GDC Darhal organized awareness program on "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan" as part of the Viksit Bharat @2047 here on Friday. In a significant move towards eliminating drug abuse completely from the Indian society, the Government Degree College (GDC) Darhal, a renowned educational institution, took the Nasha Mukht Bharat pledge today. The pledge ceremony was attended by students of all the semesters and teachers, which marked an important step in the ongoing fight against drug addiction. Nasha Mukht Bharat is a



Students along with faculty during the programme.

nationwide initiative launched by the Government of India to create a drug-free nation. The pledge serves as a collective commitment from individuals, organizations, and communities to eradicate substance abuse and contribute to a healthier and

happier society. The Pledge Ceremony commenced with the Principal of GDC Darhal, Prof. Zamir Ahmed Mirza, delivering a captivating speech on the detrimental effects of substance abuse, emphasizing the need for collective action to address

this grave issue. He motivated the attendees, especially the students, to become responsible citizens and encouraged others to abstain from drugs. Students, who are the backbone of shaping the future of the nation, enthusiastically took the pledge

during the ceremony. The pledge highlighted the importance of creating awareness about the harmful consequences of substance abuse, supporting individuals struggling with addiction, and participating in community-driven initiatives that foster a drug-free environment. GDC Darhal aims to drive this initiative forward by organizing awareness programs, workshops, and seminars to educate students and the local community about the consequences of drug addiction. Collaboration with local authorities, NGOs, and other educational institutions will be sought to create a cohesive strategy for breaking the cycle of drug

abuse and improving rehabilitation services. The pledge ceremony concluded with students and faculty members expressing their commitment to Nasha Mukht Bharat. Their enthusiasm and determination have set a remarkable precedent for other institutions and communities, inspiring them to actively contribute to the mission of eradicating drug abuse. The event was coordinated by Dr. Mohd Akhlaq NSS PO whereas Dr. Ghulam Abass, HOD Persian, Dr. M Saleem Wani Head Dept of English, Dr. Taseem Ahmed, HOD Geography and Prof. Anzar Ahmed HOD Arabic gave enlightening speeches on the occasion.

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