

Shrine Board organises drawing competition to commemorate World Environment Day

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KATRA: To commemorate World Environment Day, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) organized a special drawing and sketching competition at its high-tech nursery in village Kunya, Panthal, near Katra. The event, which saw enthusiastic participation from a large number of students of various age groups, focused on the theme "Ending Plastic Pollution Globally".

The competition aimed to raise awareness about the pressing issue of plastic pollution and encourage young minds to think creatively about solutions. Students from classes 1 to 12 from various institutions in the surroundings of Katra area showcased their artistic talents, highlighting the importance of reducing plastic waste and promoting sustainable practices. The competition was held from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, providing a platform for young artists to



Shrine Board officials along with students during the event.

express their thoughts and ideas on environmental conservation. Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB expressed delight at the students participation and the quality of artwork displayed, saying it was heartening to see students of various age groups engaging deeply with critical environmental issues. He also highlighted the Board's commitment to environmental conservation under the directions and

guidance of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT), citing the Annual Green Plan of the Board, under which over 1.7 million plants have been planted so far through manual intervention with a survival rate of over 80%. These plants are meticulously reared in the Board's high-tech nursery, showcasing the organization's dedication to preserving nature and maintaining ecological balance in the

region, he added. The CEO further highlighted the Shrine Board's innovative approach to afforestation, citing the successful initiation of drone-based efforts last year, which have shown promising results. Under this initiative, the Forest Wing has covered approximately 109 hectares of degraded land in the Trikuta Hills. Additionally, the Board undertakes extensive greening efforts, planting over 1.5 lakh seedlings annually on

Army highlights success of Operation Sindoor in civil outreach event



Army officials along with NCC cadets and others during the programme.

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POONCH: In a significant outreach initiative, the Indian Army organized a special interaction program at Natu Auditorium, Poonch, to share the success of Operation Sindoor and reinforce civil-military cooperation. The event drew wide participation from students, NCC cadets, and members of civil society, reflecting strong community engagement and interest in national security efforts. The event was graced by the presence of eminent civil and military dignitaries, including the senior Army officers, Senior Superintendent of

Police (SSP) Poonch, heads of prominent religious organizations, representatives from the district administration, and local leaders. Their presence underscored the unity and shared responsibility between security forces and the public in safeguarding the region. A detailed briefing was delivered on Operation Sindoor, highlighting the Indian Army's operational excellence, inter-agency coordination, and the vital role played by local institutions. The audience was given insights into the planning, execution, and success of the

operation, which stands as a testament to the Army's professionalism and preparedness. In a special gesture of appreciation, the Army felicitated officials from the Power Development Department (PDD) for their vigilance and timely action during a critical blackout period. Their cooperation was crucial in maintaining operational secrecy and ensuring mission success. The event served as a platform to foster awareness, trust, and collaboration between the Armed Forces and the local population an essential pillar of the Army's approach in sensitive regions.

Bhaderwah hosts Cultural Evening featuring blend of local talent, celebrity charm



DDC Chairman Dhananter Singh Kotwal along with other dignitaries during the event.

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BHADERWAH: The picturesque town of Bhaderwah came alive with music, laughter, and cultural splendour amid a grand Cultural Evening held last evening here in the local Community Hall. The event was organised on Thursday by the District Administration Doda in collaboration with the Department of Tourism, J&K. Witnessing an overwhelming public response, the venue was jam-packed with enthusiastic attendees. District Development Council (DDC) Chairman Dhananter Singh Kotwal was the Chief Guest, while DDC Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Rani, MLA Bhaderwah Daleep Singh Parihar and Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh attended as Guests of Honour. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Doda Anil Kumar Thakur and ADC

Bhaderwah Sunil Bhutyal, who also serves as CEO of Bhaderwah Development Authority (BDA), were also present. The vibrant evening featured mesmerizing live performances by renowned local artists including singers Waqar Khan, Ravi Raghuvanshi, and Moomin Zargar. Stand-up comedian Shazi Khan left the audience in splits with his hilarious act. The event's grandeur was further enhanced by the presence of Bollywood celebrities Sunny Hinduja (popularly known as Sandeep Bhaiya) and Chandan Roy Sanyal (Bhopa Swami), whose lively interaction with the audience received thunderous applause and added a star-studded charm to the occasion. Also present at the event were officials from the Indian Army, DDC Members, and other esteemed guests.

PDA marks World Environment Day 2025 with plastic awareness, cleanliness drive

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PATNITOP: The Patnitop Development Authority, Department of Tourism, J&K, in collaboration with the Department of Wildlife Protection, J&K, and Government Higher Secondary School, Garhi, Udhampur, observed World Environment Day 2025 with a series of activities, aligning with this year's global theme - 'Beat Plastic Pollution.'

The day commenced with a cleanliness drive in and around Patnitop, engaging local stakeholders, students, NCC cadets, tourists, staff and officials from the organizing institutions. Following this, an awareness walk along the circular road of Patnitop was held, featuring slogans and messages to encourage tourists and locals alike for adopting environmentally responsible behaviour. To reinforce behavioural change in the participants, cloth bags were also distributed along with informational pam-



Organisers along with dignitaries and participants during the programme.

phlets. During an interactive session, Surinder Tripathi, Divisional Pollution Officer, and Vijay Kumar, Wildlife Warden, Jammu, sensitized the participants about the widespread permeation of plastics in daily life. They spoke about its far-reaching impacts on the ecosystems, economies, and health of variety of species. They highlight-

ed proper disposal methods for different types of plastics, and the importance of adopting sustainable practices, with special emphasis on educational institutions and tourist places. Speaking on the occasion, Devender Singh Bhau, CEO PDA, said, "Plastics have entered everywhere - even where they must not belong. They threaten the sensitive

ecology and economy of the renowned Patnitop Tourism Circuit. Through our ongoing initiatives, namely, 'Clean Patnitop Green Patnitop', 'Carry The Trash Back', and 'Clean Mountains Save Future', we are working to preserve the ecological sanctity of this circuit. Today, we have renewed that commitment and mobilized a few more individuals in this jour-

ney. Beating plastic pollution will take consistent effort from everyone, but the rewards - for nature, economy, and people - will be both beautiful and plentiful." Renu Kotwal, Principal, Government Higher Secondary School, Garhi, Udhampur, stressed the importance of involving youth in the cause. She noted that when students directly engage with the realities of plastic pollution, it makes them more conscious of their responsibility towards nature. The event concluded with a pledge by all participants to be mindful of their plastic usage and disposal in their daily lives. It witnessed presence and participation of officials and staff from the Patnitop Development Authority, Department of Tourism, J&K, Department of Wildlife Protection, J&K Pollution Control Committee, along with the Government Higher Secondary School, Garhi, Udhampur.

Nowshera Forest Division holds plantation drive at different places

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SUNDERBANI: A plantation drives were organized to make the celebration of World Environment Day by Nowshera Forest Division. The day began with plantation drive at Bharat Public High Secondary School Sunderbani, New Public Higher Secondary School Sunderbani (Sodra) and International Public Higher Secondary School Bajabain in which Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunderbani Ramkesh Sharma JKAS, Range Forest Officer Sunderbani Arif Mirza, Station House officer, Sunderbani Rajeev Kumar, Principal, Staff, Students and Forest personals participated with plantation of saplings of different medicinal and ornamental species inside school premises. While speaking on the occasion Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sunderbani explained that this year



ADC Sunderbani Ramkesh Sharma planting the sapling.

world environment day is celebrated with special focus on ending plastic pollution. The theme for this year world Environment day is "putting an end to Plastic Pollution. This day is no longer just an echo of environment protection slogan. But a mirror for all walks of life to re-examine ecological responsibility and sustainable development.

In an another event, a cleanliness drive was jointly organized with Municipal Committee Sunderbani in which locals, shop keepers, along with forest staff participated and cleaned, removed plastic waste from the road leading to Sub. District Hospital. A similar plantation drive was also organized in collabo-

ration with 72 BN CRPF at Sodra. In which Deputy Inspector General Himanshu Kumar, Dy Commandant P C Nayke along with Range Forest Officer Sunderbani and president of NGO Anmol Cultural Club Sunderbani along with executive members also conducted plantation drive by planting fruit trees of various species by family members of staff and other CRPF and forest personnel's. Range officer Sunderbani while interacting with media stressed that plastic pollution is a global crisis affectively ecosystem, biodiversity and human health. It is the need of the hour to make conscious choices in daily life to minimize plastic use. All the events are conducted under the direct supervision of Sat Paul IFS, Conservator of Forest west circle Rajouri and guidance of Shweta Deonia DCF Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera.

World Environment Day celebrated at Tehsil HQ Udh

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UDHAMPUR: World Environment Day was celebrated at Tehsil HQ Udhampur wherein Prem Singh Chib ADC was chief guest while Jai Singh Tehsildar Udhampur was guest of honour. According to reports large number of students and scouts and Guides of Amar Deep High School performed Nukad Natak and environment related songs for public awareness to create awareness among the people. Speaking on the occasion Chief guest



stressed upon the need to eliminate plastic use and also encourage public not to use

ban plastic. He also encouraged students to be the ambassador of society for sav-

ing mother nature and also involves other for plantation and other nature friendly activities. Prominent remained present were Maroof Khan Naib Tehsildar Jaganoo, Vimal Sharma District president AIF (NGO) and provincial Gen. Secy. AJKPA, Sanjeev Kumar, Veena Sharma General Secretary BS&G Udhampur Vimal Sharma Provincial organisor AJKPA jammu, Shakeel Mohd, Subash Chander, Gulzar Ahmed, Subash Chander GQ, Pawan Kumar and many more.

PTTI Vijaypur organises plantation drive

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VIJAYPUR: On the eve of World Environment Day, Principal, Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur, Ranjit Singh Sambyal organised a plantation drive in and



PTTI officials planting sapling at Vijaypur.

around the Institute to promote environmental awareness and responsibility among the trainees and public. The Principal inaugurat-

ed the event with the plantation of an ornamental sapling followed by other GOs of the Institute. Thereafter the event saw enthusiastic participation

from the staff, trainees and public who collectively planted a variety of plants, including ornamental, medicinal, herbal, and fruit-bearing saplings. On the occasion, Principal highlighted the importance of the event and said that the plantation drive serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of environmental protection and sustainable practices, particularly within the context of public services. The event also reinforces the institute's commitment to fostering a sense of environmental responsibility among its members. All staff and trainees have participated in the event.



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2.	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	06.06.2025 (11:00 AM) in the office of the Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Chenab Zone
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4.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	25.06.2025 (11:00 AM)

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