

GDC Akhnoor, SBI organise awareness camp on financial literacy

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
AKHNOOR: Department of Commerce, GDC Akhnoor in collaboration with State Bank of India, Circle Head Bahu Plaza, Jammu today organized an " Awareness Camp on Financial Literacy" under the guidance of Principal of college Dr. Romilla Malla Bhat. It is a step towards the ongoing mission of Government of India on Financial Inclusion . The guest speakers on the occasion were officials from the State Bank of India, Ramesh Raina, Finance Literacy Counselor and Vivek Sharma, Manager (Financial Inclusion). They enlightened the staff and students of the college related to various social security schemes



A resource person imparting awareness among students.

which covered Atal Pension Yojna, PM Jeevan Jyoti Yojna and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna. Besides this they also disseminated the information regarding mutual funds & investments and various modes through which safe banking transac-

tions can be done. Moreover, they also informed the audience about the frauds & mobile scams being attempted in the name of banking schemes. About 100 students & staff members were present during the program.

JKPCC reiterates demand for constitutional safeguards for land & jobs

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SUNDERBANI: Former MLC & Congress Leader Ravinder Sharma has said that the resolution passed by Municipal Committee Sunderbani, debarring outsiders from any commercial activities in the area, reflects the ground realities and feeling of insecurity amongst local people, post abrogation of article 370. Reacting to the resolution passed by the BJP led MC Sunderbani, wherein the committee has debarred the outsiders from commercial activities, without prior permission, Former MLC & Congress Leader Ravinder Sharma has said that it reflects the ground situation, post abrogation art 370, whereby safe-

guards for lands and jobs have been removed and the people , even BJP workers have realised the pain of loosing their identity, culture, trade & job opportunities. Although It belies the false claims of the centre government and BJP post abrogation, adding that claims of central leadership are contrary to the feelings of their own workers & people on ground. Endorsing the spirit behind the resolution JKPCC leader reiterated the demand for the constitutional safeguards for land and jobs besides restoration of statehood, without further delay besides seeking answer from the centre and BJP.

HDFC Bank distributes Tricolours, stationary among students

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BHADARWAH: Continuing it's efforts to get everyone connected with patriotism and to participate in Nation's journey of Freedom and Progress, HDFC Bank Bhaderwah and Doda branches post-celebrated 77th Independence Day with students of Government schools. A team of HDFC Bank Bhaderwah including Muthair Ahmed, Junaid Bin Shoket, Ubaid Ramzan, Mohd Irshad and others visited Govt High School Nichlathara Bhaderwah and celebrated the National day with students. Beside Tricolours, they also distributed stationery including Books, Pencil, Sharpeners and other items to the needy students. Meanwhile HDFC Bank



Bank officials distributing stationary among students.

Doda celebrated 77th Independence Day with students Govt School Dhareja and Kotli areas of Bhaderwah. The team of HDFC Bank Doda led by Mussarat Butt along with BBM Doda Randeep Kotwal and R. R. Jamal from TW Department visited two schools in Bhaderwah and celebrated the day with distribution of Tricolours and

sweets. Mussarat Butt and Muthair Ahmed said that through this small act of kindness our aim is to inspire them to embody the values of freedom, equality, unity and brotherhood that our nation stands for. Principal and other faculty members of the schools appreciated this activity of HDFC Bank Bhadarwah and Doda.

Entrepreneurship Development Programme inaugurated at SMVDU

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KATRA: Entrepreneurship Development Program funded by Higher Education Department inaugurated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. In his inaugural address Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor SMVDU and the Chief Guest of the function motivated the students that entrepreneurship is the only route through which one can realize their true potential. Prof. Pragati also apprised the audience that the objective of this program is to ignite the young minds for entrepreneurial activities and also apprised the audiences about how the Government is intervening to provide platforms to budding potential entrepreneurs. In his inspirational speech, Rajneesh Sharma, Director and Founder, Tri3kuta Agro & KNK Chemicals, J&K encouraged students to pursue their dreams and become entrepreneurs and to be instrumental in employment generation. Anil Suri, Chairman, AB Group of Companies, Jammu expressed his pleasure in interacting with young



Organisers along with participants during the programme.

minds and guided the attendees to follow the mantra of work hard, work smart and follow dreams with perseverance- keeping in mind ones strengths and by following the principle of honesty. Earlier in the inaugural session, Dr. Supran Kr. Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Management and the Program Coordinator welcomed all the guests

and participants and emphasized that the program has been conceived with the idea to make young generation more aware of what is happening around them; understand their strengths; to go beyond their conventional thinking and to nurture the culture of experimentation to augment the innovation efforts. In his address, Nagendra S.

Jamwal, Registrar, SMVDU highlighted the University's achievements in various fields. He also focussed on the ideology of Plato and quoted "Ideas rule the world" and wished that the workshop shall be able to tinkle young minds with new ideas. He also briefed about the efforts of SMVDU in encouraging innovation and identifying opportunities for entrepreneurial ventures. The program is sponsored by the Higher Education Department J&K and has been designed for college students and the program witnessed active participation of students from various colleges across J&K. Dr. Sharda Potukuchi, Co-convenor of the event, delivered the formal vote of thanks to the dignitaries and participants. More than ninety students from different colleges of Jammu are participating in this prestigious program, spanning over a week filled with brainstorming and interactive sessions followed by case study discussion, business plan formulation, business canvas development focused hands on sessions.

5-Day programme under Meri Maati Mera Desh concludes at GDC Hiranagar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
HIRANAGAR: To commemorate the sacrifices of freedom fighters and to celebrate 77 years of India's Independence, National services scheme (NSS) unit Cheshita of G.L.D.M Degree college, Hiranagar concluded 5 day programme with the event "Veeron Ka Vandan" under the banner of 'Meri Maati Mera Desh'. This 5 day programme under Meri Maati Mera Desh served as a poignant reminder that India's essence resides in the sweat of farmers, the valour of the armed forces and the sacrifices of the freedom fighters. The campaign which started on 11 August in the college with the Panch Pran pledge in which the students as well as the staff members of the college pledged their dedication towards making India a developed nation by 2047. On day 2, Tiranga rally was organised from GDC Hiranagar to the 121 BN CRPF Camp. NSS Volunteers also planted 100 saplings of indigenous trees under 'Vasudha Vandhan' campaign of this programme. Various other programmes like Maati Ko Naman, Quiz competition, singing competition, speech and essay writing competition was organized in the college as part of 5 day programme in which NSS volunteers took active participation. Today's programme 'Veeron ka Vandan' was aimed to honour the brave freedom fighters and brave hearts (Veer) who sacrificed their lives for the country.



Faculty along with resource persons and students during the programme.

In this programme, families of defence security personnel who sacrificed their lives for the country were felicitated. The esteemed Principal of the college Dr. Pragya Khanna formally welcomed and expressed her profound gratitude to the family members of the veers for their enthusiastic participation in this event. Glorifying the contributions of the freedom fighters, she said that it is the result of their supreme efforts that we are living in a free country. She also focused on the role of students in nation building and urged them to

remove any trace of colonial mindset and strive for the unity and solidarity of the country. Prof. Rakesh Sharma, NSS advisor also spoke on this occasion and paid homage and tribute to the veers who sacrificed their lives for this country. On this occasion, Quality Report (Newsletter) of the college was also released by Prof. Kiran Thapa. Others who graced the occasion were Prof. Sujat Khan, Convenor IQAC, Prof. Gurdial, Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Dr. Davinder Kour, Prof. Arun Kumar, Dr. Sukhdeep Singh, Dr. Bhavana Jamwal, Dr. Neeru Anand as well as students of the college.

A mesmerizing cultural programme on the theme of patriotism was presented by the NSS volunteers of the college. Stage was managed by Mansi Sharma and Ravani Jasrotia of 5th Semester. A formal Vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Kiran Thapa. Others who graced the occasion were Prof. Sujat Khan, Convenor IQAC, Prof. Gurdial, Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Dr. Davinder Kour, Prof. Arun Kumar, Dr. Sukhdeep Singh, Dr. Bhavana Jamwal, Dr. Neeru Anand as well as students of the college.

Nation remain indebted to its Martyrs: Col Mahan

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PLAKH (BASOHLI): A significant ceremony commemorating the valorous sacrifices of the Shaheed Parivar and Next of Kin of freedom fighters was held at Chonke Da Laad Amrit Sarovar in Plakh Pyt, Kathua District, as a part of the "Meri Maati, Mera Desh" initiative. The event was graced by the presence of DDC Chairman Kathua, Colonel Mahan Singh (Retd.), who served as the chief guest. The program was orchestrated by Purab Sainik Seva Prashid Basohli, as a poignant component of the Independence Day celebrations during the revered Amrit Kaal. An environmentally-conscious tree plantation endeavor was also undertaken during the event. The distinguished ceremony extended its honors to four local families linked to the heroes of bygone eras, including Hem Raj Sharma, a freedom fighter, Shaheed Rakesh Kumar, Jai Singh, and Shaheed Bishan Singh, acknowledging their contributions and sacrifices. In addition to the esteemed presence of Col Mahan Singh (Retd.), the event was graced by prominent citizens such as Capt Des Raj, Capt Harnam Singh, Lieutenant Nake Ram, Shanti Bushan, Capt Ram Rattan, SI

RR Badu, Ram Chand (Ex BDO), and several others. Addressing the gathering, Col Mahan Singh offered heartfelt tributes to the freedom fighters and martyrs, lauding their supreme sacrifices and extending empathetic regards to the families in attendance. He commended Prime Minister Modi's visionary initiative of "Meri Maati, Mera Desh" campaign, a nationwide endeavor to commemorate the unsung heroes of yesteryears and kindle the flame of nationalism amongst all citizens. Col Mahan said "The nation stands forever indebted to its martyrs, whose unwavering dedication and supreme sacrifices serve as a timeless reminder of their selfless devotion to the ideals of freedom, peace, and unity. Their courageous actions and unwavering commitment continue to inspire generations, igniting a sense of patriotism that binds us all together as a united and resilient nation." The DDC Chairman urged the Purab Sainiks to perpetuate such meaningful functions throughout the entirety of Kathua District. Later, a meeting with veterans and a communal meal were also organised, fostering camaraderie and solidarity amongst the attendees.

Will give befitting reply to BJP in forthcoming elections: Vikar

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BANIHAL: Congress is capable of defeating fake narrative, political exploitation and will ensure defeat of BJP's divisive policies. People in the entire country are yearning for the change, which is set to happen after the 2024 elections in the country. Congress Party has served the people to the best of its ability and shall continue to fight for safeguarding democratic institutions, which have become prime target of Modi Govt for the lust of power. The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee Chief Vikar Rasool Wani made these comments while addressing an impressive rally at Mangit in Block Khari of Banihal segment, where he was accorded a grand reception by the people. Addressing the gathering



JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani addressing gathering.

JKPCC Chief assured the people that Congress Party shall continue to fight for safeguarding democratic institutions in the country, which have become prime target of BJP Govt for the lust of power. He said since the BJP assumed power at Centre everything started reversing especially the developmental process, employment generation has received severe setbacks, skyrocketing prices of essentials and many other

issues confronting people due to the misrule and mismanagement on the part of Modi Govt. JKPCC Chief said though BJP Govt is making tall claims and doing everything to show that J&K is prospering and people are happy and termed these claims contrary to the ground situation, the matter of the fact is, people have been pushed to wall in every respect, confronting with economic distress and

extreme unemployment. Youth are feeling frustrated due to the extreme unemployment leading to the drug menace, which is a matter of serious concern for the public. Wani said J&K has been left on the mercy of some bureaucrats, who are only making statements on development and many other things, the matter of the fact is, people are not being heard with the result they have been left unrepresented and their grievances remain unresolved. Those who addressed the gathering including JKPCC Secretary and DDC Banihal Intiyaz Ahmad Khanday, BP Khari Farooq Ahmad Sheikh, Working BP Banihal Ab.Rashid Naik, Sarpanchs Gh Hassan, Mohd Maqbool Sheikh, Ali Mohd Malik and dozens of local Panchs.

GDC Kathua organises pledge & slogan writing competition



Faculty and students during the event.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: Pledge and Slogan writing competition was organized in GDC Kathua on fourth day of the celebration of 'Anti-Ragging Week'. More than 30 students participated in pledge event and about 10 students participated in slogan writing competition. The whole event was organized under the patronage of worthy Principal, Prof. Seema Mir. She explained that ragging is an offence and punishable under various laws. She appreciated the efforts of the staff for organizing such awareness programmes to discourage the ragging culture. Prof. Ritu Bhagat, convenor of Anti Ragging committee motivated the students to actively partici-

pate in the coming events under Anti-Raging awareness week. The slogan writing event was judged by Prof. Rakesh Singh (HOD Deptt of Chemistry) and Dr. Surya Pratap Singh (Deptt Of Zoology). First position was secured by Diksha Khajuria of Sem Vth, Diya Mehra of Sem IIIRD secured Second position, whereas third position was fetched by Alieshea Mahotra of Sem Vth. All the members of the Committee, Dr. Rachna (Edu.), Dr. Anita Dua, Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Dr. Roshan Lal, Prof. Surbhi Gupta (EVS), Dr. Rachna (Psy), Dr. Amrik Singh, Prof. Roma, Prof. Neeru Sharma, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar and Dr. Shveta Saroop organized the event in a successful manner.

President Municipal Council Poonch dedicates renovated Town Hall to residents

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POONCH: The historical Town Hall Poonch after its renovation is inaugurated on Thursday by Sunil Kumar Sharma President and Umera Sheikh Vice President of Municipal Council Poonch, Inspector Mohd Rehman in an impressive function organised by Municipal Council Poonch. The councillors of various wards of Poonch and the prominent persons of the

city were present Taj Mir, Advocate Mohd zaman, Advocate sleem sheak Abdul hamied ,Advocate iftaqar Ahed Bazmi ,on the occasion and praised in one voice the efforts made by President, Vice President MC Poonch and the team of councillors,mohd Hanif CEO and other staff of MC Poonch.The Town hall is renovated to its original shape and is dedicated to the general public of poonch.



President MC Poonch Sunil Kumar Sharma along with Umera Sheikh Vice President inaugurating hall.

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