

# Gurduwara Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji, Shankar Nagar Poonch handed over to DGPC

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**POONCH:** Gurudwara Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji Shankar Nagar Poonch, which is built on the Ancestral property of S. Amardev Singh was officially handed over to DGPC for day to day functioning. The transference of administering rights were done in accordance to Sikh Gurudwara Act of 27th April 1973, which provides for the better administration of the Sikh Gurudwaras in [Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir] and their properties wherever situated. In a small yet impressive function the rights were officially handed over to S Narinder Singh, Pradhan DGPC Poonch by S Amardev Singh, the rightful heir of this inherited Land.



DGPC members during the ceremony at Poonch.

Last week, Gurudwara Sahibzada Ajit Singh ji Parade ground Poonch was also handed over on the same pretext by Principal (Retd) Tarlok Singh Tara and he had requested general public that Administration of 'Guru Ghar' should be rightfully transferred to DGPC Poonch so that a unified body can

monitor and take care of day to day functioning. Also present on the occasion included S Surinder Singh; Vice President, S Harcharan Singh; Secretary DGPC, S Gurcharan Singh; Joint secretary, S Paramjit Singh; President, All India Sikh Student Federation, S Surjan Singh and others.

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# GDC Marheen launches its maiden Newsletter 'Marheen Bytes'

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**KATHUA:** IQAC GDC Marheen organised a function, the other day to release the college maiden issue of Newsletter named "Marheen Bytes". The programme was started with the lighting of lamp and recitation of Saraswati Vandana.

The formal welcome address was presented by the Worthy Principal of the college Prof (Dr.) Anupama Gupta. She appreciated the hard work done by all the staff members in compiling this newsletter and also cherished and valued the contribution of students as this would not be possible without their participation in different activities organized by the college.



Management and faculty members releasing newsletter of college.

The occasion was graced by Principal (Retd.), Higher Education Department Mohan Singh Pathania, as Chief Guest. The chief guest while speaking on the occasion highly appreciated the contribution made by all the faculty members in making this newsletter. He congratulated the Principal for this kind of achievement.

Sandeep Chaudhary, in his address highlighted the key points that has been covered in the newsletter and gave a brief introduction about the newsletter, Marheen Bytes under the supreme guidance of the esteemed principal of the college.

Prof. Anoop Sharma and Dr. Munisha Devi conducted the proceedings of the whole

programme. The faculty members presented in the programme were Dr. Balbinder Singh, Dr. Shalun Rani and Prof. Manu Saini. All the students of the college presented in the programme actively.

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Arun Dev Singh, Convener, Newsletter Committee.

# Army organises inter-panchayat cricket competition



Army officials along with players at Nowshera.

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**NOWSHERA:** The Indian Army organized an inter-panchayat cricket competition in Nowshera to celebrate Independence Day from August 8 to 11, 2024.

This event aimed to engage youth from border villages in sports, promoting physical and mental well-being under Operation Sadbhavana, which focuses on fostering brotherhood.

Four teams from different villages in the Nowshera border area participated with great enthusiasm.

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**KISHTWAR:** In a resounding display of patriotism and unity, the district Kishtwar witnessed a series of tehsil level Tiranga Rallies in addition to other patriotic activities as part of the pre-Independence Day celebrations.

Organized under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav, the rallies saw enthusiastic participation from students, community members, and locals, with the tricolor held high, embodying the spirit of freedom and national pride.

In one of the district's most notable events, a Tiranga Rally was successfully conducted at Naigad area of tehsil Nagseni.

The rally, which concluded



with overwhelming participation, was marked by the active involvement of over 1200 students of GHSS Nagseni and others including the administrative officials, staff, teachers, and locals.

Under the supervision of Tehsildar Nagseni, Raffe Naik, the rally highlighted the collective dedication towards the nation. The event was further supported by Rishab Jasrotia, Incharge Police Post

Padayarna, and Dr. Riaz Ul Haq, Principal of HSS Nagseni, who played pivotal roles in organizing and ensuring the smooth conduct of the rally.

Participants marched with the national flag in hand, chanting slogans of unity and freedom, reflecting the indomitable spirit of the Indian nation. In another significant event, a Tiranga Rally was organized at Chatroo, where about 1000 participants,

including students and locals, showcased their love for the nation by marching from GHSS Chatroo to the Dugga area, passing through the main market Chatroo.

Supervised by Tehsildar Chatroo, Shuja Hamid, the rally was a testament to the communal harmony and collective spirit of the region. The event saw participation from prominent personalities irrespective of caste, colour, creed and religion including the Principal of HSS Chatroo and Assistant Professors of GDC Chatroo, who joined the students and locals in this patriotic endeavor.

Earlier, at Tehsil Mughal Maidan, a grand Tiranga Rally was organized at the tehsil headquarters under the leadership of Tehsildar Mughal Maidan, Parvez Ahmed Batt. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over 1,100 individuals, including students, local residents, and officials.

Participants proudly marched with the tricolor, displaying their unwavering patriotism and unity. The rally was a vibrant celebration of national pride, with the tricolor flag soaring high, symbolizing the collective commitment to uphold the values of freedom and honor the sacrifices of the nation's heroes.

In keeping with the patriotic spirit, the district administration Kishtwar spearheaded by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav urges all responsible citizens of Kishtwar to join the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. Residents are encouraged to hoist the national flag at their homes and take selfies with the Tiranga, uploading them to the official website (harghartiranga.com).

# Dr Manyal, Shrikant address Tridev sammelan at Ramgarh



Dr Devinder K Manyal, General Secretary, J&K BJP addressing gathering.

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**SAMBA:** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir held a Tridev sammelan at Ramgarh.

Dr Devinder K Manyal, General Secretary, J&K BJP and Shrikant Sharma, MLA Mathura UP chiefly addressed the Sammelen.

Manish Khajuria Seh Prabhari, Radhey Sham BDC, Keshav dutt DDC, Sarabjeet singh Johal, Asha Rani DDC, Anita Ch. DDC, Subash Bhagat DDC, Darshan Singh BDC, Onkar Padha, Ch Shiv, Shamsher Singh, Kulbhushan Singh, Mandal Presidents were present on the occasion.

While addressing the Tridev Sammelen, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal

stressed that the Modi Government is committed to develop Jammu & Kashmir. He said that the earlier Governments led by NC, PDP and Congress looted the resources of Jammu & Kashmir and also ditched the communities like SCs, OBCs, Paharis, and others for their personal gains. While focusing on the prominent role of Tridev in securing the victory of the party at the booth level, he said that the BJP every worker is ready for the Assembly elections and to form the BJP Government in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shrikant Sharma said that Jammu and Kashmir is on a new path of development after the abrogation of Article 370. He

said that once known for the 'harta calendars' and stone pelting, Jammu & Kashmir is known for its versatility and tourism and this has been possible only because of the BJP's Government and Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

## Alumni of SMVDU, Dr Ruchi Shah awarded DST-WISE-PDF

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**KATRA:** Dr. Ruchi Shah, wife of Dr. Rakesh Thusoo and daughter of Suman and

Mohan Shah has bagged most coveted research grant award WISE-PDF under the mentorship of Prof. Raies A Qadri, Department of Biotechnology, University of Kashmir. It would be worth to mention that Dr. Ruchi has done her PhD from School of Biotechnology, SMVDU. The "Women Scientists Scheme-WISE-PDF" is for research in basic and applied sciences by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) for providing opportunities to women scientists. Dr. Ruchi thanked her funding agency DST-Govt. of India, her alma mater SMVDU and University of Kashmir for providing platform and infrastructure to scientists like her where they can excel in the field of STEM. She hoped that women from UT of JK will be the torch bearers of research and will lead the country in realising the dream of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

# IIC GDC Doda organises Impact Lecture Series

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**B H A D E R W A H :** Institutional Innovation Council (IIC) of Government Degree College Doda conducted Impact Lecture series, sponsored by Innovation Cell, Union Ministry of Education, Government of India and the event was successfully organised under the patronage of Principal Dr. Javed Iqbal Zargar.

The Programme started with Lighting of the traditional lamp. Coordinator of Institution Innovation Council, Dr Sandeep Kotwal (Sr. Asstt. Professor of Botany) formally welcomed the guests



and informed the audiences about the role and responsibilities of IIC's in the colleges and Universities.

Dr. Javed Iqbal Zargar, (Principal GDC, Doda) welcomed the resource persons in his inaugural address and also emphasized on need of start-up ecosystem in educational

institutions.

The resource persons for the programme were Dr. Harish Chander Dutt Coordinator, Business Innovation and Incubation, University of Jammu and Asif Ali MD Chenab Valley Spring Water Osheen Aqua. In the first session, Dr Harish Chander Dutt discussed 'Innovative Ideas in MAPs Business' in detail. Through his informative lecture, Dr Harish shared his views about entrepreneurship as career opportunity. He motivated the students to choose the path of start-ups and innovative projects.

In the second session the topic of Asif Ali was 'Growth Story of Successful Entrepreneur' and he shared his success story with the students. Students were not only inspired but also learned entrepreneurship lessons distributed to all participants, and the rally began from Barjani Talab, resonating with the slogan "Ghar Ghar Tiranga, Har Ghar Tiranga."

like persistence, resilience, think outside the box etc.

In the interactive session, both the resource persons also cleared various doubts and queries raised by the students and faculty members.

Dr Jamsheed Ahmed hosted the event while Prof. Purnima Manhas presented the formal vote of thanks.

At the end of the program, mementos were distributed among the dignitaries and organizing team members.

Prof. Vijay Kumar provided technical support during the session and the refreshment was arranged by Dr Masood Kaloo for the participating students and faculty members.

The sessions were attended by more than 100 students and the faculty members of different departments of the college viz Prof Davinder Kumar, Prof Mansa Ram, Prof Anooj Kumar, Prof Sanjay Kumar, Prof Sandesh Kumar and Prof Rahul Kumar. Faculty and students of other colleges of District Doda also attended the programme viz Dr Sumit Kotwal (HOD EVS GDC Kashtigarh), Prof Zain Butt (HOD Political Science GDC Killotran) and Angrez Singh (PTI GDC Bhaderwah).

# Swimming trials on Aug 17

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**JAMMU:** The Jammu and Kashmir Swimming Association will conduct trials on August 17, 2024 at Jodhamal Public School's swimming pool.

These trials are for the selection of the J&K (UT) team for the 77th Senior National Aquatic Championships (Men and Women), scheduled to be held at the International Swimming Complex, Yemkere, Mangalore, from September 10 to 13, 2024.

This event is organized by the Karnataka Swimming Association under the auspices of the Swimming Federation of India.

The selection of the J&K (UT) team will follow the guidelines of the Swimming Federation of India and the J&K Sports Council, overseen by President Ramandeep Singh Soodan, General Secretary, Bharat Kumar Sharma, and other office bearers of the Jammu & Kashmir Swimming Association, along with coaches from various swimming pools in Jammu.

All swimmers from J&K (UT) are requested to report to Jodhamal Public School's swimming pool in Jammu by 10:00 AM on August 17, 2024 (Saturday).

# 7 vehicles seized; 7 drivers arrested for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

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**PULWAMA:** Cracking a whip on illegal mining & transportation of minerals, police have seized 07 vehicles and arrested 07 drivers in Pulwama.

Police in Pulwama seized 7 vehicles (4 tippers, 01 tractor, 02 JCB machines) and arrested 7 drivers involved in illegal extraction/ transportation of minerals at village Kariyabad Pulwama. They have been identified as Bilal Ahmad Ganaie son of Abdul Rasheed Ganaie, Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul Karim Bhat, Irfan Mushtaq son of Mushtaq Ahmad, Tanveer Ahmad Mir son of Abdul Gani Mir, Mohd Maqbool

Mir son of Ghulam Qadir Mir all residents of Karimabad Pulwama, Nawaz Ahmad Wagay son of Fayaz Ahmad Wagay resident of Baderhama Shopian and Aadil Ali Khan son of Ali Mohammad Khan resident of Kakapora.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Pulwama and investigation was taken up. Persons found indulging in illegal mining activities shall be dealt as per law. Community members are appealed to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with their concerned police units.

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