

GGM Science College launches Swachh Bharat campaign

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: GGM Science College has launched its Swachh Bharat initiative, in line with the national Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, aiming to promote cleanliness and hygiene on campus and in surrounding areas.

The initiative began at Hari Singh Park and extended to the college campus, where students, faculty, and staff led a comprehensive cleanliness drive to foster environmental responsibility.

Running from August 1st to 15th, 2024, the "Swachh Pakhwada" will involve a thorough cleaning of the college premises, including classrooms, laboratories, canteens, and outdoor spaces.



Principal GGM Science College Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta with NCC cadets and faculty members at launching of Swachh Bharat initiative.

The focus will be on waste segregation and proper disposal. Seminars and workshops on waste management, recycling, and the health benefits of a clean environment will be conducted, featuring experts to educate participants on sustainable practices.

Students will form cleanliness committees to maintain designated areas and promote hygiene practices. The initiative also includes extending the cleanliness drive to nearby localities, encouraging community involvement and adoption of clean practices.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta expressed enthusiasm for the initiative, highlighting its role in fostering a culture of cleanliness and responsibility. He emphasized that "Swachhta is not just a campaign; it is a way of life that

promotes a healthy lifestyle and environmental conservation."

He urged students to lead by example and encourage their peers and communities to maintain cleanliness year-round.

Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, Dr. Shafia Saleem, NSS Program Officers Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma, and Hostel Warden Prof. Rajive Kumar coordinated the activities, stressing the importance of NSS volunteers, NCC Cadets, and boarders in community service and social welfare. The event concluded with the singing of the national anthem, fostering unity and patriotism among all participants.

Volleyball tourney begins at Poonch



Fitness trainer of BCCI, Pawan Kumar interacting with participating teams.

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POONCH: Part of the ongoing 'My Youth My Pride' programme of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC), an open Volleyball tournament got underway at Sports Stadium, here today.

The event was declared open by qualified fitness trainer of the BCCI, Pawan Kumar, who interacted with the participating teams in the presence of Narjeet Singh. He was accompanied by incharge sports stadium

and volleyball coach of the JKSC, Nirdosh Kumar. Also present were Mushtak Ahmed (Boxing Coach), Ramprakash, Mohd Yousaf, Navjot Singh, Saval Ahmed, Richa Sharma and Owais ud Din.

Campus Cleanliness Drive held at GDC Kunjwani

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As a part of series of activities to be carried out to commemorate 77 years of Independence, Staff and NSS Volunteers of Govt. Degree College Kunjwani conducted campus cleanliness drive on Thursday under Shikshit Bharat Viksit Bharat.

The whole event was organized under the able guidance and supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Sarup Kohli, Principal of the College. Nearly 40 students participated in this drive with great zeal and enthusiasm. They cleaned the college campus, playground, parking area and collected plastic garbage from every nook and corner of the college.

The drive was organized to develop an attitude of concern and to provide necessary skills to the college students in handling and promoting waste management at individual levels.

On the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Sarup Kohli said that cleanliness is most important for physical well-being and a healthy environment.

She briefed the students about the various ways by which students can contribute towards a clean and green environment. She further appreciated the



efforts of the students and advised them to continue the drive till visible results are achieved.

In the aftermath of the cleanliness drive, a sense of pride and accomplishment permeated the air.

GDC Mahanpur to offer Science subjects in 2024-25 academic session

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MAHANPUR: Government Degree College (GDC) Mahanpur, has been approved to offer Science subjects for the first time in the 2024-25 academic session.

The Department of Higher Education, UT of J&K, has granted permission to introduce the Science stream, featuring two major subjects: Physics and Chemistry. Each subject will have an intake



Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, Principal GDC Mahanpur speaking in the meeting.

capacity of 25 students," said Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the College in the meeting here on Thursday.

"Students enrolling in the college can choose Physics and Chemistry as their major subjects, with Mathematics and

Environmental Studies (EVS) available as minor subjects for the NEP Semester 1st curriculum," Dr. Sangeeta said.

She added, "The college continues to offer major subjects in the Arts stream, including Economics, Sociology, Political Science, and Education."

Additionally, the deadline for admission to Semester 1st has been extended to August 7th, providing prospective students with more time to apply, she said.

In the meeting Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan and other faculty members were present.

Barmota Team triumphs at Youth Organization Sports Club Volleyball Tournament

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BANI: The Youth Organization Sports Club Barmota recently hosted a thrilling Volleyball Tournament in Barmota, drawing teams from various parts of Bani.

The final match, held between the Barmota Team and the Lowhang Team, concluded with a spectacular victory for the Barmota Team, who lifted the trophy amidst cheers and celebrations.

Dr. Rameshwar Singh graced the event as the Chief Guest, delivering an inspiring message about the importance of sports and a drug-free lifestyle. In his address, Dr. Singh encouraged the youth to embrace sports as a positive and constructive outlet, urging



them to say no to drugs and yes to sports.

The ceremony was further honored by the presence of Sushil Kumar, former Sarpanch of Sitti, and Roshan Manhas, former Sarpanch of Chandal, who served as the Guests of Honor. Their support and encouragement were greatly appreciated by all attendees.

The event was a resounding success, showcasing not only the athletic talent of the participants but also the strong community spirit of Barmota.

The Youth Organization Sports Club Barmota extends its gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the tournament and looks forward to hosting more such events in the future.

Laila Nargis qualifies Ph.D

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Laila Nargis, daughter of Shabir Ahmad Zargar, resident of Doda, Mohalla Paridia has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D) in English by the University of Jammu.

She completed her research work on the topic "A Study of Diasporic Sensibility in the Selected Novels of Zadie Smith and Romesh Gunesequera" under the supervision of Dr. Subhash Chander, Associate Professor, University of Jammu.

AIRNF presents demands of nurses to Admin Secy H&ME Deptt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The All India Registered Nurses Federation (AIRNF), a leading organization representing the largest professional healthcare system in India, continues to make significant contributions to the nursing profession across various sectors.

Suraj Gupta, National President of AIRNF, and Vishav Mohan, State Incharge AIRNF Jammu & Kashmir, on Thursday presented the genuine demands of nurses in the J&K UT to Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Administrative Secretary of the Health and Medical Education Department.

The key demands include to establish clear recruitment rules for non-gazetted nursing employees in Jammu & Kashmir, update the job titles of nursing professionals working in the UT to better reflect their roles, adjust the pay grades for staff nurses, particularly revising the entry-level pay grade from Level 4 to Level 7 to better align with their responsibilities, establish additional nursing positions and address existing vacancies to ensure adequate staffing, provide a nursing allowance and dress

allowance to all nurses and to introduce administrative positions such as Nursing Registrar to enhance organizational hierarchy.

"Implement Nursing Directorates and create principles for various nursing colleges (both government and private) in J&K, ensuring specialization aligns with nurses' expertise," they said.

These proposals aim to improve the working conditions and professional recognition of nurses in J&K, ensuring that their contributions are appropriately valued and supported, they added.

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates World Nature Conservation Day

Be positive to the Nature; Save Natural Resources to save humanity, culture



Glimpses of World Nature Conservation Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: World Nature Conservation Day was celebrated at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi to remind the Jakians about the importance of nature in our lives and why we need to conserve it. This day gives us an opportunity to raise awareness about the conservation of nature and encourage sustainability.

Aditi Jain, the celebration incharge commenced the celebration and said,

"There are so many threats to nature like deforestation, illegal wildlife trade, pollution, using plastics, chemicals and a lot more. It is the need of the hour to wake up and realize the importance of conserving nature."

Jakians enacted a beautiful skit to portray that "We cannot deny that a world without nature would be uninhabitable. Nature is our support system and it is significant that we humans need to do our bit to conserve

it."

Jakians sang a melodious song worded, "The nature of our future depends on the future of our nature."

Jakians emphasised that there is a dire need to curb reckless use of scarce resources and save planet Earth.

The most interesting part of the celebration was that a jakian Reet Bhardwaj of class 4th compered the complete celebration flawlessly in a unique way. It was a real treat to the

eyes and eye opener for everyone to see how the young students are concerned about protecting nature. Their efforts are really applaudable and commendable.

The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbha expressed, "Sustainability is the key to save our limited natural resources so as our future generations continue to enjoy the wonderful bounties of nature that we are bestowed with."

She further motivated the students

to follow the path of the five R's - Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle for a sustainable future.

She reiterated that whether it is to save water, recycle and manage waste, use renewable sources of energy or to reduce carbon prints, the change has to begin with us.

The Principal asked few questions to jakians regarding the celebration and the winners were rewarded with cash prizes.

Dr Jitendra updates Rajya Sabha about new electronic 'Human Resource Management' system

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Union Government has introduced a new electronic "Human Resource Management" system, said Union Minister Incharge Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Dr Jitendra Singh while replying to a question on Thursday in the Rajya Sabha.

Dr. Jitendra highlighted that-HRMS envisions to facilitate data-driven decisions for training and personnel management.

It would help the Government to digitally manage the service matters of officials leading to reduction in transaction time and cost, availability of digital records, dashboards for Management Information System, real time monitoring of manpower deployment as well as serving as a productivity enhancement tool amongst others. It is, thus, also aimed to help cadre management with less manual interface.

According to the Minister's answer in the Parliament the E- Human Resources management Systems has the following benefits- i. Envisions digitization of service details of all the government employees (both central and state) for instant accessibility leading to better human resource management and single source of authentic employee data with 24X7 access and availability; ii. Envisions digitised and readily accessible details of the entire life cycle of an employee's service such as training, promotion, deputation, transfer, superannuation, resignation etc.; iii. Envisions digitised process of reimbursements, claims, advances, leaves and other matters related to the employees; iv. Ensures transparency and higher levels of accountability along with e-

sign facility and alert/notification functionality; v. Reduces reliance on conventional paper records and manual entry of data; vi. Real time processing and tracking of proposals and reduction in transit time and cost, maintaining integrity of data; vii. Provides analytics to the Senior Administration in Policy formulation and implementation. It brings together dispersed data to generate automated clearances in respect of Transfer, Promotion, Deputation, Training, Competencies etc.

In reply to another question pertaining to the same Ministry, Dr. Jitendra Singh informed the House that Government has launched the Pension Adalat as an effective platform for redressal of pensioners' grievances received on Centralised Pension Grievances Redress and Monitoring System (CPENGRAM) portal in his written reply to an unstarred question today in Rajya Sabha.

Dr. Jitendra Singh shared that more than 70 percent pension grievances were redressed by Pension Adalats from 2017 to 2024. During the period 10-Pension Adalats were conducted in which 24926 cases were taken up and 17760 cases were disposed of. The Minister also highlighted that thematic Pension Adalats on delayed pension cases, and family pension cases have been held in 2023-2024.

Highlighting the Government's priority on employment, Dr Jitendra Singh categorically mentioned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has directed all Ministries/Departments to work towards filling up of existing vacancies against sanctioned posts in Mission Mode.

