

## DC State Taxes Samba imposes, recovers Rs 1.23 crore penalty

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SAMBHA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) of State Taxes for Samba, under the supervision of Commissioner P.K. Bhat and Additional Commissioner Namarta Sharma, has successfully imposed a total penalty of Rs 1.23 crore with effect from 1st of April, 2024 as part of ongoing efforts to streamline tax operations and enforce compliance across the region. This strategic role allocation, which also includes the additional charge of Udhampur, aims to enhance efficiency and ensure seamless coordination between the districts under the purview of the State Taxes Department. To further bolster enforcement efforts, teams



have been assigned duties to work 24x7 for monitoring vehicles, ensuring compliance with election-related regulations under the supervision of Sanjay Gupta, who has been assigned the duty of

District Nodal Officer for Assembly Elections 2024. In the Rajouri-Poonch Range, the State Taxes Department has verified a total of 167,000 e-way bills, leading to the imposition of penalties amounting

to ₹47,41,737 from April 2024 to August 18, 2024. These efforts reflect the department's dedication to curbing tax evasion and ensuring adherence to GST regulations. In Udhampur, under the additional charge of the DC State Taxes Samba, a total of 1,46,255 e-way bills have been verified during the same period. The rigorous enforcement of tax laws in Udhampur has resulted in the collection of penalties amounting to ₹76,77,660. State Tax Officers (STOs) posted in Samba, Rajouri, Poonch, and Udhampur have been assigned duties as per the roster to ensure smooth and efficient operations. This structured approach, guided by the Commissioner and

Additional Commissioner, has significantly contributed to the department's ability to maintain order and uphold tax laws effectively. The State Taxes Department, under the vigilant supervision of Commissioner P.K. Bhat and Additional Commissioner Namarta Sharma, remains committed to intensifying its efforts across the Jammu division to maintain fiscal discipline and uphold the integrity of the tax system. The enhanced oversight provided by the Deputy Commissioner in his extended role is expected to contribute significantly to the department's ongoing initiatives to strengthen revenue collection and promote transparency.

## BJP leader releases Bhajan



Municipal Committee Bishnah Councillor Sahil Gupta and others releasing Bhajan.

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BISHNAH: BJP Leader and Municipal Committee Bishnah Councillor Sahil Gupta released a bhajan (song) 'Jai Raja Mandlik Ji' on YouTube along with SI Sunil Singh and ASI Daljit Singh. This bhajan is written and sung by Nath Ashwani Jogi, who is a resident of Bishnah. Councillor Sahil Gupta honored SI Sunil Singh, ASI Daljit Singh and PSO Poshan Ram ji by giving them Mata ki Chunari and everyone together wished Nath Ashwani Jogi. Tushar Digra, Arun Kumar, Varun, Vicky Kumar, Kuldeep, Nehal, Jindi, Gulshan Kumar, Vansh Mehra and other associates were present in the program. Bharatiya Janata Party leader and Municipal

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## First National Space Day celebrated at Modern Educational Institute School Ghagwal



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SAMBHA: The entire nation is celebrating its first National Space Day today, which will serve as a reminder of the successful landing of the Chandrayaan-3 mission on the lunar surface. In honor of this historic achievement, a grand event was organized

at Modern Educational Institute School located in Ghagwal, Samba district. The event was presided over by the school's MD, K.K. Sharma. On this occasion, several students, along with the school's principal, Sushil Sharma, delivered inspiring speeches on space science and the Chandrayaan-3 mission.

During the event, MD K.K. Sharma remarked that the success of Chandrayaan-3 has given India a new identity in the field of space. He expressed pride in this achievement and stated that the school is committed to celebrating this historic day with great enthusiasm and fervor so that our students can draw inspiration from it and move towards future scientific achievements. Thus, the celebration of this special day at Modern Educational Institute School aimed to foster an interest in science and research among the students.

## GDC Khour celebrates National Space Day

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KHOUR: As a part of the celebration of Chandrayaan-3 mission which marks the achievement of Indian Space Research Organization in successful safe and soft-landing of Vikram Lander at "Shiv Shakti" point (Statio Shiv Shakti) on the lunar surface on August 23, 2023, Govt. Degree College Khour celebrated the first National Space Day 2024 under the able guidance of the Principal Prof. (Dr) T.K. Sharma. It is pertinent to mention that the Prime Minister of our Nation had announced that 23 August every year would be celebrated as National Space Day. The event started with the



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welcome address by Dr. Chetan Sharma, HoD Physics. Students of B.Sc. Sem. 5th namely Swabhi Bhardwaj, Palbi Sudan, Ritu Radha, Shagun Kumari, Bindu Sharma,

Mohit and Vansh Sharma actively participated in drawing posters related to the soft landing of Vikram Lander whereas four students namely Shivani Devi, Swabhi Bhardwaj, Mohit

Bhardwaj and Kirtan Singh presented their views about the achievements of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and future perspective of research in space exploration.

About fifty students were present during this event. Dr. Tasleem (HoD Zoology), Dr. Chetan Sharma (HoD Physics), Prof. Himanshu Kajuria (HoD Chemistry), Dr. Anil Kumar Dogra (HoD Botany) were also present during this event. In his brief address, Principal Prof. (Dr) T K Sharma appreciated the art and knowledge of students and encourages them to adopt scientific temperament and curiosity in the field of Space science. During culmination of the event, the students expressed delight over providing a platform to express their understanding of space exploration through art work.

## Students Induction Program-2024 inaugurated at SMVDU

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KATRA: Student Induction Program-2024, inaugurated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University to welcome newly admitted students across B.Tech, B.Arch, B.Design, B.A., B.Sc, BBA, Design your Degree, MA, MBA and M.Sc and M.Tech programs. The program commenced today at the Maitrika Auditorium where more than 500 students from pan India participated. Inaugural function started with Lamp lighting by Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Registrar, SMVDU, Ajay Kumar Sharma and Deans of various streams and recitation of Sarswati Vandana by students. Addressing the students, Chief Guest,



Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar extended his congratulations to the new batch and emphasized the diversified curriculum of choices of subjects in all branches to be opted as an advantage of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and shared his vision with new

students inspiring them to take challenges in life. Three programs namely B.Tech in Mathematics and Computing, BioTech and Bachelor of Design along with Design your Degree program starting from this academic session. Four Year UG program (FYUP) as per

NEP2020 also starting from this academic session. Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean of Academic Affairs and Chairman, Student Induction Program, extended a warm welcome and motivated students to embark on their higher education journey with enthusiasm. Prof. RK Mishra, Dean, Students Welfare, Prof. K R Jha, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Ashutosh Vashist, Dean, Faculty of Management, Dr. AK Das, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences greeted students with their welcome notes of warm gestures. Further, senior students of University mesmerized audiences by their group singing and Bhangra performance. The newly admitted students took an oath comprising ten principles, formulated by former President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, emphasizing values such as integrity, humanity, nationalism, and good citizenship. The event was organized by Academic Affairs Section and Universal Human Cell, coordinated by Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal, Dr. Anil Kr Bhardwaj, Dr Kamaldeep, Dr Madhu Mangal, Dr Amit Kr Sinha, Dr Varun Dutta and various student volunteers from the different streams of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. Organizing Secretary of the Program, Dr. Pooja Sharma, Asstt. Professor from the School of Computer science and Engineering delivered the Vote of Thanks, concluding the event on a positive note.

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POONCH: Government Higher Secondary School Jhulass celebrated Indian Space Day with great enthusiasm and fervor today. The event was organized to honor India's achievements in space exploration and to inspire students to take an interest in space science and technology. The celebration began with a special assembly where students presented speeches and skits highlighting India's remarkable journey in space exploration, from the launch of the first satellite, Aryabhata, to the recent missions of ISRO. The assembly also included a quiz competition on space-related topics, in which students actively participated, showcasing their knowledge and interest in space science. Raj Kumar Sharma, Lecturer Physics, delivered an inspiring speech on the importance of space science in modern times and encouraged students to pursue careers in this exciting field. He also applauded the efforts of the school Principal for organizing such an educational event. A special exhibition was set up in the school premises, displaying astronomy telescope, spacecraft, satellites, and rockets, created by the students. The exhibition attracted a large



Students along with faculty members during the programme.

number of students and teachers. In his address, the vice Principal of Government Higher Secondary School Jhulass Abdul Hafiz, emphasized the significance of Indian Space Day in fostering scientific curiosity among students. He urged the students to stay curious and innovative, as they are the future scientists and engineers of the nation.

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## Army Wives Welfare Association Udhampur celebrates 58th Raising Day



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UDHAMPUR: Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) raised on 23rd August 1966, has evolved as one of the largest registered NGOs of the country. Regional AWWA, Northern Command celebrated the 58th AWWA Day on 23rd August 2024. True to its motto of "Asha, Vishwas, Aastha" AWWA has been resolute in empowering the

families not only with professional prowess but also with financial independence and entrepreneurship skills so that they stay abreast to face all challenges with confidence and fortitude. Celebrations of AWWA month commenced on 6th Aug, with the conduct of medical camp for families and an awareness lecture on Health & Wellness. An interactive workshop was conducted on 10th Aug by Meena Hari, a renowned entrepreneur towards empowering women and encouraging them to hone their entrepreneur skills. Aspiring entrepreneurs from within the AWWA families were encouraged to display their hand-made crafts and showcase their hidden talent, in an entrepreneurship mela called "Humar Haat". A series of lectures/ skills were organized at Udhampur and other stations to spread

awareness amongst the families on cyber security and measures to safeguard against online scams and frauds in tune with the AWWA theme 2024, "Year of Technology Absorption". On 18th Aug, a "Run for Fun" was organised to promote fitness and healthy way of living. The event elicited an overwhelming response and participation from the families and children. Thereafter, on 21st Aug Veer Naris from Udhampur and Dhar Road were felicitated and their concerns were promptly addressed by officials from the Veteran's Cell & District Zila Sainik Board. AWWA Day on 23rd Aug was marked with celebrations at Chinara Complex, Udhampur. The celebrations were also concurrently held at other stations in the Command Zone. Regional President AWWA, Mrs Asha Suehindra conferred AWWA and Polaris Awards to the selected ladies and children for their outstanding contribution to the organization during the year. Regional President AWWA, in her message to the members, exhorted the fraternity to contribute and support nation building and undertake activities that not only enable the organization to achieve its goals but also have a positive impact on the society and nation at large.

## PTTI Vijaypur holds valediction function

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
VIJAYPUR: Three months Training of G-I Fitter/Electrician Course concluded at Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur in which police personnel from Telecommunication wing participated. This course was conducted for the first time in the

technical work efficiently. On this occasion a Valedictory function after completion of examination by the constituted board was organized which was graced by Dushyant Sharma, SSP PTTI Vijaypur. While speaking on the occasion, the officer said that the trainees of this course have been exposed to electronic

such gadgets/techniques in depth which would definitely help them in performing the technical work effectively and efficiently. Among others, Khushwant Singh DySP-Admn, S.P. Singh DySP-Indoor/Tech, Asif Iqbal-SrPO, Insp: Kulbir Singh, Insp: Ram Lal (CLD), Insp: Surinder Singh (CDI), Insp:



Dushyant Sharma, SSP PTTI Vijaypur addressing officials.

Institute as earlier such courses were being held out of UT J&K. The objective of the courses was to hone the skills of Police personnel and enhance their capabilities in performing

devices and circuits, Power system and distribution network, Electrical engineering techniques etc which helped the trainees in gaining the knowledge of technical aspects of all

Himanshu Dutta (CTI), SI Sulinder Singh SM-Outdoor and ASI(T) Randeep Singh (course coordinator), of PTTI Vijaypur were present on the occasion.

## GDC Thannamandi celebrates National Space Day

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THANNAMANDI: Department of Botany in collaboration with Departments of Environmental Sciences and Zoology under the aegis of IQAC of Government Degree College Thannamandi celebrated National Space Day, 2024. On this occasion an awareness programme organized on this year's theme of National Space Day "Touching Lives While Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga" under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Parooq Ahmed. During the programme Dr. Ashaq Malik, Head Department of Botany gave overview of Mission Chanderyaan -III and its successful landing on the south pole of the Moon last year on this day.

Dr. Nazam Ul Islam, Head Department of Islamic Studies discussed inspirational aspects of Space programmes and career prospects related to space science. Dr. Junaid Ahmed, Head Department of Environmental Sciences and Dr. Shiraz Ahmed, Head, Department of Zoology of GDC college co-ordinated the programme. Dr. Parooq Ahmed underlined the importance of space science especially among young minds and recalled success of Chanderyaan-III. Dr. Nazakat Hussain, Rakesh Puri, Dr. Asif Lone, Prof. Supriya Gupta, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat, Anuj Bali, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Prof Rummy Dar, Dr Nagina Kouser and Prof Rizwana were present.

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## Army Public School Akhnoor commemorates 50th Anniversary



Dignitaries during the event.

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AKHNOOR: Army Public School Akhnoor commemorated its 50th anniversary with a grand Time Capsule Ceremony, marking the beginning of its Golden Jubilee celebrations. The event, attended by students, faculty and distinguished guests, was highlighted by presence of the GOC, 10 RAPID, Patron of Army Public School, Akhnoor, who was the Chief Guest. The ceremony began with the traditional lighting of the lamp and featured the unveiling of a commemorative logo symbolizing 50 years of excellence, along with the launch of the school magazine, Chenab Cascade.

A series of performances by students, including a welcome song and cultural dance, added vibrancy to the occasion. Principal Geeta Devi reflected on the school's rich legacy and emphasized the importance of continuing the tradition of excellence that has defined APS Akhnoor for the past 50 years. She highlighted the school's journey of dedication, commitment, and growth, and encouraged everyone to look forward to achieving even greater milestones in the future. The Chief Guest praised the institution for its outstanding contributions to education and leadership. He commended APS Akhnoor not only for its academic excellence but also for its role in shaping responsible and well-rounded individuals. He expressed confidence that the school would continue to thrive and make a significant impact in the years to come. The Chairman also expressed his appreciation for the achievements of the alumni and the progress the school is making. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by the Vice Principal, Dr. Rakesh Chandar, who expressed gratitude to all those who made the day memorable and emphasized the importance of unity as the school embarks on its Golden Jubilee celebrations. As the time capsule was sealed to be opened 10 years from now, the gathering was reminded that this was only the beginning of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, with many more milestones to come. The event not only honoured the rich legacy of APS Akhnoor but also set the stage for future generations to continue the tradition of excellence.

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