

Bravest are those who overcome fear and triumph over it: Col Mahan

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BILLAWAR: Col Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman Kathua, paid floral tribute to Indian Army braveheart Shaheed Mohinder Singh of the 6th JAK Rif Battalion at the War Memorial in village Dewal (Billawar) on his 25th martyrdom day. Shaheed Mohinder Singh laid down his life during the Kargil War, wherein he was severely wounded during an operation and later succumbed to his injuries.

The ceremony witnessed emotional scenes where the mother, Veer Nari, and other near and dear ones of the Amar Shaheed soldier were present. Col Mahan presented shawls and the Indian Tricolour to the Veer Nari and the mother of the Shaheed, assuring them of all possible help and care from society and the government.

Prominent among those present were Bikram Singh, DDC Member Billawar, Bharat Singh, Jagdev Singh, Capt Raj Singh, and



Col Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman Kathua paying tributes to Shaheed Mohinder Singh.

others. A good crowd of local residents, along with media and army veterans, witnessed the ceremony and paid floral tribute to the statue of the Amar Jawan.

Speaking on the occasion to the media, Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) applauded the achievements and courage of the Indian Army during the Kargil War, which was fought under the toughest conditions in the most difficult terrain where the enemy had sneaked into our territory and captured strategic heights. Once ordered, Indian Army bravehearts recaptured the posts, overcoming all adversities. The DDC Chairman asserted that the bravest are those who overcome fear and triumph over it. He further said that the youth of the hilly area of Kathua have always been keen to join the Indian Army and have always played a key role in various battles, keeping their nationalism feelings ahead and the Indian flag always flying high.

A community meal (Langar) was also organized by the family on the occasion.

Celebrating Unsung Heroes: GDC Udhampur hosts Intra-College Essay Writing Competition

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UDHAMPUR: The Literary Club of GDC Udhampur, in collaboration with NCC 2 JK Battalion Jammu, successfully organized an intra-college essay writing competition under the theme "Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle and 77 Years of Independence." The event was held in the college premises as part of the ongoing celebrations for the 77th Independence Day and Swachhta Pakhwada. Under the esteemed guidance of the college Principal, Prof. Dr. Sanjay Verma, around 20 undergraduate and postgraduate students participated, showcasing their views in multiple languages on the topic. The essays were judged on the basis of ideation and writing skills relevant to the theme. The distinguished panel of

judges included Dr. Sonia Khajuria (HOD, English), Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (HOD, Urdu), and Prof. Rahul Sharma (HOD, Hindi).

In his address, Principal Dr. Sanjay Kumar Verma praised the participants and organizers for their dedication and for conducting the event in an exemplary manner. Bajjeet Singh, a student of BA Semester V, emerged as the winner of the competition. The event was attended by notable faculty members, including Dr. Parveen Singh, Prof. Tanai Akhter (Convener, Literary Club), Prof. Bhannu Priya, and Prof. Vijay Kumar (ANO NCC). The program concluded with a vote of thanks, marking a successful and inspiring celebration of India's independence and the unsung heroes of its freedom struggle.

DDC member plants saplings under 'One Tree in the Name of Martyrs' campaign

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AKHNOOR: Bhartiya Janta Party BJP senior leader and member DDC, Suresh Sharma planted sapling under "Ek Peid Shahido Ke Naam" campaign at Block Head Quarter Chowki Choura.

The aim of this campaign is to honour the martyrs by planting trees in their name and memory and to promote a clean environment.

Suresh Sharma, while addressing people of the area on this occasion, said that trees are very important for our life. It is very important to plant trees for a clean and hygienic environment. Apart from this,



BJP senior leader DDC Suresh Sharma and others planting a sapling.

trees also work to conserve water as well as prevent soil erosion. Trees are important not only for humans but also for animals. We should try our best to save trees so that everyone can live a healthy life.

Apart from this, Pt. Suresh Sharma appealed to the people to plant as many trees as possible because it

NGO, Anti Crime Bureau starts plantation drive in GMS Langotia



NGO members and students during the drive.

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BISHNAH: NGO, Anti Crime Bureau Planted Saplings in Govt Middle School at Village Langotia, Program was organized under Supervision of its Chairman Sham Lal Gupta.

Gupta told that more and more fruit trees should be

planted in the rainy season. In this monsoon season, their organization will go to different Wards, Parks, Panchayats and plant these saplings, these saplings of different species are Purchased from Private Nursery.

The object of the Plantation drive is to ecorestore the unstable environment and to add Natural Beauty of Villages and its green cover, he added." Plantation Drive Was Carried by State President Sahil Gupta

along with ASI Naresh Digna (JKP) and NGO Members.

School Incharge GMS Langotia, Madam Reeta Devi and Teacher Subash Kumar appreciated efforts of NGO, Anti Crime Bureau for working in Social Field and Creating a Beautiful Greenery Atmosphere in Schools.

Sahil Gupta was accompanied by Team Members Tushar Digna, Anshu Kumar, Rohit Kumar, Akshay Sharma, Sumit Rajput and others.

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Power shutdown
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JAMMU: Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Nandpur-2 and adjoining areas will remain affected on August 06 and 08 from 6 am to 10 am.

DC, MD JJM J&K review progress on JJM schemes in Rajouri

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri Om Prakash Bhagat and Mission Director Jal Jeevan Mission J&K, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Itoo on Monday chaired a detailed review meeting of JJM flag ship programme in district Rajouri. The meeting was held as a follow-up of various directions given by the Chief Secretary & Financial Commissioner Jal Shakti Department, during the review of Jal Jeevan Mission in the UT on 3rd August, 2024.



DDC Rajouri Om Prakash Bhagat and Mission Director Jal Jeevan Mission J&K, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Itoo chairing a meeting.

A detailed presentation was made by the Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic circle Rajouri regarding the status of implementation of the mission in the district, wherein it was informed that 298 Schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 1740 crores have been planned to cover all its 1.33 lakh rural households

with Functional household Tap Connections (FHTCs) by building adequate infrastructure in the shape of 24 dug-wells, 174 bore-wells, 107 Rapid sand Filtration Plants, 09 Over Head Tanks and about 16500 KMS of pipe network besides 261 lift stations. It was further informed that almost all the civil works have been awarded and the execution on 590 such components out of 629 have started on ground, which are at different stages

of physical completion. It was further informed that the department initially faced challenges in drilling of the bore-wells due to non-availability of suitable aquifer in various parts of the district and for which alternative sources have been identified or the drilling has been taken up at alternate locations so that a sustainable water supply system is established.

The meeting discussed the timelines for completion of

the schemes and directed for focusing on the immediate development of remaining sources and installation of pumping machinery to start the operation of the schemes in which storages and other civil structures have been completed. The meeting was also attended by the team of consultants and the District level Project Monitoring Units (DPMUs) which have been established for providing the technical advice and monitoring of the implemen-

tation of the mission at UT and district levels. Mission Director reiterated the directions of the Chief Secretary J&K and the Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Department for concurrent inspection of the schemes by the Consultants and the Project Managers of the DPMUs for ascertaining the technical feasibility and the source sustainability aspects.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Jammu, Hamesh Manchada; SE Hydraulics; Taj Mohammad; SE Mechanical, Bodh Raj Bhagat; Consultant JJM, Gureharan Singh; EXEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; EXEN Jal Shakti Nowshera Bipin Kumar; EXEN PWD(R&B) Rajouri/Nowshera/Thanana ndi/Koteranka; EXEN PDD Rajouri, Mohd Rashid; EXEN Jal Shakti Mechanical Rajouri; AEEs; JEEs and contractors.

Nukad Natak on 'Shun Plastic and Support organic' under Swachhta Pakhwada organised



Artists performing during the Nukad Natak.

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POONCH: Excise Department organised a Nukad Natak on theme 'Shun Plastic and Support Organic During the Natak musical performance was given by renowned artist Pardeep Khana and team. The team brilliantly demonstrated the theme of the event. Large number of peo-

ple attended and message pertaining plastic waste and organic was delivered to audience. Further posters and pamphlets were also distributed including markets. The Excise Department is organising various events on daily basis to spread the message of Swachhta under Swachhta Pakhwada from 1-15 August.

GDC Nowshera organises Intra College National Anthem Singing Competition

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NOWSHERA: NSS unit of GDC Nowshera has organised National Anthem Singing Competition on 5th August 2024 as a part of the series of ongoing Independence Day celebrations under the supervision of our worthy Principal Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad. This event aims to celebrate and showcase the vocal talents of our students while fostering a sense of patriotism and community spirit.

The competition is open to all enrolled students, who are encouraged to participate and demonstrate their musical abilities. The esteemed judges



A speaker delivering lecture at GDC Nowshera.

were Dr. Mohd. Saleem, Department of Chemistry, Prof. Yogesh Sharma, HOD Botany and Dr. Zeeshan Malik, HOD EVS who have evaluated their performances based on vocal quality, accuracy, and overall presentation. The Competition was

organized by Dr. Ruhil Gupta, HOD Sociology in which more than 15 students have participated and highlights the diverse talents of students in celebrating our Nation's heritage.

Ankit Sharma, Student of 5th Semester has been declared as the winner of the competition. The other participants have received certificates of appreciation for their contribution.

78th Independence Day Celebrations continue at GDC Nagrota

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NAGROTA: Celebrations of India's 78TH Independence Day are in full swing at GDC Nagrota. In continuum to various activities, Painting Competition was organized today for the students of the college with the theme Freedom Struggle of India. Students participated enthusiastically and showcased their creativity in the form of beautiful paintings. Students were given an hour to complete their respective painting on an A4 size paper. Students were strictly required to use only water or acrylic colours. They were judged based on colour scheme, creative content and symmetry by Prof. Vandana Ghai(Dept. of Chemistry), Prof.

Dinesh Singh Chib(Dept. of Education) and Prof. Shalini Raina (Dept. of Political Science), Sonia Thakur (Semester 5), Komal Bhan (Semester 5) and Megha were adjudged as First, Baru was given consolation prize. Principal of the College, Prof.



Faculty members and students during the programme.

Anjali Mahajan applauded the efforts of the students and encouraged them to come forward and participate in these competitions effectively. The programme was organized by Prof. Aanchal Sharma(Dept. of EVS) and Prof. Radha Rani (Dept. of Dogri).

Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor of the University congratulated the BGSSU fraternity for achieving this academic feat. In his message Prof. Akbar said, "Many congratulations to students, faculty and staff of the School of Engineering and Technology for being rated as AAA by Careers360, making it one of the best engineering Institutions of the country in 2024. The ratings have been published by careers360 in its latest edition of annual assessment 'India's Best Engineering Institutions' 2024 issue. The rating is based on academic performance, faculty quality, infrastructure, research output and students satisfaction.

Panchari Shines: LFO-BHF volunteers unite for cleanliness drive

STATE TIMES NEWS
PANCHARI: LFO-BHF (NGO) successfully conducted a cleanliness drive in Panchari, bringing together local officials, students, and volunteers for a day dedicated to community and environmental well-being.

The event was graced by Swati Sheemar (IAS), Tehsildar Panchari, Vipan Kumar (JKAS), Tehsildar Panchari, and Jasvir Singh, DDC Panchari Moungr. Also in attendance was Navneet Sharma, Range Forest Officer, Panchari.

A diverse group of around 80 volunteers, including



Dignitaries along with volunteers during the drive.

NSS volunteers from GCW Parade, GCOE, and SMPR College, as well as students from GHSS Panchari, Himalayan Public High School Panchari, and New Star Public School Panchari, participated in

the drive. Sanjeev Singh from the Horticulture Department Panchari also lent his support to the initiative. This drive collected total waste of 854kg.

Speaking at the event, Vivek Parihar, Director &

CEO of the NGO, expressed his gratitude towards the participants and emphasized the importance of community involvement in maintaining cleanliness and environmental health.

While Speaking with Samar, Environment Domain Incharge, echoed these sentiments and highlighted the need for sustained efforts to protect the environment. The drive included various activities such as waste collection, segregation, and disposal, aiming to instill a sense of responsibility and awareness about cleanliness and hygiene among the participants and the local community.

Reasi Police observes integrity pledge ceremony

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REASI: In a resolute stand against corruption, District Police Reasi observed the Integrity Pledge Ceremony under the theme "Day of Resolution for Freedom from Corruption" on the directions of SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma across all police establishments in the district. The initiative aimed to reaffirm the commitment of police personnel to uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and good governance.

At the District Police Office (DPO) Reasi, Deputy Superintendent of Police



(Dy.SP) Headquarters, Sh. Neeraj Padyar-JKPS, led the ceremony. He administered the oath to police officers and jawans, emphasizing the importance of working with zeal and zest to maintain the highest standards of honesty

and to foster a culture of integrity. The pledge specifically addressed the need to resist and oppose all forms of bribes, ensuring a corruption-free environment.

Similar pledge ceremonies were held at the District Police

Line (DPL) Reasi, all SDPO offices and all police stations/Police Posts within the district. Senior police officers presided over these events, administering the oath to police jawans and encouraging them to unite in the fight against corruption. The Integrity Pledge against Corruption is a vital commitment that underscores the dedication of the police force to uphold honesty and integrity in all situations. This initiative serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility to combat corruption and build a trustworthy and transparent society.

Prof. Akbar mentioned that the School of Engineering and Technology has been continuously upgrading its academic framework as per industry standards to impart relevant education and skills to the budding engineers. The state-of-art infrastructure has been made available for the students to learn the latest technologies and become industry ready, said Prof. Akbar.

Prof. Akbar lauded the efforts of the Principal and faculty of the college for making strides in teaching, training and research.