

Massive plantation drive held at Kashmir University

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JAMMU: Kashmir University sub office Jammu in collaboration with the central industrial security forces (CISF), Kashmir university sub office Jammu inaugurated Plantation Drive in collaboration with the central industrial security forces (CISF) under the newly launched campaign of the Government of India "Meri Maati Mera Desh: Maati ko Naman, Veeron ka Vandan". This noble Endeavour witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty, and community members.

The core essence of the campaign revolves around connecting individuals with their roots and nurturing a deep-seated reverence for the mother land. The event was



Faculty along with students during the drive.

graced by the esteemed presence of Meenakshi Raina liasoning Kashmir university sub office Jammu, Baljeet Raj (CISF) and Dr Mirza Muneeb Manan Assistant Professor Kashmir University Sub Office Jammu.

tance of tree planting and conservation. CISF planted a total of 100 saplings across its sprawling campus.

Meenakshi Raina liasoning officer Kashmir University sub office said that the aim of Plantation Drive at Campus is to encourage widespread afforestation for environmental sustainability. She further stressed that sub office Kashmir University Campus is always working with determination to promote ecological well-being and this initiative stands as a shining beacon of hope and uniting individuals towards a common goal of Green India.

She added that the plantation drive is set to continue for the next five days with various seminars, interactive sessions and other physical

activities that are planned to raise awareness about sustainable living. She also impressed upon that the collective determination and dedication of everyone have been translated into a significant contribution to the environment and this initiative underscores our commitment to nurturing our 'maati' (soil).

Dr. Mirza Muneeb Manan Assistant Professor Kashmir university sub office Jammu welcomed the guests and said that volunteers will diligently plant a diverse array of saplings at Campus. He further added that CISF is dedicated to fostering excellence in security forces and is committed to holistic development and societal betterment.

Save Sharda Committee calls on Dr Karan Singh



Save Sharda Committee calls on Dr. Karan Singh to invite him on 'Sharda Divas Celebrations' at LoC Teetwal.

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JAMMU: Save Sharda Committee called on Dr. Karan Singh, former Sadr-e-riyasat and MP Rajya Sabha at his Chankyapuri residence in New Delhi and briefed him about the recent Sharda Puja & other developments at LoC Teetwal Kashmir. The delegation was led by Ravinder Pandita, Head

of the committee, who presented a Sharda Shawl and portrait of Sharda Peeth POK to the last living legend of Maharaja monarchy of princely state of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Committee invited him for upcoming Sharda Celebrations to be held on 23 Sept at Sharda Temple, LOC Teetwal. The Committee also

apprised him of condition of temples particularly in the valley and requested him to write to PM for reopening of Sharda Peeth pilgrimage. Dr Karan Singh was pessimistic on renovation of Martand Temple as it was under ASI, but favoured a small group of 4-5 pilgrims to start cross LoC religious & heritage tourism.

On this occasion, Ravinder Pandita, Head / Founder of Sharda committee presented pious soil and shila of Sarvagnya Sharda Peeth POK got through civil society members of PoK to him. 92 year old Dr Karan Singh was Sadr-e-riyasat of J&K from 17 Nov 1952 to 30 March 1965 and later Governor of the state in 1965.

He is the son of former Maharaja Hari Singh who acceded to India after partition. Dr. Karan Singh lauded the efforts of Civil society initiative taken by Save Sharda Committee.

R&RO concludes Bhrashtachar Mukht J&K Week

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JAMMU: Digital literacy cum Grievance Redressal Cell which was established on 6th of September 2023 in the head office of Relief and Rehabilitation Organization (M) Jammu and at the migrant camps/Zones and non-camp areas for celebration of "Brashtachar Mukht J&K Week" came to a conclusion on a high note on Monday. The event mainly focused on awareness regarding various initiatives of the department viz online services, e-office etc. which have largely contributed towards a transparent and corruption free system. During the 5 - day programme, around 130 grievances were brought to the notice of the team deputed by the department at various migrant

camps/non-camp areas, out of which 50 pertains to the department itself for which directions were issued on spot and others were communicated to line departments for early redressal. Moreover, all Zonal offices and Camp Offices have been notified as grievance redressal cells for the convenience of Kashmiri migrants. On the culmination of the event, Bhrashtachar Mukht pledge taking ceremony was organized in the head office which was attended by all officers and officials of the Relief Organization. Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, K.K. Sidha impressed upon the officers to abide by the rules and legally correct procedure to avoid grievances/ complaints and to keep corruption at bay.

Army, SDH organise Anti-Narcotics seminar



Army, SDH officials along with students during the seminar.

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SRINAGAR: An Anti Narcotics event was jointly organised by the Indian Army and Government Hospital Uri with the goal of creating social well-being and a drug-free community as a noteworthy act of social responsibility and nation-building. 500 children and 15 teachers from several schools of Uri attended the event, which received a positive response from the community.

The purpose of the event was to educate the public about the risks associated with drug addiction and to offer vital information that would enable young people to make informed decisions, abstain from drug use, and promote a drug-free lifestyle.

Dr Mustaq Malik, a Physician from the Government Sub-District Hospital (SDH) in Uri, spoke as the event's special guest. Brigadier K S Dahiya, Commander of the Kalapahar Brigade, was the event's final speaker.

He addressed the youth in a comprehensive manner and inspired them to be torch bearers for the "Future of Kashmir" as well as the seemingly limitless opportunities that await them if they put their minds to it, work hard, and remain determined.

The Indian Army were commended by the villagers for their initiative and honest efforts. The youngsters made a vow for the "Complete Eradication of Substance Abuse from Society" as the event came to a successful conclusion.

HPS student Geenakshi outshines in Wushu Women League

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JAMMU/SAMBA: Geenakshi Mehra, class 4th student brought laurels to her school, Humanity Public School (HPS), Bassi Kalan by winning a gold medal in state Wushu Women League under Khelo India. The event was organized by Wushu Association of J&K in Srinagar. The promising girl is also now selected for National Women's League under Khelo India. This is a huge achievement for school as she is the 1st student who at such a tiny age claimed a gold medal for school. The wonder girl is a great sportsperson from her tender age and has always outshone in many sports events both at school and state level. The school has always supported the child & encouraged the child to participate in Wushu competitions.

The parents of the wonder girl, Geenakshi Mehra, Neena Mehra and Daleep Kumar appreciated the school management for its support. The parents thanked Principal and the



Vice Principal for their guidance and encouragement. The Principal, Gaurav Charak and the Vice Principal, Anku Charak admired the achievement of the wonder girl, Geenakshi in the event and also congratulated the parents and the teachers of school.

BJP appoints Devender Rana as Jodhpur election incharge

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NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the party's election campaign in the Jodhpur assembly constituencies of Rajasthan, which is going

to polls to the Legislative Assembly along with four other states. In a communication issued by the National party headquarters, the BJP has announced teams of its election managers for the assembly constituencies of

all the five states, who will work under the guidance and superintendence of the National President Jagat Prakash Nadda and General Secretary B. L Santosh to ensure the victory of the party candidates, says the communication.



A student expressing views during the programme.

Truth (Satya) and Non-Violence (Ahimsa) have left

an indelible mark on the world. His teachings continue to resonate with people from diverse backgrounds and inspire positive change on a global scale.

The symposium aimed to delve deep into these foundational principles and explore their contemporary relevance. 15 students from third and fifth semester presented their views on the theme "Truth and Non-Violence" in this symposium.

About 60 students attended the program and had the

opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, gain insights, and reflect upon the enduring impact of Gandhi's ideology in today's world.

The Symposium was organized by the Department of Sociology. Dr. Deepti Gupta H.O.D Sociology and Mr. Abhinandan coordinated the program under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) T.K Sharma, Principal GDC Khour.

GDC Ramgarh organises symposium on 'Truth & Non-violence'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In continuation to the series of the activities being organized to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti 2023, GDC Ramgarh organized Symposium on the theme 'Truth and Non-violence' on September 15, 2023 under the aegis of India's presidency in G20 and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The event was organized under the guidance and coordination of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College.



Prof. Risha Kumari, Convener of the event, highlighted the background of Truth and Non-Violence in the freedom

struggle and advised the students to imbibe these golden principles in their life. Dr. Sandeep Kumar

urged upon the students to read more from the life of Gandhi Ji to create such a society which honours everyone irrespective of one's caste, color, culture or creed.

Dr. Shivali Choudhary, Department of Political Science emphasized on the need for reviving the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi and motivated the students to experiment with truth and bring out its power to create a prosperous nation and united world. Dr. Paramjeet Kour, Department of Education briefed the

ADGP, NCC Dte J&K Ladakh visits NCC Training Academy, Nagrota



Major General RK Sachdeva, Additional Director General of the NCC Directorate Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh interacting with cadets.

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NAGROTA: Major General RK Sachdeva, Additional Director General of the NCC Directorate Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh paid inspirational visit to NCC Training Academy in Nagrota.

His visit was aimed at interacting with and motivating the NCC Cadets who have been diligently undergoing rigorous training for the past three months in preparation for the upcoming Thal Sena Camp in Delhi.

During his visit, Major General RK Sachdeva engaged

with the young NCC Cadets, offering words of encouragement and sharing his invaluable insights and experiences. His inspirational presence provided a significant boost to the cadets' morale as they continue their intense training regimen in anticipation of the Thal Sena Camp.

Major General Sachdeva commended the dedication and commitment of the NCC Cadets and emphasized the importance of discipline, leadership and teamwork in their training. He urged the cadets to strive for excellence and embody the values of the NCC.

Major General RK Sachdeva's visit served as a reminder of the NCC's mission to groom young leaders and instill in them the spirit of patriotism and service to the nation.

Government Polytechnic Jammu organises debate competition on Engineers Day



Faculty along with students during the event.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As a tribute to one of the first and finest engineers of India Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, Government Polytechnic Bikram Chowk Jammu today celebrated Engineers Day in the college. On this occasion, Inter Department Debate Competition (MANTHAN-2023) was organized on the topic "Social Networking Site- Boon or Bane". The programme was inaugurated

by Chief Guest Arun Bangotra Principal Govt Polytechnic Jammu who in his inaugural speech highlighted the contributions of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya to the society and appreciated the role of Engineers in Nation Building. He motivated the students to work hard and use their Engineering intelligence, knowledge and skill for the welfare of the nation, society and humanity. He also briefed the students about the pros and cons of Social media.

The thirteen debaters from different departments of the government polytechnic Jammu participated in this event. A debate competition was held in between students took participate with full zeal and motivation and put light on the pros and cons of the social media. Sahil Sharma student of 1st semester stood First, Madhav Pandoh student of 3th semester got

second position and Kushi Jamwal student of 1st semester got third position.

The organizer of the events was Jasdeep Kour HOD I&C, Ajay Thapa Lecturer Mechanical Engineering, Amit Gupta Demonstrator Civil Engg, Er Itika Sharma Demonstrator Electrical Engg. Others who were present on the occasion were Er. Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Deptt. Er. Manjeet Singh HOD Electrical Deptt. Er. Rani Devi HOD Computers Deptt, Sh. Amit Kumar Sharma HOD T&T Deptt. Er. Sanam Gupta and Er. Rishabh Gupta Lecturer Mechanical Engg, Chamel Singh PEM, Er. Vicky Sharma Demonstrator Electrical Engg and staff members and students of the college.

GCW Gandhi Nagar hosts interactive session on 'sexual harassment against women at workplace'

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JAMMU: In an effort to promote a safer and more inclusive work environment, the Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) and Sensitization Tb, Prevention Of And Redressal Of Sexual Harassment (SPARSH) along with the Department of Social Work, Govt. College for Women Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, organized an Interactive Session On Sexual Harassment Against Women at Workplace on Friday.

Convenor ICC and SPARSH Dr. Irinder Kour formally welcomed the guest speaker. She highlighted that the aim of organizing this lecture is to provide the participants a deeper understanding of the culture of respect, inclusiveness and zero tolerance for harassment. Resource person for the event was Dr. Nancy Mengi, Head of the department Social work, Central University of Jammu. She elaborated on



sexual harassment, its various forms and legal and ethical implications. The lecture empowered the participants with knowledge and strategies to combat workplace harassment effectively. A total number of 50 participants attended the session. Prof. Minu Mahajan, worthy Principal of the college, expressed her enthusiasm for the lecture and emphasized that addressing sexual harassment at workplace is not just a legal requirement but a moral obligation. The event was a successful sensitization

programme as it provided valuable insights on fostering a culture of respect, equality and creating safe work environments where everyone can thrive. The programme was organized and coordinated by: Dr. Anuradha Gandotra, Dr. Anupama Pandotra, Prof. M.K. Mussa, Prof. Mamta Gupta, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Dr. Syed Shehna and Prof. Sugandha Mahajan.

The Programme ended with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Sunita HOD Department of Social Work.