

Vomedh founder Rohit Bhat felicitated by Maharashtra Chief Minister

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SRINAGAR: Rohit Bhat, Founder and President Vomedh was felicitated by Chief Minister of Maharashtra in the presence of LG of JK UT in a glittering program at SKICC, Srinagar yesterday. The program was organised by Pune based NGO Sarhad. Sarhad works in strife torn border regions especially Kashmir and has been applauded for its commendable work by PM Modi and Late President APJ Abdul Kalam. Rohit expressed happiness over the recognition. "Special recognitions like these boosts the morale of not just the recipient but the entire team and they are collectively motivated to contribute more. It also inspires the aspiring youth to go beyond the beaten paths and dream big. I thank my family, team and well-wishers on this occasion", he said after the program.



Rohit Bhat, Founder Vomedh being felicitated by Maharashtra CM in presence of LG of JK UT.

On the 73rd birthday of PM Modi, the program was organised to felicitate 73 individuals from J&K for their distinguished services in their respective fields. Rohit was felicitated for his contribution in the field of theatre and culture. The program named Hum Sab Ek Hain marked the formal inauguration of the friendship chapter between J&K and Maharashtra. A special diamond ring was gifted as part of the felicitation which signified that the recipient is a diamond. The ring has Bharat inscribed on it and carries soil of all the parts of India. Rohit is a prominent theatre director having founded Vomedh 16 years ago. He has produced and directed over 12 plays and scores of short plays. He has co-directed an award-winning

short film. He is also co-director of the 2 reputed International Film Festivals in J&K namely Jammu Film Festival and The International film festival of Srinagar (TIFFS). Interestingly the second edition of TIFFS is scheduled from 25-26 Oct in Srinagar and one of his most famous plays Ek Aur Birbal is being staged in Jammu on 23rd Sep.

Reporting and Photography Workshop inaugurated at Govt Eliezer Joldan Memorial College Leh

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LEH: In a remarkable initiative to foster excellence in journalism and photography, the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism (MCJ), Govt. Eliezer Joldan Memorial College, Leh, has joined hands with the prestigious Charkha Development Communication Network, New Delhi, and inaugurated a transformative Five-Day Reporting and Photography Workshop. The inauguration ceremony marked the commencement of the enriching workshop, which promises to empower aspiring journalists and photographers with a comprehensive set of skills to excel in the ever-evolving field of media and communication. The workshop witnessed a series of captivating sessions led by distinguished



Students and other dignitaries at a workshop in Leh.

resource persons from the Charkha Development Communication Network. Chetna Verma, CEO, and Khushi Pahuja, Project Associate- Communication and Strategy, graced the event with their expertise, offering engaging workshops and interactive discussions that encompassed various facets of writing, storytelling, and the critical themes of Development and Gender. The collaboration

between Govt. Eliezer Joldan Memorial College and Charkha Development Communication Network reflect their shared vision of nurturing talent in journalism and photography. The workshop not only imparts skills but also encourages participants to envision and work toward a collaborative future in these fields. The collaboration between Govt. Eliezer Joldan Memorial

College and Charkha Development Communication Network underscore their shared commitment to nurturing talent in the fields of journalism and photography. At the end of the session, on a momentous note the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the college and the Charkha Foundation. The signing ceremony took place in the presence of dignitaries, including Diskit Angmo, Department of Psychology, Chetna Verma, CEO of Charkha Development Communication Network; Khushi Pahuja; Hajira Bano, Assistant Professor; and Mohd Ali Khan, Lecturer. The event commenced with a warm welcome address by 5th Semester student Naziya Jabeen.

GDC RS Pura organises awareness lecture on importance of organ donation



GDC RS Pura faculty members during a programme.

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RS PURA: Department of Zoology in collaboration with Medical and First Aid Committee, GDC RS Pura organized an Awareness Lecture under the aegis of IQAC. The event was conducted under the patronage of Dr. Rajni Bhagat, Principal of the college and supervision of Prof. Shifali Abrol, HOD Zoology and Convener, Medical and First Aid Committee. The program started with welcome address by Dr. Shweta Chowdhary. Anshu Sharma, Consultant IEC/Media at State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) was the resource person in the

event. In her lecture, she sensitized the students and staff regarding the importance of organ donation and various steps involved in it such as maintaining list of patients requiring transplants, networking with state hospitals, training of concerned officers etc. She also apprised them about the myths and misconceptions prevailing in our societies which hinders people from volunteering for this service. Around 65 students attended the lecture. Principal of the college also motivated the students to disseminate the information with their acquaintances. The event ended with formal vote of thanks by Prof. Vishal Sharma.

GDC Pouni holds lecture on importance of Ability Enhancement Course

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POUNI: From small talks to making requests, enquiries, suggestions to expressing gratitude, all are integral to our day to day conversations. Keeping all this in mind, Department of English of Government Degree College, Pouni, with students of 3rd semester of Ability Enhancement Course, made an effort to make a presentation today. The event was administered by Prof. U S Liza, HOD English, under the supervision of Dr. Udhay Bhanu, Principal GDC Pouni. Prof. U S Liza, gave the inaugural speech about the importance of Ability Enhancement Course and encouraged students to make the best use of the opportunity provided. She deliberated on how such activities will poist the concept of "learn by doing." It will provide magnanimous platform for acquiring or enhancing many skills, such as, public



A student speaking at a programme in GDC Pouni on Monday.

speaking, debate, presentation, research and leadership and management skills that will further help in the personal development of all the participants. The students were very enthusiastic about it and they took part in it with the same spirit. The students actively enacted the proceedings of Court and debated on a contemporary issue such as drugs. Ishika Khajuria played the role of the Judge, Kiran Sharma, the Attorney, Raman

Bharti, the defendant, Tanvi Sharma, the Prosecutor; and many other roles played by Sanjana, Pallavi, Bindu, Arti, Palvi, Isha, Nandani, Nitika, Nancy Sharma, Neha, Raksha, Anchal and Sakshi. It could be seen clearly that their confidence level was increased. They really honed their speaking skills. At the end, Dr. Udhay Bhanu, Principal GDC Pouni, underlined the pivotal role that teachers play in society by nurturing young minds. He

applauded the efforts of and congratulated Prof. U S Liza, HOD English, for the novelty and engaging lots of students in today's presentation. The event was attended by Dr. Prem Singh, Associate Professor and HOD Political Science, Dr. Varsha Kapoor, HOD Sociology, Prof. Balbir Kumar, HOD Economics, Dr. Tarsem Kumar, HOD Dogri, Prof. Jaspal Singh, HOD Punjabi, Dr. Anil Acharya, HOD History and Prof. Sapna Sharma, HOD Hindi.

Hindi Dept JU organises Kavi Sammelan

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JAMMU: An impressive Kavi sammelan has been organised by the Department of Hindi, University of Jammu and Yuva Hindi Lekhak Sangh, Jammu in connection with Hindi-divas pakhwada. The programme was presided over by Dr. Ashok Kumar. In his address, he said, "It is imperative for a writer to take a side with a philosophy, but he or she has to see the direction in which things are going." The senior writer, Rajiv Sharma spoke at length on the programme. He eulogised the creative process of the poets included in the program. Dr. Rajkumar, Ashok Kumar,

Sheikh Mohammad Kalyan, Pawan Khajuria, Sanjeev Bhasin, Dr. Parshottam Kumar, Rajiv Sharma, Devendra Kumar, Bhagwati Devi, Amita Mehta, Maharaj Krishn Santoshi, Bindiya Tickoo, Arun Bajaj, Hina Mahajan, Dr. Vikram Sahi, Soniya Upadhyay, Mehnaz Begum, Swarndeep, Anila Singh, Tanuj Syal, Iqbal Khullar and Dimple Verma regaled the audience with their poems on different social issues. The programme was directed by Sheikh Mohammad Kalyan. Dr. Vandana Thakur presented a formal vote of thanks. Earlier, Dr. Parshottam Kumar presented the welcome address.



JU faculty during a programme.

NCC Unit of GDC RS Pura visits SBP Library

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RS PURA: Girls Bn. NCC, Jammu of GDC RS Pura organized a visit to the Savitri Bai Phule Library and Reading Room. The event was organized under the patronage of worthy principal Prof Rajni Bhagat, Principal and supervision of Lt. Shaveta Chowdhary ANO, Girls NCC as part of Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations.



Girls Bn. NCC, Jammu of GDC RS Pura and faculty during visit to Savitri Bai Phule Library.

Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. During the reading session, the cadets had access to an extensive collection of books on Mahatma Gandhi, ranging from his early life to his profound philosophy of non-violence and Satyagraha. The cadets not only read about the great leader but

also engaged in discussions, sharing their insights and understanding of Gandhi's ideals. Prof. Esha Abrol also accompanied the cadets along with ANO. Principal of the college motivated the cadets to follow the Gandhian ideology in their lives too.

A numbers of students and NSS Volunteers attended the programme. The programme ended with the formal vote of thanks by Dr. Tajinder Singh HoD Botany.

GDC Ramnagar organizes awareness rally to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti

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RAMNAGAR: NSS unit of GDC Ramnagar organizes awareness rally to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti celebrations on the theme " Truth and Non Violence" under the patronship of Dr Bhavnish Chand, principal GDC Ramnagar. The rally started from Govt Degree College Ramnagar and circulated in the college premises raising the slogans of 'Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat', 'Poshan Jaroori' and telling the students of the college to adopt the principles of Mahatma Gandhi. The event was coordinated



GDC Ramnagar students taking out an awareness rally.

by Prof Ritika Mahajan, NSS Programme Officer. A large number of students carrying pyearsds participated in rally. Principal GDC

Ramnagar Dr Bhavnish Chand applauded the team and also opined that such programmes should be conducted regularly to imbibe the Gandhi ji's principle of

Ahimsa among the students and to foster the concept of using swadeshi products so that our country may become fully self reliant.

GDC Bani organises visit of students to College Library



GDC Bani students during visit to college library.

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KATHUA: NSS Unit of GDC Bani organised a visit to the college library for students on 18th September 2023. The event was organized under the guidance of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Sarup Kohli. The programme was organized by Prof. Anu Sharma as a part of series of activities to increase outreach and create more

awareness about Mahatma Gandhi and his philosophy of Truth and Non-Violence. The students were made familiar with the literature available in library on the life of Mahatma Gandhi. The students identified various books from different sections pertaining to the concepts of Truth and Non-Violence and devoted time to create a dedicated

section for the books on the Father of the Nation. The event was coordinated by Naseem Ahmed Bhat, Librarian and attended by Dr. Nazia Koser. The Principal of the college appreciated the efforts of NSS Unit for organizing such activities. Students of semester 5th and 3rd enthusiastically participated in the programme.

GDC Sunderbani organises pledge taking ceremony

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SUNDERBANI: In continuation to Gandhi Jayanti celebration NSS unit Government Degree College Sunderbani in collaboration with Road Safety club of the college organized Swachhta Pledge to spread awareness and to reaffirm the need for a mass movement to adopt better sanitation and hygiene practices. A large number of students and staff of the college took part in the pledge. The program was organized under

the supervision of Dr. Mohd Azam and he appreciated the efforts of the members of all the committees for organizing the programme. Such programs sensitize masses and develop interest among the masses for making their locality neat and clean. Thus clean India would be the best tribute India can pay to Mahatma Gandhi. The programme was coordinated by Sheraz kousser NSS PO, Prof. Beant Singh convener Road safety club and Prof. Sham Lal.



Faculty and students taking pledge at GDC Sunderbani.

GDC Mahanpur organises visit to Dr Radha-Krishnan Library



GDC Mahanpur students and faculty posing for a photograph.

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MAHANPUR: In continuation with the series of activities under the celebration of "Gandhi Jayanti", today students of semester 3rd and semester 5th visited Dr. S. Radhakrishnan college library under the guidance of worthy Principal Dr. Sangeeta Sudan. Students of Sem 3rd and semester 5th visited

the niche corner on Gandhi ji where various books on father of nation were displayed by college library. On the occasion college librarian Saurabh Dutta reminded about the various aspects of life and teaching of Gandhi ji and impressed upon to follow the path of truth, non-violence and peace. A video clip was also

played on the biography of Mahatma Gandhi ji on digital wall. The whole activity was organized by Prof. Meena Devi NSS PO and Prof. Suman HOD Education. Other staff members, Dr. Balbir Singh, Prof. Arvind Kumar, Dr. Sapna Devi, Dr. Parshotam Dass, Dr. Hilal Bhat, Dr. Mohd. Sardar Bhatti were also present on the occasion.