

DC Ramban discusses strategy for implementation of 'PM Vishwakarma Scheme'

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RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam today discussed the strategy to implement 'PM Vishwakarma Scheme' recently launched by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi to facilitate and honour traditional skills of craftspeople and their exemplary commitment and contribution in economic growth of the society.

ADC, Harbans Sharma, ACR, Giasul Haq, GM DIC, Ravinder Anand, ALC, Sushant Mahajan, DMO, CEO, MC Ramban, Superintendent ITI, Ramban and various concerned officers attended the meeting.

Discussing various silent features of PM Vishwakarma Scheme' a transformative initiative of



DC Ramban reviewing implementation of 'PM Vishwakarma Scheme' in a meeting.

GOI, the Deputy Commissioner said that the scheme will directly benefit thousands of artisans and craftspeople of the district working with their hands and tools.

It was informed that the scheme will provide various benefits including toolkit incentive of Rs 15,000, training of arti-

sans, Rs 500 per day during training, collateral-free credit support up to Rs 1 lakh (first tranche) and Rs 2 lakh (second tranche) at a concessional interest rate of 5%, incentive for digital transactions and marketing support, he said.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all

the stakeholders to extend the benefits of this scheme across the district and transform the lives of the artisans and craftspeople working with their hands and tools. It will ensure the Vishwakarmas are provided with financial assistance, skill upgradation and they are integrated with the modern technology of different skills and craft related works.

The Deputy Commissioner said that the Government has recognized more than 29 other crafts and brought them under the ambit of handicrafts and handloom sector. He directed the GM DIC to start the process of registration and issuance of ID cards as per guidelines in close coordination with Assistant Labour Commissioner and other departments.

Ganesh Chaturthi celebration held at Humanity Public School

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SAMBA: Echoing the festive spirit, Humanity Public School Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with great zeal and zest. Ganesha is known as God of wisdom and prosperity and to worship him a special assembly was commenced on a spiritual note with the chanting of Ganesha Aarti and Bhajana.

The cultural programme started with a song by students of class 3rd and 4th, followed by speech and rhyme recitation which depicted the importance of celebrating eco-friendly festival. The students further expounded on the significance of the festival. Captivating dance performance presented by the students of class 7th left the audience spellbound.

Students of pre-primary



Ganesh Chaturthi being celebrated.

wing wore colourful ethnic attire. They also enjoyed listening to Ganesha story and showed joy and enthusiasm for the celebration. The programme ended with chants of 'Ganapathi Bappa Moriya-Agle Baras tu Jaldi Aa' which echoed all around the campus in a festive manner.

An eco-friendly Ganesha crafted and beautifully decorated for the occasion was then carried aloft in a

procession, accompanied by the children and their teachers.

Drum beats and bells clanged vigorously to shouts of "Ganpati Bappa Moriya" as the young colourful clad devotees matched step and song and later it was placed in school Vice Principal office.

The school Principal, Gaurav Charak said that the sole purpose of the cel-

bration was to let the students stay rooted with Indian culture and to enable them to understand the significance of this festival.

Vice Principal, Anku Charak accentuated on the fact that the true essence of Ganesh Chaturthi lies in the fact that the devotees worship Ganesha to rid their lives of all the sins and substitute them with knowledge and wisdom.

J&K people cannot bear further deaths, destruction on their soil: Bukhari



Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari holding party meeting on Tuesday.

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari paid glowing tributes to the security personnel and officials who sacrificed their lives in the ongoing operation against holed-up terrorists in south Kashmir's Kokernag.

He stated that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have endured significant suffering due to the prolonged period of violence

and can no longer bear witness to additional loss of lives and destruction on their land.

Bukhari visited the residence of Ghulam Hassan Bhat, the former Inspector General of Police (IGP), in Humhama, Budgam, to offer his condolences for the loss of his son, DySP Muhammad Hamayun Muzammil Bhat.

Bukhari conveyed his deepest condolences to the grieving family.

He said, "It was a heart-wrenching experience to hear that Hamayun Muzammil, along with two other officials, in the battle against terrorists in Kokernag. Hamayun was a young man who had entered into marriage just last year and had recently been blessed with the birth of his first child. My heart goes out to the entire family, and I pray to the Almighty to grant them the strength needed to bear this irreplaceable and inconsolable loss."

He stated, "The people of Jammu and Kashmir have endured immense suffering due to this prolonged phase of violence. They can no longer tolerate additional loss of lives and destruction on their land. Therefore, it is imperative that everyone unite against terrorism, and acts of terror must be vehemently condemned by all."

GDC Mahanpur organises Singing competition



A view of singing competition.

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KATHUA: NSS unit of the college in collaboration with Department of Education, GDC Mahanpur, organized a singing competition in the college under the patronage of worthy Principal of the college, Dr. Sangeeta Sudan. The activity was organized in continuation with the series of activities under the celebration of "Gandhi Jayanti". The program was preceded by Dr. Sapna Devi, HOD

Deptt. Of Hindi. Students of semester III and semester V sang beautiful patriotic songs.

Dr. Balbinder Singh, Prof. Arvind Kumar, Dr. Parshotam Das, Sourabh Dutta, Dr. Mohd. Sardar Bhatti, Dr. Hilal Ahmed Bhat were also present on the occasion. The entire program was organized by Prof. Meena Devi (NSS PO) and Prof. Suman, Deptt. of Education.

"Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam" open gateway for women power: Rekha Mahajan

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JAMMU: Thirty-three percent reservation to women in Parliament and Assemblies has the potential to be a "game changer" as not only will such a step change patriarchal mindsets but also boost pro-women legislation, "Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam" open the gateway for the women power said BJP District President BJP Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan during the celebrations organized by BJP Mahila Moreha District President Jammu South Divya Jain along with BJP team members.

Rekha said, that being the first women District President of Jammu South from the union territory of J&K, wholeheartedly welcomed the historic decision and women now understand that all they required was an equal opportunity to compete, equal access to resources, and an acknowl-



Rekha Mahajan inaugurating Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam.

edgment of their achievement.

When the Prime Minister speaks of women-led development, it's a tectonic shift in narrative terms. Women are not pleading, they're leading, Rekha said.

The BJP, which is the leading party in the ruling NDA, had in its pre-election manifesto said that it is committed to 33 percent reservation in parliamentary and state assemblies. She said it's a historical move in favor of women's empower-

ment. Rekha, glorified the government's decision, hailing it as a step towards justice and women's empowerment. She underlined that this move aligns with PM Modi's vision and will propel the nation in the right direction.

Rekha expressed gratitude to the Central leadership, stating that the 33 percent reservation for women is a gift from the Prime Minister that will empower women to shape the nation's laws in Parliament.

GDC Ramgarh organises Intra- College Slogan Writing, Painting Competition

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RAMNAGAR: To commemorate Gandhi Jayanti, Govt. Degree College Ramgarh organized Intra-College Collage making Competition and Intra-College painting Competition on the theme "Truth and Non-Violence, in continuation to the series of activities organized by the college under the aegis of India's Presidency in G20 and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The event was organized under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College with an endeavour to rekindle the thoughts and works of the Father of the Nation.

A large number of participants participated in the events and expressed their



Intra-College painting Competition organised at GDC Ramgarh.

ideas and innovative thoughts in an artistic form highlighting the thematic virtue of this Global personality. Prof. Risha Kumari, Convener of the events advised students to imbibe the golden principles 'truth

and non-Violence in them and appreciated the hard work and creativity of participants. She also stressed on the value and significance of Gandhiji's weapons of non-violence and truth in freedom struggle.

To commence the event, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Department of Statistics emphasized the importance of Gandhian thoughts and vision for enlightening the young minds to wade through these difficult

times with the tools of truth and non-violence. In Collage Making Competition, first position was secured by Anjali Dogra & Sonia Dev; second position was clicked by Chahat Sapolia & Kirandeep Kour while third position was bagged by Mohit Singh. In Painting Competition, first and second position were secured by Shavi Malhotra and Tamana Attri respectively while third position was bagged by Vanshika Sharma.

The faculty members who witnessed the events include Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Prof. Seema Sharma, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Prof. Risha Kumari, Dr. Rahul Kundal, Dr. Ekta Rani, Dr. Shivali Choudhary & Dr. Paramjeet Kour.

PG College Bhaderwah organises seminar on "ill effects of Drug abuse"

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BHADERWAH: To aware students about ill effects of drug abuse, Government Degree College Bhaderwah organized a seminar on the topic "ill effects of drug abuse" under the guidance of Principal, Prof. Kuldeep Kumar Sharma and convensorship of Prof. Mohd Yaseen Sirwal. IQAC, NCC, NSS & Seminar/debate committee of the college organized this event.

The seminar aims to raise awareness among students and the youth about the harmful effects of drug addiction and how to prevent it.

Prof. K. K. Sharma in his address emphasized that drug abuse is a major prob-



seminar on 'ill effects of Drugs'.

lem in many regions of the country, and Bhaderwah is no exception.

The youth is particularly vulnerable to this menace due to various factors such as peer pressure, stress, and lack of awareness.

Various students participated in this seminar and discussed the impact of drug

abuse on health, social life, and the economy.

Various faculty members including Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed, Prof Prithvi Raj also spoke on drug abuse & talk about the psychological, social, and biological aspects of drug addiction, and how it can affect personal and professional life.

"Chandryaan Utsav" celebrated held at GDC RS Pura



'Chandryaan Utsav' celebrated held at GDC RS Pura.

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RS PURA: Institution Innovation Council in collaboration with the Department of Physics & Chemistry of Govt. Degree College RS Pura organized Short Skit and Short Film in connection with the series of events related to "CHANDRYAAN UTSAV". These events were organized under the banner of IQAC and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The aim of the short skit and short Film was to spread awareness regarding the history made by Bharat as its "Chandryaan III" became the first to land on the South Pole region of the moon on 23rd August, 2023. Beyond its immediate scientific impact, this holds the promise of inspiring young minds to join the realms of space exploration and science. A group of students from B.Sc. Semester 3rd and 5th per-

formed a short skit defining the efforts put forward by our eminent Scientists to convert previous failure into success i.e. Chandryaan-2 to Chandryaan-3. Few short films/videos were also shown regarding the launching of Chandryaan-3 and the findings by the Vikram Lander Chandryaan-3 depicting India's remarkable achievement in advancing space science and technology.

A large number of students actively participated in these events with full enthusiasm. Faculty members namely Dr. Balvinder Kaur, Dr. Chetan Sharma, Prof. Meeshu Pandita, Prof. Himanshu Khajuria, Prof. Shifali Abrol & Prof. Swati were present in these events. The Principal Dr. Rajni Bhagat of the college appreciated the efforts of the faculty members and students in organizing these events.

Department of English organises "Essay Writing Competition"

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RS PURA: As part of Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations, Department of English organised Essay Writing Competition on the theme "Truth and Non-violence" under the guidance of worthy Principal, Dr. Rajni Bhagat and supervision of Dr. Neena Gupta Rohmetra, Head Department of English. Students of all semesters participated in the event with full zeal and enthusiasm. Students expressed their views on Gandhiji's philosophy of truth and non-violence very lucidly. Prof Vishal Sharma and Prof. Esha Abrol were the judges in this event.



Students participating in Essay Writing Competition.

Gursimar Kour of semester-III bagged 1st Position, Rohit Angural of semester-V bagged 2nd position, Jhanvi Randhawa of semester-V bagged 3rd position, Sajjan Kumar and Maninder Singh of Semester-V got consolation certificates. Principal of the college distributed the certificates among the winners.

Principal appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee, encouraged all the participating students and also advised them to participate more actively in such activities in future also for their future career. Dr. Kiran Pathania, Assistant Professor in English coordinated the event.

Singing, Essay writing competition on "Truth and Non-Violence" held in GDC Khour



Singing, Essay Writing competition held at GDC Khour.

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KHOUR: The Cultural committee of GDC Khour organized Essay Writing competition and Singing competition on Mahatma Gandhi's Ideology "Truth and Non-Violence" under the activities planned regarding the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti. This program aimed to develop the teachings and values of Mahatma Gandhi and to make

them understand its relevance in the present times.

A large number of students from third and fifth semester participated in the Essay competition. About 60 students attended the program. Mandeep and his group got first prize in the singing competition.

In Essay Writing Competition, Neehi Kumari, Riya Bhau, and Manat Bhau

received first, second, and third prize, respectively.

The proceedings of the program were held by Saksham and Sonia of Semester III. Dr. Seema Sudan, Convener Cultural Committee, presented vote of thanks. The program was organized by the cultural committee under the guidance of Prof (Dr.) T.K Sharma, Principal GDC Khour.