

## NSS Units of GGM Science College celebrate NSS Foundation Day

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JAMMU: The NSS units of Government Gandhi Memorial Science College, Jammu, celebrated NSS Day with great enthusiasm and a sense of commitment towards community service. The event, held on the college campus, showcased a series of activities organized by NSS volunteers, emphasizing the importance of social responsibility and community engagement.

The celebration kicked off with sending Volunteers for blood donation camp held at MAM College, where volunteers from GGM Science College actively participated. A significant number of NSS volunteers came forward to donate blood, supporting the cause of saving lives and contributing to the well-being of society. Their selfless act reflected the core values of NSS, focusing on the importance of community welfare.

A major highlight of the day was a Nukkad Natak (street play) performed by the NSS volunteers, aimed at raising awareness about the



Principal GGM Science College Prof Dr Romesh Kumar Gupta posing with students and faculty members.

rights and laws surrounding rape in society. The play, held on the college grounds, captured the attention of students and faculty alike, offering a powerful message on the need to protect and promote women's safety. Through the creative and impactful performance, volunteers brought to light the social and legal aspects of such a sensitive issue, sparking meaningful discussions among the audience.

In addition to the street play, several cultural events were organized to engage the

students. The singing competition witnessed talented volunteers showcasing their skills, with performances dedicated to the themes of patriotism and social unity. Alongside this, a slogan writing competition was conducted, where participants expressed their views on various social issues, including women empowerment, environmental conservation, and youth leadership.

To acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the NSS volunteers, a special ceremony was organized to

tribute certificates of appreciation. Principal Prof Dr Romesh Kumar Gupta, Dr Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma, NSS Programme Officers of GGM Science College, handed over the certificates to the volunteers, commending them for their outstanding participation and commitment to the NSS mission of community service.

Prof. Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of GGM Science College, graced the event as the chief guest. In his address, he praised the

NSS units and the volunteers for their relentless efforts in organizing meaningful activities that contribute to the welfare of society. He encouraged students to continue their active involvement in NSS and highlighted the importance of youth leadership in creating a progressive and responsible society.

Dr. Gupta also emphasized the role of NSS in shaping the character of young individuals, urging them to take up more initiatives that focus on social causes. He lauded the street play and the blood donation camp as exemplary efforts in promoting awareness and compassion.

The NSS Day celebration at GGM Science College proved to be a vibrant and impactful event, successfully engaging students and faculty in a series of socially relevant activities. The participation of the volunteers in both cultural and service-oriented events reflected their dedication to the NSS motto of "Not Me, But You," showcasing the spirit of service and responsibility towards society.

## Shakti Pathak inaugurates Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak Laboratory



Chief Trustee, Chudamani Sanskrit Institute, Basohli, Shakti Pathak inaugurating laboratory.

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JAMMU: Shri Kailash Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust and Kalindi Nursing Home jointly organized a program in which Kalindi Nursing Home Jammu dedicated its laboratory to the eminent Sanskrit scholar, the late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak, on the occasion of his fourth death anniversary.

To promote the Sanskrit language, all the nameplates in the nursing home were also written in Sanskrit.

The chief guest of the event was Shakti Pathak (Chief Trustee, Chudamani Sanskrit Institute, Basohli).

Shakti Pathak stated that without the divine language of Sanskrit, the knowledge of Indian culture and traditions is incomplete. Sanskrit is read as it is written, and many Sanskrit words are used in Hindi and other Indian languages. The vocabulary expands from Sanskrit itself. Humans think through language, and thus, to

enrich our thinking language, we must follow the path shown by the late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak. Dedicating the laboratory to him and promoting Sanskrit with nameplates in the nursing home is a commendable effort. All the members of the trust and nursing home deserve congratulations for this.

Mahant Rohit Shastri said that the late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak and his family have made an invaluable contribution to the promotion and development of the Sanskrit language in India. The late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak's dedication to advancing Sanskrit in the nation is well-known. Students who studied under him are now serving in high positions in both state and central governments. The youth should also follow the footsteps of the late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak and contribute to the preservation of culture at the state and national levels.

Dr. Vishva Gupta (Managing Director, Kalindi Nursing Home) stated that he made this decision inspired by the life of the late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak. He also announced that Sanskrit speakers would be given special concessions.

On this occasion, prominent citizens like Pramod Sharma, Sunil Sharma, M.L. Verma, Anil Gupta, Shubham Janwal, Pawan Khajuria, Aryaveer Singh Janwal, Sunil Vaid, Nareesh Raina, Dr. Naseeb Chand Digra, Swati Sharma, Dr. Kamani Gupta, Dr. Vidyut Gupta, Narmata Sharma, Dr. B B Kapoor, and others were present.

## GDC R S Pura organises awareness lecture on Swachta Hi Seva Hai



GDC R S Pura students and faculty at awareness lecture on Swachta Hi Seva Hai.

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JAMMU: As a part of series of activities to be carried out to commemorate birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, NSS Unit organised an awareness lecture by Prof. Shifali Abrol from department of Zoology followed by a quiz competition for "Swachhata Hi Seva Hai" programme in GDC R S Pura under the guidance of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour on Wednesday.

Swachhata Hi Seva Hai programme is a massive

mass movement that seeks to create a Clean India. The lecture aimed to promote the cleanliness and management of waste, and the contribution of this idea towards a progressive nation.

About 30 students attended this awareness lecture and quiz competition with zeal and enthusiasm. The whole event was coordinated by Dr. Chanchal Angral, NSS (PO) and Dr. Saveen Kour (NSS member). A formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Chanchal Angral, PO, NSS.

## GDC Sidhra organises workshop on three new criminal laws

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The resource person for the event was Advocate Kiran Thakur, a renowned legal expert, who runs an initiative known as DHIRA: The Undistracted Mind, a legal awareness program designed to educate public about their legal rights and responsibilities. Dr. Anu Sharma, Convenor, Women Development Cell formally welcomed the resource person and introduced her to the students and faculty members.

In the beginning of the presentation, the resource person told the students about three new criminal laws that have been introduced recently.

Then she introduced to the audience Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita which is the official

criminal code in India. It came into effect on 1 July, 2024 after being passed by the parliament in December 2023 to replace the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which dated back to the period of British India. She discussed various changes in the BNS, 20 new offenses have been added and 19 provisions in the repealed IPC have been dropped.

She elaborated on how the Nyaya Sanhita will impact the handling of child abuse cases. She discussed various legal provisions and protections available to victims, offering practical guidance on how to seek help and legal recourse.

She discussed various sections of BNS like Section 69, 95, 63, 64 and many more sections.

She also made the audience aware about Zero FIR, Electronic FIR and the Emergency number 112 for help in any kind of emergency situation. It was followed by an interactive session with the students where the students asked various questions and discussed their queries with the resource person of the workshop.

Principal of the College Dr. G S Rakwal stressed on the importance of organising such events and also the role that such awareness programs can play in safeguarding the rights

and well being of the citizens.

He also congratulated the organisers for the success of the event.

The whole event was organized by Dr. Anu Sharma, Convenor Women Development Cell (WDC) and Dr. Anshu Gupta, convenor, IQAC with the active support of Dr. Harpreet Kour, HoD Political Science and Dr. Musarrat Chowdhary, HoD Economics along with other members of WDC.

The event was attended by 50 students and faculty members of the college. The program ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Anu Sharma.

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## NSS Day celebrated at MIER College of Education

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JAMMU: The NSS Unit of MIER College of Education celebrated NSS Day on 24th September 2024 by organizing an awareness campaign on the theme "Importance of Voting" for the citizens of Jammu. With elections scheduled for 1st October 2024, this initiative aimed to educate the community on their civic responsibility and the significance of their vote in a democratic society.

A total of 15 enthusiastic NSS Volunteers participated in the campaign. The volunteers were from various localities across Jammu, and each



MIER College of Education faculty at a programme.

volunteer took the responsibility of engaging with people in their respective neighborhoods. The objectives of the campaign were to raise awareness about the importance of voting in a democracy, to encourage citizens to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming elections, to educate the public on

how voting impacts governance and societal development. The volunteers engaged with community members in person, in small gatherings, and through door-to-door interactions. They emphasized the importance of voting as a key right and duty of every citizen, explaining

how each vote contributes to shaping the future of governance and policies.

Some of the key points discussed during the interactions included the role of voting in strengthening democracy, how citizens can hold elected officials accountable through their vote and the procedure and guidelines for casting a vote, including information on polling booths and timings for the upcoming elections. Additionally, the volunteers shared information on how to verify voter registration and the importance of avoiding electoral malpractices.

The NSS Day celebration at MIER College

through the voting awareness campaign was a significant success and was appreciated by Prof. Adit Gupta, Principal and Director MIER. He acknowledged the dedication and efforts of the NSS Volunteers, under the able guidance of Dr. Komal Sharma and Ayushi Grover which created a meaningful impact in spreading awareness about the importance of voting.

The event not only educated the public but also strengthened the spirit of civic engagement among the NSS Volunteers themselves, reflecting the core values of the National Service Scheme.

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## String of events mark Gandhi Jayanti, 2024 celebrations at SPPND GDC Samba



Students posing with faculty members.

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SAMBA: SPPND Government Degree College Samba under the patronage of Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri organized a series of vibrant Intra college events as part of celebrations of Gandhi Jayanti, 2024.

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## National webinar on Sustainable Energy held at SMVDU

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KATRA: National Webinar on Sustainable Energy: An Environmental Approach and Solar Photovoltaic: Nano fluid Approach has been organised by School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU.

In the inaugural function; Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean (AA), SMVDU has presided over the function, and delivered his presidential address, highlighting the importance of sustainable development goals on clean and affordable energy practice at local and national level and also, importance of collaborative work in this area between SMVDU and Pudukcherry Technological University.

Prof. Yatheshth Anand, Head, School of Mechanical Engineering has advised the students about clean and zero emission energy conversion systems at micro and macro level.

Prof. (Dr.) P. Mathiazhagan, from Pudukcherry Technical University has delivered two technical sessions as (i) Overview of Conventional and Sustainable Energy - An Environmental Approach and (ii) Improvement on Efficiency of Solar Photovoltaic - Nano fluid Approach, during forenoon and afternoon to the students of SMVDU. Perception on the need of sustainable energy through an environ-

ment approach has been discussed with day-to-day engineering applications for better understanding.

Also, solar photovoltaic cell performance enhancement through nano fluid. At the end, questions and answer sessions were given to the students for clearing the doubts. Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Organising Secretary has delivered the sincere thanks to the speaker Prof. (Dr.) P. Mathiazhagan and heartfelt thanks to Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor for the support and encouragement.

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## GCW Bhagwati Nagar organizes series of activities to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti

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JAMMU: Department of Environmental Sciences and Eco Club 'Tawishi' in collaboration with NSS unit 'Veerangana' of GCW Bhagwati Nagar organized series of activities to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti 2024 under the patronage of Principal of the college, Dr. Meeru Abrol. Slogan Writing Competition was organized on 25th September focused on the theme of Truth and Non-Violence.

The event attracted enthusiastic participation and provided a platform for students to voice their thoughts on these vital principles fostering creativity and critical thinking among students.



Students posing with faculty members.

About 15 students participated in the event showcasing their creativity and commitment to promoting the values of truth and non-violence.

The competition was judged by faculty members Prof. Nisha Bhagat and Prof. Gagan Jyoti. After careful evaluation, Gurleen Kour of B Com Semester 5th emerged as the winner with 1st position for her

impactful slogan that resonated deeply with the core themes of the competition, whereas Jaspreet Kour and Vanshika Rajput secured 2nd and 3rd position respectively.

A Bhajan Singing competition was also organized and students presented melodious and mesmerizing Bhajans reflecting Gandhi's teachings of truth, non-violence and peace,

The event was judged by Dr. Preeti Salathia and Dr. Kamal Deep Singh. Sabhyata Verma, Ragini Kohli and Bhumi Khajuria secured first, second and third positions respectively. Principal of the

college, Dr. Meeru Abrol remarked that it was inspiring to see the passion and creativity displayed by the students.

Their slogans reflected a deep understanding of the importance of truth and non-violence in our society.

These events not only encouraged artistic expression but also emphasized the role of these principles in promoting peace and harmony. The event was organized by Dr. Mosni Raina, Convenor of the Eco Club.

## BJP seen as alternative to traditional politics in J&K: MP Khatana

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament Er. Gulam Ali Khatana held a series of public meetings across various assembly constituencies in Jammu district on Wednesday, urging support for the party's candidates in the upcoming elections.

MP Khatana campaigned for BJP candidates Shah Lal in Kanger (Bantalab), Vikram Randhawa in Bathindi, Dr. Narinder Singh in Digiana, and Yulhvir Sethi in Beli Charana areas of Jammu district.

Highlighting the BJP's position as a stable alternative to traditional parties like the National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), and Congress, the BJP leader emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are increasingly looking towards the BJP for a new direction.

Addressing the gatherings, Khatana asserted that the BJP has consistently responded to public needs and fulfilled its promises without discrimination. "Our government is committed to inclusive development, ensuring every citizen is represented," he said. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, citing the central government's focus on economic growth and social stability in the region. Khatana appealed to voters to support BJP candidates, promising continued progress and prosperity for the region. "A vote for the BJP is a vote for development and stability," he said, encouraging the public to choose the party that has demonstrated its commitment to the welfare of all communities.

## Five-Day workshop on Mushroom Cultivation begins at GDC Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: The Career Counselling and Guidance Cell of Government Degree College (GDC), Kishtwar, in collaboration with the Department of Botany and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kishtwar, SKUAST-Jammu, successfully inaugurated a five-day workshop focused on mushroom cultivation. The event, held under the patronage of Prof. Basharat Iqbal, Principal, GDC Kishtwar and convener-ship of Prof. Asma Javaid attracted enthusiastic participation from



Dr. Narinder Paul, Head KVK Kishtwar speaking at a programme.

around 200 students. The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Satish Thakur, Head of the Department of Botany, who set the stage for an engaging and informative session. The event's expert speaker, Dr. Narinder Paul,

Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kishtwar, SKUAST-Jammu, delivered a series of insightful lectures on mushroom cultivation. Dr. Paul introduced students to the various types of mushrooms that can be commercially cultivated in Kishtwar, high-

lighting the region's potential for mushroom farming.

Dr. Paul also familiarized the participants with advanced cultivation techniques, terminology, and government schemes under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) that can help boost local agriculture and self-employment opportunities. His expertise provided students with hands-on knowledge and a broader understanding of the mushroom industry.

Speaking at the event, Prof. Basharat Iqbal,

Principal of GDC Kishtwar, praised the collaborative efforts of the organizing teams and encouraged students to actively engage in such skill-enhancing programs. He emphasized the importance of workshops like these in preparing students for future career opportunities, particularly in fields related to sustainable agriculture and entrepreneurship.

The session concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, where students had the opportunity to address their queries directly

to Dr. Narinder Paul, further enriching their learning experience.

The program was attended by various faculty members of GDC Kishtwar including Prof. Prithvi Raj, Prof. Sonika Sen, Prof. Jaideep Kumar, Dr. Vijay Kumar and Prof. Esar - ul - Ayoub.

The event ended on a high note with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Asma Javaid from the Department of Botany, expressing gratitude to all participants, organizers, and the expert speaker for making the event a resounding success.