

SVEEP Programme organised at GDC Khour

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KHOUR: Under the aegis of SVEEP (Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation), Electoral Literacy Club in collaboration with NSS and NCC wing of GDC Khour organized a Mega SVEEP programme in which series of activities conducted on voter's education and electoral participation under the patronage of worthy Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) T. K. Sharma who is also the Nodal Officer of SVEEP,



Faculty members along with students during the event.

Assembly Constituency 82-Chhamb. The event aimed to promote democratic values and increase voter's participation in the forthcoming Assembly election 2024. The event began with a lamp lightening ceremony. The NCC Cadets under the

guidance of Lt. Shivani Sharma, ANO Boys Senior Division and NSS Volunteers, under the supervision of Prof. Himanshu Khajuria, NSS Programme Officer participated with great enthusiasm. The students highlighted the importance of exercising one's voting rights through various speeches, songs and poetry recitation. A skit and SVEEP awareness rally was also organized by students emphasizing the importance of voter's participation in the democratic process.

In the event, worthy Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) T.K. Sharma encouraged the participants by saying, "Voting is the foundation of democracy and it is our responsibility to participate in the electoral process." He also emphasized the significance of voting rights and

highlighted the importance of voting as a responsibility and privilege.

He, further, urged the students to cast their vote, and actively participate in the elections. Moreover, he praised the efforts of the College Electoral Literacy Club, for organizing this event and encouraging students to participate in it with such great fervor. He, further, acknowledged the work of NSS and NCC unit of the college and encouraged them to continue their good work and keep organizing such events in future with the same spirit. Sh. Satish Kumar Sharma, Treasury Officer, Khour and Abhimanyau Sharma from Treasury Office Khour also graced the occasion with their presence.

The Programme was hosted by Dilijit Singh and Arvind Sharma, both students of the College. The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Rashmi Sharma, Nodal Officer College Electoral Literacy Club.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of GDC Khour played a pivotal role in organizing the event, ensuring quality and effectiveness. All the faculty members were present on the occasion.

Col Mahan urges Gadkari to expedite key infrastructure projects in Kathua

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KATHUA: District Development Council (DDC) Chairman Kathua, Col Mahan Singh, held a significant meeting with Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, during the latter's election campaigning tour to Mahanpur. Col Singh presented a series of crucial demands aimed at enhancing road connectivity and boosting tourism in the region, which he believes will open up vast opportunities for employment and economic growth. During the meeting, Col Singh emphasized the early construction of the proposed PMDP Bharat Mala National Highway between Kathua and Doda. This strategic road will pass through remote regions, including Jasrota, Billawar, Mahanpur, Basohli, Bhoond, Bani, and Bhaderwah, providing a much-needed lifeline for

the connectivity of these areas.

He highlighted that this vital link would not only ease transportation but also promote tourism in the hilly districts of Kathua and Doda, generating employment opportunities for the youth.

Col Singh further pressed for the construction of a riverfront road alongside the Ranjit Sagar Dam, connecting Manu and Basohli. This road would link Dhar Road with the Atal Sethu and Dalhousie Road, creating a tourism corridor between Katra Vaishno Devi and Dalhousie, Himachal Pradesh.

He noted that this project would reduce the distance between Kathua District Headquarters and Basohli from the current 86 km to just 30 km, making it a major attraction similar to the Mumbai-Worli sea link.

Additionally, Col Mahan

Singh proposed the initiation of cruise services in the Ranjit Sagar Dam to improve public transportation and promote tourism in the 6,000 square kilometer water body.

With 80% of the dam's area falling on the Jammu and Kashmir side, the development of cruise services would offer a unique attraction for tourists while serving the landlocked areas adjoining the dam.

Nitin Gadkari assured Col Mahan Singh of full support and said that these proposals will be carefully reviewed for their feasibility.

He emphasized that the central government is committed to improving infrastructure and tourism in the region and will take all necessary steps to fast-track these projects under the ongoing national highway and tourism development schemes.

Intra Collegiate Bhajan Singing Competition held at GCW Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: To mark the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti 2024, an online Intra Collegiate Bhajan Singing Competition on the theme of the song was related to Gandhiji. was organized by the Cultural Committee in collaboration with the Department of Music, Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur, yesterday evening.

The Principal Dr. Nalini Pathania along with HOD Music and other senior faculty members paid rich tributes to the Father of the Nation.

As many as 10 students participated in the competition and sang very beautiful devotional songs to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhiji.

In the competition, Mousmi of 5th semester was adjudged best singer

in the competition, while second position was secured by Komal of 5th semester and third position by Anshika Gupta of 5th Semester respectively.

The competition was judged by the panel of experts in music including Dr. Seema Sharma HOD Music, Dr. Shalju Jasrotia and Dr. Sanjay Kumar Assistant professors of Music from GCW Udhampur.

Ram Leela Kala Manch to hold various events during Navratri celebrations

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MENDHAR: In Mendhar Sub-Division of Poonch district, Ram Leela Kala Manch hold discussions regarding the security and essential facilities for the upcoming Ram Leela and Hanuman Ji Jhanki events during upcoming Navratri celebrations. The event was presided over by the President of the Ram Leela Kala Manch, Balram Sharma, where detailed



President of Ram Leela Kala Manch, Balram Sharma briefing media at Mendhar.

will begin on 3rd October and will last for nine days. During this period, Ram Leela will be

staged every evening at 7 PM, promoting local culture and traditions. Pandit Rahul

Sharma added that, as per tradition, Hanuman Ji's Jhanki will be taken out every day at 4 PM in the main market of Mendhar, which holds special religious significance for devotees.

Members of the Ram Leela Kala Manch urged the administration to ensure adequate security and other essential services during these religious and cultural events. They emphasized that timely preparations are crucial for the successful execution of the events.

Present at the press conference were key members including Balram Sharma, Ramesh Bali, Rakesh Kumar, Rahul Pandit, Rahi Kapoor, Ketan Verma, Anoop Bhatia, Rajeev Gupta, Sanjeev Bali, Madan Gopal, Bansil Lal, Davinder Tandon, and Sugam Bali. All members collectively appealed to the administration and the public to cooperate in ensuring the smooth execution of the event.

NCERT impart awareness on Career Guidance , Gender Sensitization & POSCO Act



Officials along with students during the programme.

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KISHTWAR: NCERT(National Council of Education ,Research and Training)Career Guidance and Gender Sensitization State Coordinator Rakesh Shavan accompanied by District Team (District Coordinator Mansoor

Mustafa)Visited KGBV & Model Higher Secondary School Girls Kishtwar and imparted awareness on Career Guidance , Gender Sensitization & POSCO Act to students and staff. The Programme remained quite satisfactory and eye opener to Staff and Students.

Aakashwani Bhaderwah employees conducts cleanliness drive

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BHADERWAH: With an aim to take part in ongoing Swachhta Pakhwada Campaign, Employees of Aakashwani Bhaderwah (AIR Bhaderwah) conducted a massive cleanliness drive in Radio Station premises under 'Swachhata Hi Seva' 2024.

Director All India Radio Bhaderwah Innaytullah Gowhar said, "Under the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' programme, we clean our premises and pledge to keep the station clean. The message from our side is that just like



Employees carrying out cleanliness drive.

we keep our premises and house clean, we should also keep public places clean."

School students experience engineering first-hand at Polytechnic, Chanderkote



GHS Kariya students during the visit to polytechnic college.

curiosity and encourage students to explore the field of engineering.

Pawan Kumar, Head of the Electronics & Communication Engineering department, briefed the students and staff on the courses and infrastructural facilities available at the institution. The session was followed by a detailed presentation from the Demonstrator of Electrical

Engineering, who provided valuable information about various government scholarship schemes and the eligibility criteria for availing them. Principal of the institution, Er. Vivek Mahajan, highlighted the significance

of engineering and technology in today's world.

He emphasized that visits like these can plant the seeds for future innovation, inspiring youth to equip themselves with market-relevant skills, thereby improving productivity and helping create a skilled workforce to drive the country's economic growth.

Both staff and students expressed their excitement about the visit, with one student stating, "It was amazing to see how the concepts we learn in the classroom are applied to solve real-world problems."

NCC Cadets of JU's Kathua Campus participate in prestigious All India Thal Sainik Camp-2024

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KATHUA: Two cadets from the Kathua Campus of the University of Jammu took part in the esteemed Thal Sainik Camp - 2024 in New Delhi, a significant achievement for each of them.

Following a thorough selection process, two cadets from Kathua Campus, University of Jammu, namely Cadet Nishant Manhas and Cadet Vikrant Singh , were selected to attend the camp, which took place from September 2nd to 13th, 2024, in New Delhi.

These cadets achieved a significant milestone by being selected from numerous Pre-TSC camps



Faculty members along with NCC cadets.

and ultimately joining the JK&L Directorate TSC 2024 contingent.

The Rector of Kathua Campus, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, commended the cadets for their active involvement and facilitat-

ed them for their achievement. ANO Lt. Amit Sharma also recognized their hard work and encouraged them to continue their participation in future prestigious National camps.

GDC Pouni hosts symposium on "New Education Policy and Indian Languages"

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POUNI: Government Degree College, Pouni, hosted symposium on the "New Education Policy and Indian Languages" in collaboration with Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti. The event discussed the transformative potential of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and its implications for the promotion and preservation of Indian languages. Dr. U S Liza, HOD English, convened the event under the expert guidance of Dr. Uday Bhanu, Principal GDC Pouni. The symposium

event was graced by the presence of Dr. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Secretary to Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti and Dr. Arvind Singh Aman, additional Secretary, J&K Academy of Arts, Culture and Languages.

Both the guests delivered the keynote addresses too. They emphasized the NEP's vision to make India a global knowledge superpower by fostering holistic and multidisciplinary education.

Manveen Kour, a student of 5th semester hosted the event. Kiran Sharma, Abhilasha Sharma, Sakshi Devi, Sakshi Verma, Pushpinder Singh and Payneet Kour were the participants. Speakers shedded light on various facets of new education policy and it's impact on Indian languages, focusing on innovative teaching methodologies and the use of digital tools to enhance language learning. Interactive sessions pro-

vided a platform for students to voice their perspectives on the NEP and its impact on their educational journey.

Government Degree College, Pouni, has always believed in the power of education to bring about positive change. The participation in initiatives like clean and green energy technologies, SVEEP, and Nasha Mukta Abhiyan reflects institution's commitment to holistic development.

The symposium concluded with the singing of National Anthem, and a vote of thanks by Dr. U S Liza who expressed gratitude to guests, Principal Sir, faculty members and all participants and highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts in implementing the NEP 2020 effectively. The event underscored the collective commitment to nurturing India's linguistic heritage while embracing educational reforms for a brighter future.

JU's Bhaderwah Campus, District Jail Bhaderwah organize workshop on Swachh Bharat Mission

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BHADERWAH: In a collaborative initiative to promote cleanliness and environmental awareness, District Jail Bhaderwah and Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu, jointly organized a one-day workshop on the Swachh Bharat Mission at District Jail Bhaderwah. The event brought together inmates of District Jail Bhaderwah, students of Bhaderwah Campus, and officials from both institutions, aiming to inspire a collective commitment towards the goals of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Prof. J P Singh Joorel, Rector Bhaderwah Campus, in his message, congratulated the prison department, particularly the Superintendent of Police, District Jail Bhaderwah, for organizing the workshop on such a vital subject. He emphasized the importance of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, highlighting that it is not just a governmental initiative but a movement that requires the active participation of every individual in society. He



Officials during the workshop at Bhadarwah.

expressed his appreciation for the collaboration between the prison and the university in organizing this meaningful event. The Superintendent of Police, District Jail Bhaderwah, Mr. Hamidullah Naik, in his address, thanked Rector Bhaderwah Campus for the collaborative venture. He underlined the significance of the Swachh Bharat Mission, initiated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on Gandhi Jayanti (October 2nd) each year, as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a clean and self-reliant India. Mr. Naik urged the jail inmates and students to become ambassadors of the mission, encouraging them to take the message of cleanliness beyond the confines of the event and integrate it into their

daily lives. Dr. Shayan Javed, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, Bhaderwah Campus, also spoke at length about the importance of the mission, emphasizing its role in improving public health, environmental sustainability, and overall quality of life. He highlighted how the Swachh Bharat Mission is a step towards creating a cleaner and healthier India, one community at a time.

Arif Haleem Khateeb, External Relations Officer, Bhaderwah Campus, also spoke on the occasion, expressing his gratitude to the SP District Jail for initiating the event. He noted that under the able guidance of Rector Prof. J P Singh Joorel, Bhaderwah

Campus is committed to organizing more such awareness programs in the future, which will greatly benefit the community.

Additionally, students from the School of Education, Bhaderwah Campus Shariq Ahmed, Komal Thakur, Shalini Kotwal and Ayushi Gupta took the stage to share their thoughts and insights on the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, stressing the pivotal role that youth can play in carrying forward the mission's objectives.

The workshop concluded with a sense of renewed responsibility among the participants, leaving them motivated to contribute actively to the cleanliness drive and make Swachh Bharat a reality in their respective communities.

GDC Marheen organises Nukad Natak

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MARHEEN: Voter Literacy Club of GDC, Marheen, organized Nukad Natak to encourage the students to make them aware about their right to cast their vote. The programme was organized under the patronage of the worthy Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta. The theme of natak was to spread voter awareness among the young students who have crossed the age of 18 or eligible for Voter ID Card. Moreover, through natak, students passed the message to select the suitable candidate who works for the betterment of society and they presented the process of Election in a very impressive manner. Dr. Munisha Devi managed the entire event.

The faculty members presented on the occasion were Prof. Sandeep Chaudhary, Prof. Anoop Sharma and Dr. Shalju Rani. Almost 18 students participated in the event.

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