

98.3 Mirchi in collaboration with Wheelocity Skoda Jammu, hosts "Mirchi Musical Evening"

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JAMMU: The city of Jammu witnessed a spectacular fusion of music, entertainment, hosted by 98.3 Mirchi in collaboration with wheelocity Skoda Jammu, titled "Mirchi Musical Evening." The event, held at Bahu Plaza, brought together music lovers, automotive enthusiasts, and the vibrant community of Jammu for an unforgettable night.

The event was gracefully hosted by the Radio Jockeys, RJ chaitanya (Morning Jock) and RJ Rohit (evening jock) from Mirchi Jammu, who kept the audience engaged with their lively interactions, fun games, and spontaneous humour.

Wheelocity Skoda Jammu



Dignitaries during the event in Jammu.

showcased their latest models, Skoda Slavia, Skoda Kodiaq and Skoda Kushaq, offering attendees a closer look at the brand's cutting-edge design, luxury, and performance.

The highlight of the evening was the grand display of Skoda's newest addition to the lineup,

which left the audience in awe with its sleek design and innovative features.

The musical and dance performances were nothing short of mesmerizing, with 15 very Famous local artists who set the stage on fire with their electrifying performances. From soulful melodies to foot-tap-

ping beats, the music catered to every taste, creating an atmosphere of joy and celebration.

Ranjiv Khajuria, Mudasir Nabi Sheikh and Munish Khajuria the MD's of Wheelocity Skoda Jammu, added, "It was an absolute pleasure to host this event with Mirchi. Our

brand is synonymous with sophistication and innovation, and tonight, we showcased that in more ways than one. We are grateful to everyone who joined us for this musical journey and are excited about the future collaborations with 98.3 Mirchi Jammu."

Speaking about the event, Chaitanya Gupta, Station Head of 98.3 Mirchi, said, "We are thrilled to have partnered with Skoda Jammu for this wonderful evening. Mirchi has always been about bringing people together through music and entertainment, and tonight was no different. The synergy between Mirchi and Skoda created an experience that our audience will remember for a long time."

37 players of Charak Fight Club bring laurels in Pencak Silat C'ship



Medal winners along with coach.

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JAMMU: 9th Jammu District Pencak Silat Championship was organised by District Association of Pencak Silat where 300 players from different school participated with great enthusiasm.

In all, 37 players from Charak Fight Club also participated under the guidance of their coach Arun Singh. The tournament primarily

revolves around punching, kicking and throwing and the aim of the championship is that youth should be fit mentally as well as physically.

The gold medalists in senior category included Manvi, Jiya and Surya Partap. The silver medalists were Ashish, Vansh and Tanish, while Ankush was only bronze medalists.

In junior category Juniors, Gold medal was bagged by

Mahika, Vedant, Aman, Narvi, Saksham, Idhant and Rigved. In sub junior category the gold medalists included Kunal, Mevaan, Divyanshi, Raizel, Aanaya, Aamaya, Trisha, Prashant, Kartavya, Abu Fawaz, Sashwat, Rudransh, Saavi, Aksh Dev, Aman, Kriti and Devanshi. The silver medalists included Aarav, Aayansh, Hridhan and Ananya, while Sadhika and Muneeb won bronze medals.

CO 4 J&K BN NCC visits JU's Kathua Campus



Commanding Officer 4 J&K BN NCC, Col. Kuldeep Kachru being honoured at Kathua.

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KATHUA: Commanding Officer 4 J&K BN NCC, Col. Kuldeep Kachru, made a historic first visit to the Kathua campus, University of Jammu today. Commanding Officer was welcomed by the Lt. Amit Sharma, ANO and Dr

Pankaj Khajuria, Assistant Registrar, Kathua campus. The newly raised Kathua Campus NCC unit's accomplishments were presented by the ANO. The Colonel's visit was marked by an engaging session with the NCC cadets, who had the opportunity to interact

directly with the senior officer. The Kathua Campus was honored by the visit of the Commanding Officer. During his visit, he addressed the cadets, inspiring them to strive for excellence in their NCC training and to be prepared to serve the nation with dedication and commitment.

In his address, he emphasized the values of teamwork and perseverance, which resonated with the aspiring leaders. His words of encouragement and motivation left a lasting impression on the cadets.

Rector, Kathua Campus, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia said in his message that such interactions with the cadets are very essential for their personality development.

Finally, Col. Kachru participated in a Q&A session where he answered questions about the career prospects in the defence forces.

IIM Jammu hosts Business Plan Ideathon, Workshop at GPC Bandipora

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BANDIPORA: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, led by Director Prof. B.S. Sahay, partnered with the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and the Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICC) to host a Business Plan Ideathon and Workshop at Government Polytechnic College (GPC), Bandipora.

The event marked the official inauguration of the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU) Bandipora, a flagship program of MSDE, which was officiated by Shri Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, Deputy Commissioner/District Development Commissioner.

Qadri highlighted the crucial role of skill development and effective marketing in self-employment, emphasizing



Director Prof. B.S. Sahay and others during the workshop.

ing the need to bridge the gap between skill acquisition and market demands.

Asim Khan, Scientist F, also pledged support for enhancing entrepreneurial capacity through future workshops in collaboration with IIM Jammu.

The Ideathon, organized by Javid Iqbal, Principal of Government Polytechnic College Bandipora, in association with the IIM Jammu Incubation Centre (i-TBI), featured idea pitches from

North Kashmir districts including Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kupwara, and Bandipora.

The event provided a platform for young entrepreneurs to present and discuss their innovative business ideas.

SBDUs, established across Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with IIM Jammu, MSDE, and DICC, aim to refine business ideas and address real-world problems, providing critical support for aspiring entrepreneurs.

The event saw active participation from across North Kashmir and included insights from key figures such as Ishfaq, Coordinator of SBDU Bandipora, and Dr. Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer at IIM Jammu. They discussed the support provided by the IIM Jammu Incubation Centre and ThinkIn incubator.

The valedictory session featured Javid Parsa, Founder of Parsa Foods and Beverages, who shared his entrepreneurial journey and insights into the challenges and opportunities in J&K. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Rukhsana Bashir, SBDU Incharge Bandipora.

The event underscored IIM Jammu's commitment to capacity building and business incubation, setting the stage for transformative growth and empowering entrepreneurs to contribute to the region's socio-economic development.

Assembly Elections-2024: Poll Staff imparted training at Poonch

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POONCH: A comprehensive training and orientation programme was hosted today for polling staff here at three separate locations in Poonch, Surankote and Mendhar assembly constituencies. The programme aimed to prepare the officers for their crucial role in the upcoming 2024 Assembly elections.



Vikas Kunal, DEO interacting with polling staff.

bility mapping, providing the officers with essential skills and insights specific to the unique challenges of Poonch district, particularly in border areas.

The officials and polling parties underwent intensive training on the operation

and handling of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) systems. The training sessions, organized by the district election authority, were aimed at ensuring smooth, transparent, and error-free

elections. The training program was conducted under the supervision of senior electoral officers who provided detailed demonstrations on the setup, operation, and troubleshooting of EVMs and VVPATs. Participants include presiding officers, polling officers, and other key personnel who will be directly involved in the election process.

Vikas Kunal, DEO Poonch, emphasized the importance of training, stating, "The accuracy and integrity of the electoral process are paramount. Through these training sessions, we are equipping our

officials with the necessary skills and knowledge to handle the EVMs and VVPATs effectively. This will ensure that the voting process is conducted smoothly and that voters' confidence in the electoral system is upheld."

The training also covered crucial aspects such as the proper sealing of EVMs after polling, handling of VVPAT slips, and measures to be taken in case of technical issues during the voting process. Mock polling exercises were conducted to give participants hands-on experience in operating the machines and managing real-time scenarios.

General Observer reviews Election Preparedness in Bhaderwah Constituency, urges officials for error free polling



General Observer Malikarjuna A interacting with officials.

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BHADERWAH: To ensure a smooth and secure election process for the upcoming Assembly Elections 2024, General Observer Malikarjuna A visited Bhaderwah to review the preparedness and training of employees on Monday.

The Observer, along with Nodal Officer Bhaderwah Constituency Dr Nazir Ahmed and Coordinator Strong Room & Trainings AC-Bhaderwah

Arif Rana and other key officials inspected Training Center at Community Hall Bhaderwah, focusing on secure and error free polling on September 18.

He also reviewed all procedures being taught to employees deputed for elections including filing of form 17,

maintaining record and others.

The General Observer also interacted with the staff to discuss any challenges and ensure that all protocols are followed to facilitate a free and fair election. General Observer emphasized the importance of a transparent and fair election process, urging all Officers and officials to prioritize voter safety and accessibility.

While interacting with the polling staff at Community Hall Kotli Bhaderwah, he urged upon them to clear their doubts before polling so that smooth polling can be ensured.

All officials reiterated their commitment to uphold the democratic process and ensure a peaceful and successful election in Bhaderwah.

Prof. Akbar releases strategic plan of BGSBU



VC BGSBU Prof. Akbar Masood and others releasing strategic plan of university.

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RAJOURI: Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University released the first ever strategic plan of the University. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Akbar said that the Strategic Plan of BGSBU has been drawn to serve as a guiding light to the institution, to bring in efficiency in operation, assist in deciding between competing priorities, take decisions and actions which will lead the institution towards a path of progress and prosperity. Prof. Akbar said that the strategic plan will guide BGSBU's goals and priorities

over the next decade.

Prof. Akbar said that the Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University is conscious of the global challenges including impact of the technological advances, diversification in higher education and the need for bringing forth creativity, innovation and research in all spheres of University life.

Prof. Akbar mentioned that BGSBU's strategic plan will create a dynamic academic and research environment where the students and faculty will be enabled to perform best in diverse fields of study thereby enhancing the brand value of BGSBU at national and international levels.

The Vice Chancellor said the University has made major accomplishments in the recent past and the strategy plan has designed to continue to improve upon and refine its aspirations.

Those who were present on the occasion included Dr. A A Shah, Associate Dean Academic Affairs, Associate Deans of various schools of studies and Controller of Examination.

Rotary Club Jammu City organises Governor's Official visit

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JAMMU: The Rotary Club of Jammu City along with Rotary Club Jammu Bahu, Rotary Club Jammu Trikuta and Rotary Club Jammu Aastha organised a Governor official visit of District Governor Dr. P. S Grover.

The visit provided an opportunity for the club's Presidents Rtn. Shivangi Gupta, Rtn. Ritesh Gupta, Rtn. Baldev to present a comprehensive overview of the remarkable projects undertaken during their tenure over the past two months.

President Shivangi Gupta (Rotary Club Jammu City) in her address, highlighted the club's commitment to service and community development.

She provided an overview of the ongoing and com-



District Governor Dr. P. S Grover being honoured by the Rotary Club Jammu.

pleted projects, which are designed to bring lasting positive change in community.

She discussed that the Rotary Club of Jammu City organized free health camps, offering medical check-ups and consultations to underserved communities.

She further added that recognising the importance of environmental

stewardship, the club initiated a multiple plantation drive.

She also mentioned about Annapurna project, donation of air cooler was also accomplished by the club.

She also added that Tranga bike rally was also organised as a part of Independence day celebration to promote peace and harmony in the the

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RAMBAN: The 2nd round of randomization of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs) for the General Election to the Legislative Assembly 2024 was successfully carried out today in Ramban district.

The process was conducted under the supervision of General Observer

Himanshu Kumar Rai; Expenditure Observer, Sulekh Chand Jain; and District Election Officer (DEO) Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary.

The randomization process was attended by representatives of the political parties and senior district officials.

This phase of randomization involved the allocation of Ballot Units, Control Units, and

VVPATs to polling stations across the two assembly segments in the district-AC-54 Ramban and AC-55 Banihal.

This is a critical step to ensure the smooth conduct of polling in these segments.

Speaking at the event, DEO Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, emphasized the importance of randomization in ensuring free and fair elections. He

noted that the process is carried out using specialized software to eliminate any human intervention, thereby enhancing the credibility of the election process.

Earlier, the DEO briefed political representatives on the randomization process, assuring them that all necessary measures have been taken to guarantee a fair and transparent electoral

process.

The event was attended by key officials, including Dy. DEO Abdul Jabar, Returning Officer for AC-54 Ramban, S. Harpal Singh, Returning Officer for AC-55 Banihal, Rizwan Asgar, and Assistant Returning Officers Ramban, Deep Kumar, Assistant Returning Officers Banihal, Imtiaz Ahmed and other officers. The

randomization was conducted transparently by DIO NIC Ramban, Parshant Kumar.

Following the randomization, both the Observers and the DEO inspected the arrangements at the strong room AC-55 Ramban and issued necessary directions to the concerned officers to ensure the security and integrity of the electoral process.