

Capt Tushar Mahajan Memorial Trust awards eminent educationist & students

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UDHAMPUR: Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Memorial Trust awarded eminent retired educationists and meritorious students of Udhampur for their exceptional performance in Board and University examinations today.

A grand function was organized wherein 56 meritorious students and eminent retired educationist were awarded by Professor Dr J.P Singh Joorel (Dean Academic affairs University of Jammu who was chief guest on the occasion while Professor Vishwa Raksha (Head of Department of Sociology) University of Jammu and Professor Dr Ajay Sharma. Govt Degree college for women Udhampur were the guest of honour .

Beside others Trust chairman Dev Raj gupta, Asha Gupta and senior members Satish Chopra, Ranjit Singh Parihar, Shewatketu Singh, Dipankar Gupta ,



Trust members honouring an educationist.

Vikas manhas, Dr Vikram Gulati , Kamakshi jamwal Kalpana Jamwal were present on the occasion .

Majority of educationist and prominent citizens attended the function . Program began with lighting of traditional lamp by chief guest .

Kusum Tiekoo , Anchor highlighted various activities of Trust, like felicitation of martyr's families, organization of eye camps, honouring martyrs families and meritorious students and

also providing help to distress in need , uniforms and other stationery articles to poor and needy students. He reiterated the resolve of the Trust to carry on such activities in future too .

In all 56 meritorious students who had shown their exceptional performance in Neet and Board and University examinations in Udhampur district, were honoured by the Trust on the occasion.

Beside students some eminent retired educationists

which include Ashok kumar sad Dy Director youth services and sports, Mohinder Parkash Bucha Joint Director, Bishan Dass ZEO , Sudershan Kumar ,Principal Swami Chinmay Jyoti Chairperson BBSV , Peeth and senior trust member and Social worker Satish Chopra were also honoured on the occasion . Those who were honoured were presented a memento and shawl. Students of Happy model Higher secondary school and Braham

Cricket returns to Ghagwal ground after five-year hiatus

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GHAGWAL: After lying neglected and abandoned for over five years, the historic sports ground of Ghagwal Sub-Division has once again sprung to life, as cricket officially made a grand return on Sunday. The revival took place at the playground of Government Girls High School Ghagwal, one of the oldest sporting venues in the region, thanks to the concerted efforts of SDM Ghagwal, K.S. Bali.

Once a hub of sports activity, the ground had fallen into complete disrepair; with overgrown bushes, dangerous pot-holes, and an uneven surface rendering it unfit for any athletic activity. Local youth had long demanded its restoration, but it was only under the leadership of SDM Bali that the long-awaited transformation was finally set in motion.

To restore the ground, heavy machinery was deployed to clean and level the area, successfully converting it back into a playable condition. The result is a rejuvenated sports



space now once again filled with the sounds of bat hitting ball and cheers of young cricketers.

The return of cricket brought visible joy to local youth, who expressed deep gratitude towards the administration for making their dream a reality. SDM K.S. Bali received widespread appreciation for not only restoring the field but also for encouraging youth participation in sports-a much-needed push to steer young minds away from harmful distractions such as drug abuse. Veteran players present on the occasion fondly recalled the glory days of the Ghagwal

ground, which had once nurtured many talented athletes. They welcomed its revival with heartfelt enthusiasm, calling it a step toward reviving the area's sporting culture.

Young players also shared their hopes that such administrative efforts would continue, allowing the ground to serve as a nurturing platform for future sports talent in Ghagwal and nearby areas.

The successful revival of the Ghagwal ground is being hailed as a significant achievement and a testament to how responsive governance and community cooperation can create lasting positive change.

SSH organises cleanliness, plantation drive at Sherachak village



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R S PURA: Shiv Sena Hindustan, under the leadership of Jammu and Kashmir President Rajesh Kesri, organized a cleanliness and plantation drive at the cremation ground in Sherachak village, RS Pura Block.

The initiative aimed to improve the condition of the cremation ground and provide a dignified space for the community. The drive involved cleaning and painting the seating areas and sheds, as well as

planting trees to purify the environment and provide shade.

The members of Shiv Sena Hindustan, along with village elders and the village watchman, participated in the initiative. The initiative saw active participation from the local community, including village principals and other prominent citizens.

The event was attended by Suresh Kumar, President Sherchak; Balwant Saini, President Arnia; Raj Kumar,

President Bishmah and other prominent members of the community.

Kesri speaking on the occasion emphasized the importance of environmental conservation and encouraged the villagers to take care of the planted trees. He also urged the youth to stay away from drugs and substance abuse, highlighting the devastating effects it can have on individuals and society.

Kesri appealed to the youth to stay away from drugs and focus on constructive activities that benefit the community. He emphasized that drug abuse is a threat to the youth and can ruin their lives and the lives of their families.

Shiv Sena Hindustan remains committed to serving the community and promoting social causes. The organization's initiatives aim to create a positive impact on society and inspire others to join hands in making a difference.

Shaheen conferred with Best Teacher Award at World Congress on Climate Change

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REASI: Shaheen Ayaiz Rather, Lecturer in Zoology at Higher Secondary School Budhan, Reasi, Jammu and Kashmir, has brought laurels to the Union Territory by receiving the Best Teacher Award at the prestigious World Congress on Climate Change and Its Impacts (CCIE-2025), held at Central College, Sinamangal, Kathmandu, Nepal from 6 to 8 September 2025.

Hailing from village Behrote in Tehsil Thana Mandi of District Rajouri, Shaheen is presently posted at HSS Budhan, Reasi, where he continues to inspire students despite the challenges of working in a remote and educationally backward area. The three-day congress, inaugurated by Pokhara University



Lecturer Shaheen Ayaiz Rather receiving award.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Bedraj KC, witnessed participation from around 200 representatives, including experts, scientists, policy makers and academicians from 21 countries. Nearly 800 research papers were presented on nine major themes and more than 70 sub-themes, ranging from climate science, biodiversity, water security, and

smart agriculture to socio-economic resilience, disaster risk reduction, and policy frameworks.

Amidst this distinguished gathering, Shaheen's recognition as Best Teacher serves as a reflection of his outstanding contribution to education and his sustained efforts to promote environmental awareness. Adding to this honour, he was

entrusted with the distinguished role of Co-chairman for the poster presentation session, where he evaluated research posters on diverse themes related to climate change, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable development. His active participation was widely appreciated by organisers and international delegates.

Expressing gratitude, Shaheen said, "I feel deeply humbled that the organisers of the World Congress on Climate Change entrusted me with this prestigious assignment. This award is not just my achievement but also belongs to my students, colleagues, well-wishers, and most importantly my parents, who constantly inspire me to work with dedication. It further strengthens my resolve to contribute towards environmental conservation and the cause of education." The achievement has evoked pride among his students, colleagues, and the wider academic community, underscoring the importance of educators in shaping climate awareness and nurturing future generations to become responsible guardians of the environment.

Dr Sanjay delivers expert talk on ‘Innovation and Startup Ecosystem Enablers’ at MIET Jammu

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JAMMU: Dr. Sanjay Mohan, Associate Professor at the School of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), and CEO of SMVDU Technology Business Incubator Centre (SMVDU-TBIC), delivered an expert talk on "Innovation and Startup Ecosystem Enablers" at the Model Institute of Engineering and Technology (MIET), Jammu.

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, scholars, and faculty members. Dr. Surbhi Sharma, along with her team, extended a warm welcome to Dr. Mohan, setting



the tone for an interactive and collaborative exchange of ideas.

In his address, Dr. Mohan elaborated on the fundamentals of startups and entrepreneurship, highlighting how young innovators have successfully transformed creative ideas into thriving

enterprises. Citing inspiring case studies of emerging entrepreneurs, he emphasized perseverance, innovative thinking, and ecosystem support as the cornerstones of success.

He also shed light on the pivotal role played by SMVDU-TBIC in nurturing

innovation and entrepreneurship across the region. Dr. Mohan informed the audience about the visionary initiatives of the Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU in strengthening the startup ecosystem, thereby creating new opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs.

Further, he discussed various government-led programs promoting entrepreneurship, with a special focus on the recently launched YUVA Scheme by the Jammu & Kashmir Government. He explained how the scheme is designed to empower the youth to take up entrepreneurial ventures, thereby contributing to the economic

growth of the region.

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A, where students raised insightful queries about funding avenues, incubation support, and the challenges of the entrepreneurial journey. Dr. Mohan's responses helped students gain a clearer understanding of how to navigate the dynamic startup landscape.

The event served as an important step toward building awareness and motivation among the youth of Jammu & Kashmir, encouraging them to actively explore innovation and entrepreneurship as viable career pathways.

Madhuparamhans delivers spiritual discourse in Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR: Saint Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, while addressing a large congregation in Akhnoor, Jammu, emphasized the significance of a true Guru in attaining the supreme element beyond worldly senses and intellect.

In his discourse, Maharaj Ji reflected on the controversies that have arisen within Sahib's path over the years. "It has been 55 years since I gave initiation. I have studied various schools of thought and witnessed how Sahib's devotion spread across the world. In such times, different branches emerged, each claiming authenticity. But the supreme truth lies only with the true Guru," he said.

He explained that scriptures like the Ramayana clearly state that even great incarnations like Ram and Krishna accepted a Guru to guide them through the ocean of life. "Without a Guru, no one can cross this ocean,



not even Brahma, Vishnu, or Mahesh," he added.

Maharaj Ji elaborated that the ultimate reality cannot be perceived through the five senses, nor through the mind, intellect, consciousness, or ego. "God is beyond space and elements. The supreme truth can only be realized when the Guru reveals it within. Just as a cataract blinds the eye until a doctor removes it, the soul too remains bound until a Sadguru liberates it," he explained.

He further highlighted that no amount of personal effort alone can free the soul, as it is entangled in countless bonds. "The power to release the soul and guide it back to its true origin lies only with a Sadguru who has attained the highest state," Maharaj Ji said, inspiring the audience with his words.

The discourse left the devotees spiritually enriched, reinforcing the eternal value of devotion, guidance, and the path of a true Guru.

Hindi Diwas celebrated at Pallanwala

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AKHNOOR: In a spirited tribute to the richness of the Hindi language, the Indian Army organized a Hindi Debate Competition at a local border-area school in Pallanwala, marking the celebration of Hindi Diwas with youthful zeal, cultural pride, and intellectual vigour. The event, aptly themed "Hindi Hai Hind Ki Dhadkan" (Hindi is the heartbeat of India), witnessed enthusiastic participation from school students



Army officials along with students and others during the event.

residing in the border belt. The young debaters impressed the audience with their clarity of thought, persuasive oratory skills, and deep-rooted love for Hindi.

The competition was held under the Army's ongoing Civic Action Programme, aiming to foster national integration, promote the use of Hindi, and provide a platform for border youth to express themselves freely and fearlessly. Students spoke passionately on topics such as "Hindi ka Mahatva," "Yuva aur Hindi," and "Rashtriya Ekta mein Bhasha ka Yogdan." Their speeches reflected a strong understanding of the role of

language in shaping identity, culture, and national unity.

Winners of the competition were felicitated with certificates, trophies, and motivational books, inspiring them to continue their literary engagement. Teachers, Army officers, and community elders present at the occasion applauded the initiative, highlighting how language serves as a powerful tool to unite, inspire, and transform society.

Speaking at the event, a senior Army official said, "Language is not just a means of communication, but a vessel of culture, his-

tory, and pride. On Hindi Diwas, we celebrate not just a language, but the spirit of India. It is heartening to see the youth of border areas embrace Hindi with such enthusiasm and intellect."

The celebration not only honoured India's linguistic heritage but also acted as a catalyst for critical thinking, cultural pride, and creative expression among the young minds of the region. Initiatives like this reaffirm the Indian Army's commitment to nation-building through education, empowerment, and cultural engagement, particularly in remote and sensitive border areas.

DC Ramban conducts extensive public outreach, reviews restoration works in Ramssoo Sub-Division

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RAMBAN: Continuing the public outreach initiative to address issues at people's doorsteps and monitor restoration efforts post heavy rains, flash floods and landslides across the district, Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan today conducted an extensive tour of different areas of Sub-Division Ramssoo.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Additional SP Mujeeb-Ur-Rehman; ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo; Tehsildar Ukhral and officers from PWD, PMGSY and other departments.

During the visit, the DC convened public grievance redressal camps at Neel Batoo, Pogal and adjoining areas, where a large number of residents highlighted issues related to damaged infrastructure, disruption of power and water supply and other essential services.

Addressing the gather-



ings, the DC said the District Administration is working round-the-clock to restore road connectivity, essential services and supplies, standing firmly with affected communities to ensure swift relief.

The Deputy Commissioner directed departments to process relief cases on priority, restore essential supplies without delay and remain proactive in addressing public grievances.

The DC also inspected damaged roads and critical infrastructure at Ukhral, Shalgari, Marnal Nallah,

Pogal, Parindher, Neel Top and nearby villages to assess losses. He instructed departments to undertake protection works, ensure proper drainage and expedite restoration of electricity and water supply to facilitate smooth connectivity for the local population.

Interacting with residents enroute, the DC reiterated the administration's commitment to extend every possible assistance to affected families.

At Pogal and Neel Batoo, where he presided over public camps, locals raised developmental concerns and

demanding restoration of basic facilities. The DC instructed officials to resolve all genuine grievances on priority and ensure that relief and essential services reach every affected household.

The Deputy Commissioner also assessed losses and damages besides interacting with locals at key sites, including Pogal Bus Stand, and closely monitored ongoing restoration works on roads and public utilities, directing officials to expedite repairs and ensure uninterrupted connectivity and accessibility.

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