

Refresher Course for DySPs commences at SKPA

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UDHAMPUR: A two-week Refresher Course for Deputy Superintendents of Police commenced today at the Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy, Udhampur. The training program was designated under the close supervision of worthy Director SKPA with the aims to enhance the professional competence, legal knowledge and leadership skills of the officers by acquainting them with emerging trends and challenges in policing. The programme was formally inaugurated by Rajesh Bali, IPS, SSP, Dy. Director (Outdoor/Indoor) SKPA. Dy.SsP from different dis-



tricts and units of J&K Police are participating in the program. On the opening day, officers from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted detailed sessions on the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The sessions covered key provisions, recent amendments, practical aspects of

investigation, and the role of police in effectively countering threats to national security under the legal framework of the Act. The session on Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) was also attended by Prob. Dy.SsP and PSIs who are presently undergoing Basic Induction Course. The course will continue

over the next two weeks, featuring interactive sessions, expert lectures, and case studies on diverse subjects related to policing, law enforcement, and internal security. The course is being coordinated by Rakesh Sambyal, CPO, assisted by ASI Rajinder Singh, member faculty.

GDC Katra commemorates Gandhi Jayanti with series of activities



Speaker delivering lecture during the event.

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KATRA: As part of the series of activities being organized on the auspicious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Government Degree College Kakryal, Katra, in collaboration with the NSS Unit, NCORD, Red Ribbon Club, and Youth Club, organized a range of meaningful events to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation. The program was held under the guidance of Dr. Rajni Bhagat, Principal of the College, who motivated students to participate in such initiatives. She emphasized that these celebrations help spread

Gandhian values of truth, non-violence, cleanliness, and self-discipline among students and the wider community. The day began with the screening of a documentary film on the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. The documentary, enriched with historical insights and rare archival footage, highlighted Gandhi's journey from a lawyer to a mass leader of India's freedom struggle. Both students and staff watched with interest, gaining a deeper understanding of his ideals and sacrifices. Following this, an enlightening lecture on "Nasha Mukht Bharat: Our Responsibility,

Our Future" was delivered by Dr. Harmeet Singh, Department of Political Science. He stressed the seriousness of the issue of drug addiction among youth and its devastating effects on health, family, and society. The session turned interactive, with students actively participating and sharing their views. In the concluding segment, an Awareness Rally was organized by students and faculty members. Carrying placards and raising slogans on Swachhata (cleanliness), non-violence, and unity, the rally moved through the adjoining localities of the college. Participants interacted with the local community, spreading the relevance of Gandhian values in present times. The rally left a significant impact and fostered strong community involvement. The day-long events served as a powerful reminder of Mahatma Gandhi's enduring legacy and inspired everyone to imbibe his principles in their daily lives.

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KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a meeting of District Officers to review and finalize preparations for the upcoming Sewa Parv and Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar campaign- to align with national-level initiatives. The meeting focused on formulating an integrated plan that addresses key areas such as health, sanitation, services delivery and financial inclusion across all blocks and panchayats. Emphasizing the importance of seamless coordination, Deputy Commissioner Sharma directed all departments to work in synergy for the successful execution of these programmes. He underscored that the initiatives are a prime opportunity to bring governance closer to the people, ensure inclusive development and promote culturally rooted nutrition practices within the district. Under the Sewa Parv banner,

DC inspects civic infrastructure, cleanliness measures in Rajouri Town

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma conducted a comprehensive tour of Rajouri town to assess the ongoing development works and review civic amenities, with a special focus on infrastructure upgrades, cleanliness and public safety. During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner took stock of the condition of manholes across the town. He directed the concerned departments to immediately fix and secure all damaged or open manholes to prevent mishaps and ensure public safety. Reviewing the ongoing repair works already tendered, the DC instructed the Public Works



DC Abhishek Sharma conducting comprehensive tour of Rajouri town.

Department (PWD) to expedite the pace of execution and adhere to the stipulated timelines. He emphasized adherence to quality standards and timely completion of the works for the convenience of the general public. The Deputy Commissioner also took

serious note of the open wiring in several areas, which poses potential safety hazards. He directed the department to prepare and submit a comprehensive proposal for underground cabling to enhance public safety and improve the aesthetics of the town. As part of his public out-

reach, the Deputy Commissioner also interacted with local shopkeepers. He urged them to operate within legal and civic boundaries, maintain proper sanitation outside their establishments and use separate dustbins for wet and dry waste. He further appealed to all stakeholders to maintain cleanliness and contribute to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in spirit and action. Among the others who accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during his visit were ACR, Mohd Jhangir Khan; Tehsildar Rajouri, Varinder Sharma; EXEN PDD Rajouri, Mohd Rashid; EO MC Rajouri, Yousuf ul Mir and other concerned officers.

DC Kathua reviews preparations for Sewa Parv, Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Campaign



DC Kathua Rajesh Sharma chairing a meeting.

ner, the DC issued clear instructions for a series of community-centric activities. Block Development Officers (BDOs) and the CEO of the Municipality were directed to launch extensive Swachhata (cleanliness) drives in all panchayats and urban wards. Simultaneously, they are to conduct community tree plantation drives and awareness campaigns on various citizen services. Similarly, he asked the District Forest Officers (DFOs) to initiate community tree plantation drives. Educational institutions, including Degree Colleges and Higher Secondary Schools, were

directed to play an active role by organizing donation drives for books and stationery, undertaking campus beautification and arranging voluntary extra classes for students. Besides, the Social Welfare Department was directed to prioritize social outreach by engaging with vulnerable sections of society. This includes visiting old-age homes and orphanages, interacting with the elderly, donating assistive devices like wheelchairs, hearing aids and organizing community meals for the needy. Regarding the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar campaign, the Deputy

Commissioner detailed a multifaceted approach to promote women's health and well-being. This will be achieved through extensive outreach programmes, health check-up camps, nutrition counseling, and awareness sessions on critical topics such as anaemia prevention, maternal health and menstrual hygiene, with the active participation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs). To strengthen health services and financial literacy, the Health Department was asked to organize health check-ups and blood donation drives across all blocks. It was also informed in the meeting that a district-level program will be held at the SDH Parole on September 17, in sync with the national launch by the Prime Minister, ensuring maximum community participation. To ensure the messages reach every citizen, the Information Department was tasked with undertaking a robust publicity campaign, utilizing both traditional and social media platforms.

Other line departments were also instructed to hold awareness camps on flagship schemes such as PM-Kisan, Ayushman Bharat - PMJAY, PM Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Atal Pension Yojana and other financial inclusion initiatives. Pertinently, the Sewa Parv, a nationwide citizen-centric initiative, will be observed in the district from September 17 to October 2. Running concurrently, the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar campaign will continue for a month, from September 17 to October 16. These initiatives seek to mobilize communities and bring governance closer to the people through a series of integrated activities focused on health, sanitation, service delivery and financial inclusion. Among others, ADC Kathua Vishavjeet Singh, Chief Planning Officer Ranjit Thakur, ACD Akhil Sadotra, and other district heads were present in the meeting, while ADCs and SDMs joined virtually.

GDC Nowshera celebrates Hindi Diwas

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NOWSHERA: Department of Hindi, Government Degree College Nowshera celebrated Hindi Diwas with great enthusiasm by organizing a Poetry Recitation event (Kavita Path) under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad. Prof. Priyanka Kumari, HOD Hindi began the program with a detailed talk on the importance of Hindi language. She emphasized that Hindi is not just a language, but a symbol of India's rich cultural heritage, unity in diversity, and National identity. She highlighted that Hindi, being one of the most widely spoken languages in the world,



Faculty members and students during the programme.

connects people across regions and plays a crucial role in governance, education, and literature. She also encouraged students to take pride in their mother tongue and to actively contribute to the growth of Hindi through writing, speaking, and scholarly

engagement. Prof. Priyanka Kumari urged students to recognize the language as a tool of empowerment and self-expression, especially in the age of globalization. Students from various semesters Tahira Anjum, Srishti Mehta (5th

Sem), Anjali Devi, Simran Sharma, Khushiya, Simran Choudhary (3rd Sem) actively participated, recited poems of renowned Hindi poets and showcased their own original compositions. The event aimed to foster literary expression and highlight the significance of Hindi as a unifying language of India. Prof. Sonali katharia Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, delivered a lecture on the significance of the Hindi language in the context of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020. She emphasized that the NEP 2020 gives renewed importance to mother tongue and regional languages in the early stages of education.

Court slams police apathy in bail case, orders SHO Gangyal to appear in person

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JAMMU: The Presiding Officer of the Fast Track Court, Jammu, Amarjeet Singh Langeh, on Monday came down heavily on the Station House Officer (SHO) of Police Station Gangyal for failing to file a report in an anticipatory bail application despite clear directions from the court. The case pertained to Ajay Kumar, 38, who had sought anticipatory bail. The court had on September 10 directed the concerned SHO to submit a report within five days. However, when the matter was taken up on September 15, first at 11:30 a.m. and later at 4:15 p.m., the prosecution admitted that no report had been received from the police station. Expressing displeasure, the Court said bail matters are directly linked to the liberty of an individual and must be dealt with expeditiously. He criticized the SHO's "insouciant attitude," calling it a blatant disregard of judicial authority. The court has now directed the SHO of Gangyal to not only submit the report without further delay but also to remain present in person on September 17 to explain the reasons for disobedience. The order was dispatched immediately to the SHO through prosecution for strict compliance. This stern directive underscores the judiciary's growing concern over police negligence in complying with court orders, particularly in sensitive matters involving personal liberty.. (JNF)

LMD team conducts enforcement drive

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RAMBAN: On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan, a team of the Legal Metrology Department Ramban conducted inspections of businesses establishments in Ukharhal and Senabati areas of the district. During the inspection, the team verified the authenticity and accuracy of weights and measures being used by traders in their business transactions. The team also examined packed items being sold to consumers to ensure that mandatory labeling requirements were met. Legal Metrology Unit Ramban had earlier imposed a penalty of Rs. 50,000 (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) on a hardware manufacturer for offences.

SDM Ghagwal inspects dilapidated national highway; instructs to repair road within one week

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
GHAGWAL: Amid ongoing complaints about the poor condition and incomplete construction of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra National Highway, SDM Ghagwal, K.S. Bali, conducted a thorough inspection of the highway on Monday. Accompanying him were NHAI Senior Engineer Sunil Sundan, Tehsildar Shakeel Ahmed, Naib Tehsildar Jagdev Singh, and Patwari Deepak Sharma. The inspection was carried out on the directions of Samba Deputy Commissioner Ayushi Sudan. SDM Bali reviewed the stretch from Bein



SDM Ghagwal, K.S. Bali inspecting NH work.

Bridge to Jatwal and expressed strong displeasure after witnessing the deteriorated condition of the road. He issued a strict warning to the construction company, directing them to repair the road and complete all pending

work within one week. He added that strict action would be taken if the timeline was not met. During the inspection, SDM Bali observed that temporary diversions created at several points had not even been black-topped. He immedi-

ately ordered black-topping and proper leveling of these roads. He also emphasized the urgent need for constructing safety walls along the roadside to ensure the safety of travelers, along with the speedy completion of all half-finished works. Local residents voiced their frustration, saying that the extremely slow pace of highway construction had significantly worsened their daily commute. Navigating through potholes and incomplete stretches has become increasingly dangerous. Passenger buses, heavy vehicles, and two-wheelers face daily hardships.

CAT Jammu reserves three posts for physically challenged in JKCE

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant order benefiting aspirants with disabilities, the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) Jammu has directed the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) to reserve three posts under horizontal reservation for physically challenged candidates in the upcoming J&K Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination. The bench comprising Member (A) Ram Mohan Johri and Member (J) Rajinder Singh Dogra issued the direction while hearing a petition filed by

Beenish Qureshi against the General Administrative Department (GAD). The applicant, represented by advocates Prem Sadotra and Akshay Sadotra, argued that disabled aspirants were being unfairly excluded from the examination process. On issuance of notice, Sudesh Magotra, Additional Advocate General (AAG), Hunar Gupta, Deputy Advocate General (DAG), and F.A. Natnoo, counsel for JKPSC, appeared on behalf of the respondents. The tribunal ordered that till the next hearing on October 14, 2025, all candidates with disabilities including those with visual impairments, and locomotor disabilities may apply for the JKCE "at their own risk," and the PSC must accept their application forms. It further clarified that any selection or recruitment process will be subject to the final outcome of the case, but directed the authorities to ensure reservation of three posts for physically challenged candidates.

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REVISED NOTIFICATION

Subject: Revised Schedule for submission of online Examination Forms for SSE (Class 10th) Annual/ Regular, 2025 examination (Oct-Nov session) by eligible students of Winter Zone areas of Jammu Division of UT of J&K, including District Leh, UT of Ladakh.

In partial modification to Notification No. PS/JSE/Exams/SSE/REG-WZ/2025 dated 01-09-2025, the following revised schedule is notified for online submission of Class 10th examination forms for Annual/ Regular, 2025 examination (Oct-Nov session). In respect of Winter Zone Areas of Jammu Division, including district Leh through JKBOSE official website www.jkbose.nic.in as per the following schedule:

REVISED SCHEDULE

Secondary School Examination (Class 10th) with Normal Fee:

S. No.	Submission of-Examination Forms for Annual (Regular) 2025 (W/Z)	Prescribed Fee per candidate	Date of Opening of link	Date of Closing of link/Last date
01	Candidates with five (05) compulsory subjects	Rs.1240/-	16.09.2025	19.09.2025
	Candidates with additional/ optional subject(s) 5+	Rs.1460/-		

With Late Fees

S. No	Dates fixed	Late Fee Schedule	Total Fee	Date of Opening of link	Date of Closing of link/Last date of Late Fees
01.	First count of 05 days For five Subjects only For 5+ subject(s)	Rs.810 + 1240/-	Rs.2050/-	20.09.2025	24.09.2025
		Rs.810 + 1460/-	Rs.2270/-		
02	2 nd count of 05 days For five subjects only For 5 + subject(s)	Rs.2085+ 1240/-	Rs.3325/-	25.09.2025	29.09.2025
		Rs.2085+ 1460/-	Rs.3545/-		

All other Instructions and guidelines as envisaged under PS/JSE/Exams/SSE/REG-WZ/2025 Dated: 01-09-2025 shall remain same.

No: PS/JSE/Exams/SSE/REG-WZ/2025
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