

Ram Navami celebrated with devotional zeal, religious fervour in District Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: The Ram Navami was celebrated Thursday with profound religious fervour, enthusiasm and in a serene and peaceful atmosphere across District Kishtwar.
 Ram Navami is a significant Hindu festival celebrated on the ninth day (Navami) of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) in the month of Chaitra, marking the birth of Lord Rama, an incarnation of Lord Vishnu.
 Thousands of devotees thronged the historic Gauri Shankar Temple at Sarkoot, from where the grand religious procession (Jhanki) commenced and proceeded towards Ram Mandir Kishtwar.
 Local temples also witnessed a significant influx of devotees, who offered prayers for peace, progress and prosperity of District Kishtwar as well as the Union Territory.
 Elaborate arrangements, encompassing security and essential services, were meticulously put in place by the civil and police



administration to ensure smooth, safe and orderly Navami festival across the district including at levels. Local Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA)

Shagun Parihar; Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma and SSP Naresh Singh also joined the devotees at the Gauri Shankar Temple, Sarkoot, where the main celebrations were held. They also accompanied the religious procession and actively monitored and supervised the security and overall arrangements.
 ADC Pawan Kotwal; Dy. SP Headquarters, Dr. Ishan Gupta along with other officers from the civil and police administration were also present on the occasion.
 The MLA, DC and SSP, extended Ram Navami greetings to the people and prayed for peace, tranquility, integrity, communal harmony and brotherhood in the district and across the Union Territory.
 They also appealed to the public to uphold the values of unity, peace, communal harmony and brotherhood, urging all sections of society to work collectively for sustained harmony across the district and the Union Territory.

JKACL, NZCC host Lok Rang Utsav 2026 at Doda

DC pitches for projecting local artists on National-Level



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DODA: The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKACL) in collaboration with the North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC), Patiala, organized a National Cultural-cum-Music Programme titled "Lok Rang Utsav 2026" at Doda, Thursday.
 The vibrant programme showcased the rich cultural diversity of the country through captivating folk performances. Artists from Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat enthralled the audience with colourful presentations, while a local troupe added a unique regional flavour to the event.
 Deputy Commissioner Krishan Lal graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, he expressed gratitude to the Cultural Academy for organising the programme in Doda and appreciated the participating artists for their impressive performances. "Culture represents a confluence of the past and the future and there is a need for collective efforts to preserve and promote the nation's rich cultural heritage," he remarked.
 Referring to the vision of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat," he highlighted the importance of such events in fostering national unity and cultural integration. The Deputy Commissioner lauded the performers for their energetic presentations and stressed that local artists should be provided opportunities to showcase their talent at national-level platforms. He added that Doda, being a mountainous district, possesses a rich cultural legacy and such initiatives play a crucial role in nurturing and promoting local talent.
 Additional District Development Commissioner, Roshan Lal; Additional Deputy Commissioner Anil Thakur; Additional Secretary, JKAACL, Lal Chand; Assistant Director, NZCC Patiala, Ravinder Sharma and Chief Editor, Sheeraza Punjabi, Popinder Singh Paras, large number of art lovers, locals, besides students and teachers of different educational institutions were also present on the occasion.
 Addressing the gathering, the Additional Secretary described Lok Rang Utsav as a celebration of India's living traditions and collective identity, emphasizing its role in promoting cultural exchange and unity across regions.
 The programme was conducted by Sanjiv Shaad, who kept the audience engaged throughout.

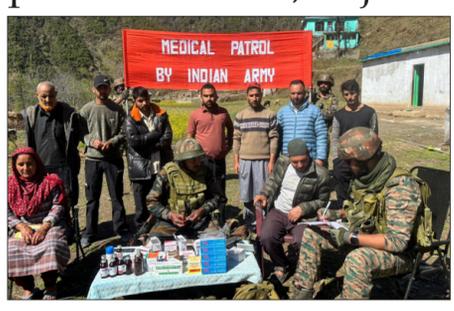
SKUAST-J organizes expert lecture on 'Inspiring and Effective Teaching'

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KISHTWAR: Under the able guidance of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. B. N. Tripathi, the Faculty of Basic Sciences, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) organized an expert lecture on "Inspiring and Effective Teaching."

Education, University of Oxford, U.K., an internationally acclaimed expert in the field of education and school effectiveness.
 In her insightful talk, Dr. Sammons highlighted the key attributes of inspiring teachers and emphasized the importance of evidence-based teaching practices, student engagement, and reflective pedagogy.
 She elaborated on how effective teaching goes beyond content delivery and involves fostering critical thinking, motivation, and a supportive learning environment.
 Dr. Sammons also shared global perspectives on improving teaching quality and learning outcomes, drawing from her extensive research and experience.
 She stressed the need for continuous professional development of teachers and the adoption of innovative teaching strategies to meet the evolving demands of education in the 21st century. The session was highly interactive, with participants

engaging in a fruitful discussion and question-answer session.
 The lecture was hosted by Prof. Sanjay Guleria, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, and coordinated by Dr. Vinod Kumar, Associate Professor (Biochemistry).
 The lecture witnessed enthusiastic participation from Heads of Divisions, faculty members, and students across various faculties of the university, reflecting the keen interest in enhancing teaching excellence and academic quality.

Army conduct medical patrol in Gulair, Rajouri



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RAJOURI: The Indian Army, renowned for its ethos, values and traditions, continues to uphold its commitment to the welfare of the people.
 In line with this, the Indian Army organized a Medical Patrol in the remote area of Gulair, District Rajouri, to address the healthcare needs of the local population.
 The patrol focused on providing basic healthcare services, treatment and free distribution of medicines.
 A dedicated team of Army medical personnel attended to patients, offering essential medical care and advice. The initiative aimed to ensure timely medical assistance reached areas with limited access to healthcare facilities.

DC reviews digitization of backlog mutations, grievances redressal; sets timeline for disposal



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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma chaired a meeting to review the status of grievances collection and correction of errors identified during Digitised Jam abandi Reading Camps including quasi-judicial and non-quasi-judicial instances, besides taking stock of digitization of backlog mutations across the district.
 The Deputy Commissioner directed the revenue officers to identify all categories of backlog mutations and set village-wise targets for their disposal. He emphasized strict adherence to prescribed guidelines while processing such cases and instructed that the entire exercise be completed within a stipulated time-frame.
 The DC stressed the importance of time-bound completion of all pending tasks and called for expediting the correction of errors in Jamabandi records collected during the camps. He further directed officers to ensure prompt and effective redressal of grievances to provide timely relief to the public.
 Reviewing the status of registrations on the JK Samadhan portal, the Deputy Commissioner instructed officers to enhance registration of grievances and ensure their speedy disposal through the platform.
 ADC Kotranka Dilmir Choudhary, ADC Chander Prakash; ACR Mohammad Jahangir Khan; SDM Thanamandi Abid Hussain along with Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars, Girdawars and Patwaris attended the meeting.

Doda: Inclusive Education Unit organizes sports event, exposure tour for CWSN students



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DODA: The Inclusive Education Unit Doda, in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, organized a district-level sports event and Exposure visit for Children with Special Needs (CWSN).
 The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 121 individuals including nearly 100 CWSN students drawn from Bhalessa, Thatthri, Bhagwah, Bhalla, Bhaerwah and Ghat zones.
 The students were also taken on an exposure tour to the scenic and historically significant Khellani Top in Zone Bhalla.
 The students participated in a range of sports activities designed to promote inclusivity, enhance self-confidence and improve physical well-being. The event provided a supportive platform for students to showcase their abilities and talent.
 To ensure comfort and encouragement, the participating students were provided with transport facility, refreshments, lunch and caps, which significantly boosted their morale and overall experience.
 The programme was conducted under the close supervision of the Chief Education Officer Bhushan Kumar Pathak. He appreciated the dedicated efforts of the organizers of the event, including Principal GHSS Berarru, Anjeel Kumar Thakur, Abdul Latief, Senior Lecturer, GHSS Dradhu, Zonal Coordinators of Inclusive Education unit and Special Educators.
 The exposure tour to Khellani Top added a joyful and enriching dimension to the programme, offering students an opportunity to explore nature, interact socially and learn beyond the classroom environment.

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW IN LEH

Vacancy for the position of Phlebotomist / Lab Technician (ICMR Project Technical Support-I) for ICMR Project File no. DDR/IIRPSG-2025/04838.

Applications are invited for a following post to be filled on purely temporary basis at Symbiosis Medical College for Women & Symbiosis University Hospital and Research Centre (SMCW-SUHRC), Symbiosis International (Deemed University) (SIU), Pune.

Name of the post	Phlebotomist / Lab Technician (ICMR Project Technical Support-II)
No. of posts	1
Project title	Lhugrak: Effect of Sandstorms on the Respiratory Health of Residents of Ladakh under
Funding Agency	Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
Essential qualifications	10th + Diploma (MLT/DMLT)
Preference	• 10th + Diploma (MLT/DMLT) + At least three years' experience in relevant subject/field • Good to Excellent Computer Skills
Pay Scale	Rs. 18000 + 30% HRA per month
Duration of the project	Maximum 1 Year
Tenure of the post	Initial one-year contract (extendable subject to funding, performance, and mutual consent; co-terminus with the project and ending automatically unless renewed by the Competent Authority.)
Age	Below 30 years as of the closing date of advertisement with 5-year relaxation in exceptional cases.
Last date to apply	30/03/2026
Interview Date & Time	01 /04/2026, 10 AM to 2 PM
Place of Interview	153 GH, Leh

Link to Application Form: <https://forms.gle/EVvPpXtWeN31F1a9>
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Name of the post	Nurse (ICMR Project Technical Support-II)
No. of posts	1 (One)
Project title	Lhugrak: Effect of Sandstorms on the Respiratory Health of Residents of Ladakh under
Funding Agency	Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
Essential qualifications	B.Sc. Nursing / GNM from a recognized institution with valid registration with State Nursing Council
Preference	• Minimum 1-2 years of clinical experience • Experience in sample collection, patient care, and field-based work • Knowledge of infection control and biosafety practices • Basic computer proficiency (MS Office / data entry)
Pay Scale	Rs. 18000 + 30% HRA per month
Duration of the project	Maximum 2 Year
Tenure of the post	Initial one-year contract (extendable subject to funding, performance, and mutual consent; co-terminus with the project and ending automatically unless renewed by the Competent Authority.)
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Name of the post	X-Ray Technician (ICMR Project Technical Support-II)
No. of posts	1 (One)
Project title	Lhugrak: Effect of Sandstorms on the Respiratory Health of Residents of Ladakh under
Funding Agency	Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
Essential qualifications	12th pass (Science) + Diploma in Radiography / X-Ray Technology (DRT/DMRT) from a recognized institution
Preference	• Diploma/B.Sc. in Radiography or Medical Imaging Technology • Minimum 2-3 years' experience in diagnostic radiology (X-ray handling) • Knowledge of radiation safety protocols and equipment handling • Basic computer skills and PACS/RIS familiarity preferred
Pay Scale	Rs. 18000 + 30% HRA per month
Duration of the project	Maximum 2 Years
Tenure of the post	Initial one-year contract (extendable subject to funding, performance, and mutual consent; co-terminus with the project and ending automatically unless renewed by the Competent Authority.)
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