

DC Rajesh inspects pace

New Bus Stand at Thandi Khui nearing completion

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SAMBA: Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma Tuesday conducted an on-site inspection of the new bus stand at Thandi Khui.

The inspection revealed that construction work is progressing rapidly and nearing completion.

The strategically located bus stand is designed to accommodate a large volume of passengers and will significantly enhance connectivity and ease of movement in the region.

During the inspection, the DC was accompanied by Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Vijaypur, Sandeep Dubey and Tehsildar Sudesh among other officers.

"This new facility represents an important infrastructure development for our district," said DC Sharma. "Once operational, it will improve



transportation services for residents and visitors alike, while supporting our broader goals for regional development."

The officials thoroughly reviewed the ongoing construction activities

and expressed satisfaction with the progress made thus far. The bus stand is expected to be fully operational in the coming months.

The Thandi Khui Bus Stand project is part of the

district administration's efforts to modernize transportation infrastructure and improve public services. The facility will feature amenities designed to enhance passenger comfort and safety.

'ZEOs to be held accountable for unauthorised absence of teachers'

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya Tuesday chaired a meeting with Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs). The meeting was convened as a follow-up to the surprise inspection conducted at Government High School Pakhian on April 10.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned SDMs and ZEOs to conduct routine inspection of schools in their respective jurisdictions and ensure strict adherence to staff attendance.



"Unauthorised leave will not be tolerated. ZEOs will be held accountable for any lapse in monitoring," the DC asserted. The Deputy Commissioner further issued a string of instructions to strengthen and promote academic improvements.

The meeting was at-

tended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Kumar, Additional District Development Commissioner Sher Singh and Chief Education Officer Jammu BD Sharma, along with the ZEOs. Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) participated virtually.

Lecture held on Physical Fitness for Doda students

Doda: As part of the Indian Army's ongoing outreach and capacity-building initiatives, the Indian Army organized an informative lecture on physical fitness at Government Middle School, Mallan.

The lecture aimed to educate students about the significance of regular physical activity for overall well-being.

Key benefits such as enhanced physical health, improved mental health and better academic performance were discussed.

The session also included practical tips to help students incorporate fitness into their daily lives and make healthier lifestyle choices.

Sat Sharma releases poems on Dr Ambedkar written by Balbir

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP President Sat Sharma (CA) released two poems titled 'Ambedkar - Ek Naam' and 'Dalit ke Messiah- Baba Saheb' on Tuesday.

He released these poems in the presence of BJP General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, National Executive Member Priya Sethi, and Bahu constituency MLA Choudhary Vikram Randhawa.

These poems were penned by BJP spokesperson and former Vice Chairperson, Balbir Ram Rattan. Through these verses, he highlights Dr. Ambedkar's life, struggles, and his historic contributions.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma praised Balbir's literary effort and said, "Dr. Ambedkar was a visionary leader whose ideas laid the foundation of modern India. His re-



lentless fight against social discrimination and his unmatched role in drafting the Indian Constitution are commendable. These poems serve as a reminder of his ideals."

He further added that in the poem "Ambedkar - Ek Naam", the poet emphasizes how Dr. Ambedkar's name has become a

symbol of dignity, justice, and empowerment. The poem narrates the journey from Ambedkar's humble beginnings to his rise as a symbol who inspires people of all castes and communities.

"Dalit ke Messiah- Baba Saheb" portrays him as a true saviour of the marginalized—a leader who dedicated his life to eradicating social evils and building an inclusive nation.

Balbir Ram Rattan expressed his gratitude to the party leadership for supporting his literary work. He said that through these poems, he has tried to express Babasaheb's journey and his unwavering commitment to social justice.

GCW Parade organises anti-drug awareness campaign

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JAMMU: The NCORD Cell of Government College for Women Parade Ground, in collaboration with District Administration, Jammu Tuesday organized an awareness camp as part of "Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan" initiative.

The programme, hosted under the supervision of College Principal, Dr Ravinder Kumar Tickoo and Tehsildar Jammu

Khas Paramdeep Singh, aimed at to sensitize students about the growing menace of drug addiction & highlight the devastating consequences of substance abuse on individuals and the society as a whole.

The program featured expert talks by health professionals Dr Arti Sharma and Dr Vandana Abrol, SHO Police Station Pacca Danga, Rakesh Jamwal and Tehsil Social Welfare

Officer Manjeet Singh. THEY highlighted the harmful effects of drug abuse, early signs of addiction, the importance of early intervention, rehabilitation, and societal support to persons struggling with addiction.

The students actively participated in the session, asking questions and engaging in meaningful discussions about how to avoid and overcome the dangers of substance use.

The speakers shared different helpline numbers with the students to report and seek help for those entangled in the problem.

The Principal appreciated the initiative and stressed the importance of continuous awareness campaigns to combat this societal challenge. He encouraged students to become ambassadors of change and spread awareness among peers and communities.

Balwant Thakur shares art concerns, discusses importance of celebrations with IIM students

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JAMMU: In connection with the celebrations of World Art Day, Natrang Director Padamshiri Balwant shared his art concerns and dwelt in detail about the importance of the celebrations of this day all over the world.

He on Tuesday discussed details with 130 students of performing arts at IIM, Jammu. Elaborating the history and the significance of World Art Day Celebrations Balwant Thakur while quoting UNESCO said that recognising the importance of promoting, developing, disseminating, enjoying and appreciating the arts, the UNESCO General Conference, at its 40th session held in 2019, adopted World Art Day.

Our arts are the strength of our spirit and the cradle of creativity, innovation, and cultural diversity



among peoples across the globe. Our arts are the engine of our progress, the dissemination and exchange of knowledge, the fostering of curiosity, and the impetus for dialogue. Art has always enjoyed this status, and nothing will change as long as we continue to support artists wherever they are, championing and protecting their artistic freedom.

Art is an edifice; the higher we elevate it, the more it will soar toward a world of freedom and peace.

The vision of World Art Day, observed every year on April 15, is to strengthen the connection between artistic creativity and society, raise awareness of the diversity of these forms, and highlight the contribution of artists to sustainable development.

This World Day also provides an opportunity to address the issue of art education in schools, recognizing the pivotal role of culture in paving the way for equitable and inclusive education for all.

World Art Day has much to learn, share, and celebrate. Today the whole world is celebrating this day in a variety of ways, including discussions, conferences, workshops, cultural events, presentations, and

exhibitions. In Jammu the day is celebrated by initiating a serious discourse with the brilliant future managers of India.

"This World Art Day is a timely reminder that art can unite and bring us together, even in the most difficult of circumstances.

Indeed, the power of art to bring people together, inspire, heal, and foster exchange has become increasingly evident, most notably during the conflicts and crises of the past few years.

"This is the high time that we adopt arts as an integral part of our lives and ensure that art acquires the required space in every home, every school, college and every educational institution. Let the authorities awake from a long slumber and start recognising the role of arts in shaping nations and generations" Balwant Thakur concluded.

Management Development Program for MSME Entrepreneurs begins at Samba



SAMBA: Deputy Commissioner of Rajesh Sharma Tuesday inaugurated a six-day Management Development Program (MDP) aimed at enhancing the capabilities of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the region. The training program, organized under the Raising & Accelerating MSME Productivity (RAMP) scheme, is being implemented by the Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI).

The inauguration ceremony commenced with a

comprehensive welcome address by the District Nodal Officer of JKEDI, who outlined the program's objectives and expected outcomes. The training has attracted 20 established entrepreneurs from across Samba district, demonstrating strong interest in business development opportunities.

In his inaugural address, the DC emphasized the critical role of MSMEs in driving economic growth and employment generation in the district. "This training initiative represents a sig-

nificant step towards building a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem in Samba," remarked the Deputy Commissioner.

Later interacting with the participating entrepreneurs, he encouraged them to fully utilize the knowledge and skills offered through the program to scale their businesses effectively.

The RAMP scheme, under which this training is being conducted, is a central government initiative designed to strengthen the MSME sector through targeted interventions, capacity building, and technology adoption. This inaugural training program in Samba marks a pivotal development in enhancing MSME productivity within the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Movement Kalki holds key meeting in Akhnoor

JAMMU: A significant meeting was organized by Movement Kalki at the historic Bhagwan Parshuram Temple in Akhnoor on Tuesday.

The meeting was presided over by Shri Sanjeev Dubey, Core Committee Member of Movement Kalki. The central focus of the meeting was an in-depth discussion on the growing issues of animal trafficking and cow slaughter in society.

Movement Kalki Founder Deepak Singh and Advocate Someshwar Kohli (Legal Advisor) were also present during the session. People from nearby areas such as Khodh Palawala, Jorian, and others attended the meeting, showing their interest and willingness to join the Movement voluntarily. They expressed happiness in being associated with a cause dedicated to Dharma and social awakening. All present took a solemn pledge to dedicate themselves - mind, body, and soul - to the establishment of Dharma and to collectively fight against the evils prevailing in society.

SKUAST-Jammu organises Farmer-Centric Outreach Programme under Tribal Sub-Plan

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REASI: A farmer-centric outreach programme was today organized here at Village Sungri, Panchayat Channa B, Block Chassana.

The event was held under the Government of India's Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) initiative and conducted by SKUAST-Jammu through its ICAR - All India Coordinated Research Programme (AICRP) on Rice, Chatha Centre, in collaboration with the Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department. The programme, under the visionary leadership of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, aimed at promoting sustainable rice cultivation,

input support, and livelihood enhancement among Scheduled Tribe (ST) rice farmers of the Mahore region.

Member Legislative Assembly Gulabgarh Er Khurshid Ahmed graced the occasion and appreciated SKUAST-Jammu's dedicated efforts for tribal farmer welfare. He also highlighted the agricultural potential of the region and stressed the importance of diversification in farming practices.

The event witnessed active support from the Reasi District Administration, including Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik, ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samyal and Chief Agriculture Officer Harbans Singh. Their efforts ensured smooth coordination and farmer-friendly ar-

rangements. A total of 200 Agricultural Input Kits, including a Knapsack Sprayer, a Rake, and 12 kg of Giza Variety Rice Seed, were distributed among the ST rice farmers. The distribution was facilitated by the Agriculture Department team led by SDAO Dharmari Naresh Gupta and supported by AEOs and field staff from the concerned areas in collaboration with SKUAST-Jammu scientists.

Technical sessions led by Dr. Anuradha Saha, Chief Scientist & Incharge, AICRP on Rice, provided farmers with expert guidance on scientific rice cultivation, pest and disease management, and soil health. She was joined by Dr. R.S. Sudan, Dr. Rajan Salalia.

GDC Ramgarh hosts Seminar on Cyber Bullying and Anti-Bullying Policies

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SAMBA: Government Degree College (GDC) Ramgarh, organized a seminar on "Cyber bullying and Implementing Anti-Bullying Policies in Schools" under the aegis of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

The event was conducted under the esteemed guidance and supervision of the Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) Meeru Abrol, with the aim to raise awareness about the growing concern of cyber bullying and the importance of creating safe and inclusive environments in educational institutions.

A number of students took part in the seminar, presenting insightful and well-prepared perspectives on the issue of cyber bullying and the importance of



implementing anti-bullying policies in schools. The presentations were evaluated by an esteemed panel of judges comprising Prof. Brham Dutt and Ashok Kumar.

Chahat of Semester IV secured the First Position, while the Second Position was shared by Kiran-

deep of Sem. VI and Harmandeep of Sem. IV. The Third Position was shared by Ruhi and Alisha, both from Semester VI.

The whole event was coordinated by Prof. Sandeep Kumari and it concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Prof. Brham Dutt.

The seminar also witnessed active participation from faculty members including Dr. Shivali Panjottra, Dr. Neeraj, Priya, and Anjali as well as a large number of students who contributed to the program's success through their involvement and curiosity.