

Rajouri Youth begin PM's 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyaan' with Tribute to the Martyrs

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RAJOURI: District Rajouri marked the launch of the Prime Minister's 100-Week "Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyaan" with a solemn and inspiring tribute to the martyrs, reaffirming the resolve of the district's youth to build a strong, disciplined and drug-free India.

Following the Prime Minister's virtual address inaugurating the nationwide campaign, My Bharat volunteers assembled at the Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa Memorial Museum & Library, a unique memorial dedicated to the Operation Sindoor, the Shaurya of the Indian Armed Forces and the extraordinary resilience of the people of Rajouri.

The Memorial Museum & Library, inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir in April 2026, has been established as a living tribute to the supreme sacrifice of Martyr Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, who laid down his life while serving



the people during Operation Sindoor.

More than a memorial, it preserves the inspiring story of Operation Sindoor, honours the courage and valour of the Indian Army Security Forces & District Administration.

The Museum and Library chronicles the unwavering spirit, courage and resilience displayed by the people of Rajouri in the face of cross-border shelling and adversity.

The memorial stands today as a symbol of patriotism, public service and the unbreakable bond between the Armed Forces, Civil Administration and the

citizens of this border district.

Standing before this symbol of sacrifice and national pride, the volunteers paid homage to the martyrs and drew inspiration from the values of courage, selfless service and dedication to the nation. They resolved to carry these ideals into their own lives by becoming ambassadors of a Nasha Mukh Bharat and active participants in the Prime Minister's 100-week Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp'.

The volunteers pledged to reach every section of society through awareness campaigns, youth engagement,

educational institutions and community participation, working closely with local stakeholders to eliminate the menace of drug abuse and strengthen the moral fabric of society. They affirmed that protecting the nation is not only the responsibility of those who guard its borders but also of every citizen who safeguards its youth from the scourge of narcotics.

The District Administration expressed confidence that commencing this historic campaign from the Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa Memorial Museum & Library would imbue the movement with a deeper sense of purpose. By drawing inspiration from the martyrs of Operation Sindoor, the heroism of the Indian Armed Forces and the resilience of the people of Rajouri, the youth of the district have transformed the Prime Minister's call into a solemn pledge of service, patriotism and nation-building, taking a decisive step towards realizing the vision of a Nasha Mukh Yuva for a Viksit Bharat.

GGM Science College, CLUJ join PM Modi's 'Nasha Mukh Yuva' Campaign

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JAMMU: Government Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College, Jammu, and Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), Sunday participated in the live telecast of the launch of the nationwide 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, through video conferencing.

The campaign aims to inspire young people to stay away from substance abuse and become ambassadors of positive social change, contributing to the vision of a developed and drug-free India.

The live telecast was organised in the Conference Hall of GGM Science College in the presence of Yudhviri Sethi, MLA, Jammu East, as the Chief Guest, while Prof. K. S. Chandrasekhar, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, attended as the Guest of Honour.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of UG and PG



students, faculty and staff of GGM Science College, Deans of CLUJ, NCC cadets, NSS volunteers, ANOs, NSS Programme Officers, and members of the College's NCORD Committee.

Welcoming the dignitaries, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal, GGM Science College, highlighted the growing menace of substance abuse and stressed the collective responsibility of educational institutions, parents, civil society, and government agencies in creating awareness and fostering a healthy, disciplined, and drug-free society.

In his address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called upon the youth to reject drugs and dedicate themselves to nation-building.

He described a drug-free youth as the foundation of a Viksit Bharat and urged educational institutions to play a leading role in spreading awareness and encouraging healthy lifestyles.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhviri Sethi appreciated the Government's commitment to protecting the future of the younger generation through such meaningful initiatives.

He urged students to remain vigilant against drug abuse, become role models in society, and actively promote awareness among their peers. Emphasising the role of youth in nation-building, Yudhviri Sethi also announced a grant of Rs 20 lakh from his

Constituency Development Fund for the infrastructural development and overall strengthening of GGM Science College, Jammu.

The announcement was received with enthusiastic applause and was widely appreciated by the faculty, students, and other dignitaries present.

Prof. K. S. Chandrasekhar commended the campaign and underscored the vital role of universities and colleges in nurturing socially responsible citizens. He encouraged institutions to strengthen awareness programmes, counselling initiatives, and community outreach activities while motivating students to channel their energies towards education, innovation, sports, and nation-building.

The programme concluded with a collective pledge by all participants to support the objectives of the 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' and contribute towards building a drug-free and developed India.

Those sheltering terrorists equally guilty, must be nailed: Raman Suri

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JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Raman Suri Sunday said the barbaric killing of two innocent Hindu workers from Chhattisgarh in Kulgam has once again exposed the presence of an active terror ecosystem in Jammu Kashmir, asserting that it is now imperative to nail not only the terrorists but also those who provide them shelter, logistics, support and are their sympathisers.

He said lasting peace in Kashmir can only be ensured when every link in the terror chain is dismantled without discrimination. Strongly condemning the gruesome attack, Suri said the selective targeting of the victims after allegedly asking about their religion is a chilling reminder of the Pahalgam terror attack in which innocent tourists were similarly identified on the basis of their faith before being massacred. He said such acts clearly reflect the communal agenda of Pakistan-backed terror outfits.

Raman Suri said the responsibility claimed by The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of Lashkar-e-Taiba, once again exposes Pakistan's continued proxy war against India. He said Pakistan created TRF to escape

international scrutiny while continuing to sponsor cross-border terrorism through new fronts after facing pressure from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). "The Kulgam incident proves that terrorists continue to find shelter in certain pockets and there are still elements willing to provide them protection and assistance which must be nailed".

He said terrorism has no religion, but it is equally true that terrorist organisations repeatedly misuse religion as a shield to radicalise youth and justify barbaric acts.

The repeated targeting of innocent Hindus by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists leaves no room for ambiguity about their motives, he said adding that the statements made by National Conference president Farooq Abdullah is deeply unfortunate that instead of unequivocally condemning the terrorists or demanding strict action against their supporters he is trying to politicise the tragedy by linking it with the restoration of Jammu Kashmir's statehood.

Expressing condolences to the bereaved families, Raman Suri said the nation stands firmly with them and has complete faith in the security forces.

Natrang's 'Tootate Sapne' highlights perils of drug abuse and the need to Protect the Dreams of Youth

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JAMMU: Natrang presented its latest Hindi play, "Tootate Sapne", compiled by Krishav Bhatia and directed by Neeraj Kant, as part of its weekly Sunday Theatre series.

The powerful production delivered a compelling message on the devastating consequences of drug abuse, examination-related stress, and the growing moral and social challenges confronting today's youth. Through an emotionally charged narrative, the play urged society to safeguard the dreams of young people by promoting awareness, compassion, and collective responsibility.

Speaking on the occasion, Natrang Director Balwant Thakur said that Natrang has always remained at the forefront of responding to changing social realities through theatre. He added that the institution has presented countless performances over the years to sensitize young people about the dangers of drug abuse and inspire them to make positive



life choices.

The play opened with the entire cast entering as a chorus, singing a stirring song that gradually transformed into powerful slogans against drug abuse.

Amid this atmosphere of protest, the audience witnessed

a grieving mother sitting on a peaceful dharna, demanding justice for her daughter, who had died by suicide. At the same time, a group of young people raised their voices against the growing menace of substance abuse, setting the tone for an emotionally powerful

performance.

When approached by a journalist, the mother narrated the tragic story of her family. Her husband was an alcoholic who returned home intoxicated every day, creating an environment of fear, violence, and emotional instability. Despite these hardships, she struggled to hold the family together while nurturing her daughter's dream of becoming a doctor.

The daughter devoted herself wholeheartedly to preparing for the NEET examination, believing it to be the gateway to a brighter future. However, her dreams were shattered when the examination was cancelled following a question paper leak. The devastating news left her emotionally broken, making her feel that years of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice had been rendered meaningless.

At her most vulnerable, instead of receiving genuine emotional support, she was misguided by friends who introduced her to drugs as a means of escaping her pain. Gradually, addiction clouded her judgment, leaving

her increasingly isolated and helpless. Taking advantage of her vulnerable condition, a criminal sexually assaulted her. The combined trauma of the assault, addiction, and shattered aspirations pushed her into severe depression. Unable to cope with the overwhelming emotional burden, she ultimately died by suicide. The tragedy left behind a devastated mother whose fight for justice became the voice of countless families torn apart by addiction, corruption, exploitation, and social neglect. Her protest symbolized not only the pain of losing her own daughter but also the anguish of every family that has lost a young life to drugs, exploitation, and systemic failures. In the concluding moments of the play, government representatives assured the public that every possible measure would be taken to prevent such tragedies in the future. They announced financial assistance for the bereaved family and reaffirmed their commitment to intensifying the fight against drug abuse.

GCW Udhampur organises Live Streaming of PM Modi's address under 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat' campaign

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UDHAMPUR: Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur successfully organised the live streaming of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address under the nationwide campaign "Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat", launched by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, through MY Bharat.

The programme aimed to inspire youth to actively participate in the national movement against substance abuse and contribute towards the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

The programme was organised under the patronage of Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Nalini Pathania, who welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of creating



a drug-free society through collective efforts.

Addressing the gathering, She emphasized that educational institutions play a pivotal role in shaping responsible citizens by instilling values of discipline, social responsibility, and healthy living among students. She urged the youth to stay

away from substance abuse and actively participate in the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, becoming ambassadors of awareness and positive social change within society. The live streaming of the programme was meticulously coordinated by the Department of Computer Science, while the overall

arrangements and smooth conduct of the event were jointly supervised by the NSS Programme Officers and NCC Associate NCC Officers (ANOs). The live telecast of the Prime Minister's address was witnessed with great enthusiasm by 170 participants, including the Principal, teaching and

non-teaching staff, NSS Programme Officers, NCC Associate NCC Officers (ANOs), NCC Cadets, NSS Volunteers, MY Bharat National Volunteers, and students of the college.

During his address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called upon the youth of the nation to become the driving force behind the 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat' campaign. He emphasized that the fight against substance abuse must become a Jan Andolan (People's Movement) and urged every young citizen to take a pledge to remain drug-free while inspiring others to do the same. He highlighted that the strength and character of India's youth are the foundation of Viksit Bharat @2047 and encouraged educational institutions, vol-

unteers, and community organisations to work collectively towards building a healthy, aware, and responsible society. As part of the programme, participants witnessed a thought-provoking Nukkad Natak highlighting the devastating consequences of drug addiction on individuals, families, and society. A Nasha Mukh Bharat Pledge was administered to all participants, reaffirming their commitment to building a drug-free India and motivating others to join the nationwide movement against substance abuse. The programme also featured inspiring poetry recitations by MY Bharat National Volunteers and NSS Volunteers, who eloquently highlighted the importance of a drug-free society, youth empowerment, and national service.

Jammu Rural Congress launches plantation drive

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JAMMU: District Jammu Rural Congress, under the leadership of Neeraj Kundan, today launched a plantation drive beginning from Block Miran Sahib.

The programme was organised by Khushwant Singh, President of the All India Youth Congress (AYC), with active participation from local leadership.

Minority cell chairman Nathu Singh, Block President Miran Sahib Gurmeet Singh and Block President Bishnah Vijay Tagotra were present on the occasion.

Volunteers and party workers planted saplings at designated sites and also distributed plants among residents to encourage wider community involvement in greening efforts.

Speaking on the occasion, Neeraj Kundan emphasised the critical importance of protecting the environment. He stated, "Our responsibility towards nature cannot be postponed. Every sapling we plant today is an investment in cleaner air, better soil, and a healthier future for the next generation. The Congress party remains committed to practical steps that safeguard our environment while involving the people of Jammu at the grassroots. I urge every citizen to join this mission of plantation and conservation so that we leave behind a greener and more sustainable Jammu for our children."

The drive forms part of a broader initiative by District Jammu Rural Congress to promote environmental awareness and collective.

GDC Ramgarh attend Live Streaming of PM's address on 'Nasha Mukh Yuva'

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RAMGARH: Government Degree College (GDC) Ramgarh observed the Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan. Faculty members, staff, and NSS volunteers participated under the guidance of the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Meeru Abrol.

The programme began with the administration of the Nasha Mukh Yuva Pledge, taken by all participants including faculty, staff, NSS PO of NSS Unit 'Pabha', NSS volunteers, and dignitaries. This collective pledge reaffirmed their commitment to building a healthy, responsi-

ble, and drug free society. Following the pledge, the Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Meeru Abrol, Principal of GDC Ramgarh, addressed the participants. In her remarks, she appreciated the valuable message of the Prime Minister and motivated the youth to remain steadfast in their resolve against substance abuse.

After the address, a devotional session was conducted, creating a solemn and inspiring atmosphere that reinforced the spirit of collective dedication to the cause.

Subsequently, the participants attended the live streaming of the Hon'ble

Prime Minister's address on the theme 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat.'

The Prime Minister highlighted the importance of making India drug free and urged the youth to actively participate in the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan. He encouraged young people to adopt healthy lifestyles and spread awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse.

The programme concluded with participants reaffirming their determination to support the vision of a Nasha Mukh Bharat by creating awareness and inspiring others to stay away from drugs.

Langar Seva Samiti Jallo Chak felicitates Municipal CTO Balkar

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JAMMU: Langar Seva Samiti, Jallo Chak, expressed its heartfelt gratitude to the Jammu Municipal Corporation for extending excellent support and providing essential civic facilities during the successful grand Bhandara organized at Parmandal.

On the occasion, Samiti President Naresh Charak, along with members of the committee, warmly welcomed Municipal Corporation CTO Balkar Angral and felicitated him in recognition of his valuable contribution and cooperation.

Speaking on the occasion, President Naresh Charak and other committee members stated that the Municipal Corporation played a vital role in ensuring the smooth conduct of the religious event by making timely ar-



rangements for sanitation, drinking water, and other essential public

utilities. They appreciated the prompt re-

sponse of the department in providing every facility required by the Samiti throughout the event.

The office-bearers said that the wholehearted support and efficient management of the Municipal Corporation ensured that thousands of devotees participated in the Bhandara without facing any inconvenience.

They extended their sincere thanks to CTO Balkar Angral and the entire Municipal Corporation team for their dedicated service and cooperation.

Addressing the gathering, CTO Balkar Angral appreciated the social and religious initiatives undertaken by Langar Seva Samiti, Jallo Chak, and assured the committee of continued support from the Municipal Corporation for such public welfare activities in the future.