

# DC Doda conducts Security AUDIT for critical infrastructure Projects

## Awareness programme held on Child and Maternal Health

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**DODA:** A comprehensive security audit of critical infrastructure projects in Doda district was conducted today under the leadership of District Magistrate Harvinder Singh. The meeting, held at the Mini Meeting Hall of the DC Office, was attended by key officials, including Additional Deputy Commissioner Sudarshan Kumar, SP Operations Sunil Kumar Kesar, GM NHIDCL Ajay Thakur, and Project Directors/Managers from companies involved in ongoing and upcoming infrastructure projects across the district. The primary focus of the meeting was ensuring the safety and security of vital infrastructure in the district. Several measures were discussed, including the establishment of a CCTV control room, deployment of Video



Data Gateways, and the strategic placement of Special Operations Group personnel. Additionally, the inclusion of trained canine units was proposed to enhance surveillance efforts. Security protocols will also include ensuring security personnel at entry points, implementing a rotation system for security guards, and displaying contact information for local police and officers at

project sites. The meeting also highlighted the importance of controlled access with single entry and exit points, fencing, and containment strategies to bolster security. District Magistrate Harvinder Singh stressed the importance of coordinated efforts and instructed all stakeholders to implement these measures to safeguard the district's critical infrastructure. In a parallel event, a one-

day Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) program was organized by District Programme Officer (DPO) Doda, S. Paramjeet Singh, in collaboration with the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) Bhaderwah, at Khorwah, Panchayat Gajoth. The program focused on raising awareness about initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Poshan

Abhiyaan, breastfeeding, and balanced diets for children up to six years of age. The event saw active participation from local citizens, social workers, Anganwadi workers, and women. Engaging activities, including skits, speeches, and Poshan songs, were presented to spread important messages about child nutrition and maternal health. Prominent citizens and former Panchayati Raj Institution members highlighted the significance of grassroots-level awareness programs. DPO S. Paramjeet Singh shared that over 30 such programs had been conducted across the district, with plans for continued efforts throughout the year to promote better health and development for children and women. The event was praised for its impactful outreach and community involvement.

# Kotwal reviews progress of HADP and KKGs; calls for stronger participation to empower local farmers



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**KISHTWAR:** Kishtwar, Nov 21: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kishtwar, Pawan Kotwal today chaired a meeting to assess the progress of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and the implementation of Kissan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) in the district. The meeting, aimed to conduct a comprehensive sector-wise review of the initiatives designed to enhance agricultural development. Nodal Officer for HADP, Amjad Hussain Malik, presented an update on the programme, revealing that 6,441 applications were received

from farmers seeking benefits across various agricultural sectors. Of these, 5,160 applications were approved by the District Level Committee, with 4,355 applications in the agriculture sector, 49 in horticulture, 490 in animal husbandry, 164 in sheep husbandry, 78 in sericulture, 18 in fisheries, and 6 in marketing. The ADC also reviewed the implementation of Kissan Khidmat Ghars and urged all allied departments to ensure farmers are registered on the KKG app. In line with this, a training program for Krishi Udhayam and field functionaries from the agriculture and allied sectors has been scheduled for tomorrow.

During the meeting, the ADC emphasized the importance of recruiting adequate Krishi Udhayam for the second phase of the program. He directed an extension of the advertisement deadline to maximize participation and instructed field functionaries to prioritize the registration of eligible candidates across the district. The meeting was attended by senior officials including the District Sheep Husbandry Officer, District Agriculture Officer, Saffron Development Officer, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officers, Subject Matter Specialists, and other relevant staff from agriculture and allied sectors.

# Bakaya anguished over demolition of KP Shops in Muthi

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**JAMMU:** Vijay Bakaya, General Secretary of Apni Party and former Member of Legislative Council (MLC), has expressed deep dismay over the recent demolition of shops run by displaced Kashmiri Pandits in the Muthi area of Jammu. In a statement issued today, Bakaya criticized the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) for what he called an "insensitive and ruthless" demolition drive targeting the migrant community. Citing media reports, Bakaya revealed that several shops operated by Kashmiri Pandit migrants for nearly 30 years were dismantled by the JDA without prior notice or provision of alternative arrangements. Bakaya condemned the act, describing it as "high-handed" and questioned the JDA's intentions. "If there was any legitimate reason for removing these shops, the authorities should have issued a notice and provided an



alternative location," he stated. The former MLC further highlighted that the demolition has deprived the displaced shopkeepers of their livelihoods, which they had sustained for decades despite their struggles as migrants. Bakaya has urged the JDA to immediately rehabilitate the affected shopkeepers and ensure their means of livelihood are restored.

# MAM college hosts awareness event on Mission YUVA to empower Youth; 350 students participate

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**JAMMU:** Maulana Azad Memorial College, Jammu, organized a one-day Awareness Programme on Mission YUVA in collaboration with the Department of Labour and Employment. The event, aimed at promoting employment opportunities through entrepreneurship across Jammu and Kashmir, was attended by nearly 350 students. The session kicked off with a welcome address by College Principal Prof. Dr. BB Anand, who emphasized the importance of fostering an entrepreneurial spirit among youth and the pivotal role educational institutions play in shaping the next generation of leaders. Special Secretary of the Labour and Employment Department, Pawan Parihar, delivered a motivational inaugural lecture, highlighting the role of youth in the growth of nano, micro,



and medium-level startups. Mission YUVA focuses on providing skill development and training programs to equip young people with the necessary tools to become employable and self-sufficient. Kanav Sharma, AGM at NABARD, served as the event's

resource person, discussing enterprise development and business planning for emerging entrepreneurs. Additionally, Sulakshna Thakur, Assistant Director at the Directorate of Employment, provided valuable insights into the different aspects of Mission YUVA.

Dr. Vishal Sharma, Nodal Officer for Higher Education Mission YUVA, played a key role in encouraging students and spreading awareness about the mission, which offers financial assistance, mentorship, and resources to budding entrepreneurs. The students were also inspired by success stories from entrepreneurs Anant Maini, Anmol Preet Kour, and Kumari Pooja. The event was hosted by students Manyu Pandoh and Muskan Manhas, who expressed their gratitude to the resource persons for their contributions. Dr. Bharti Sathia, Coordinator of YUVA at MAM College, organized the event with the support of college students. Faculty members, including Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Prof. Poonam Angotra, Prof. Pinky Kotwal, Prof. Deep Chand, Dr. Kanwaljeet Kaur, and Prof. Nishu Devi, were also in attendance. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Gagandeep.

# KCCI President meets CEO J&K Bank, seeks special OTS scheme for borrowers

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**JAMMU:** In a crucial meeting between the President of the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Javid Ahmad Tenga, and Jammu and Kashmir Bank's Managing Director and CEO, Baldev Prakash, pressing banking concerns faced by the business community were brought to the fore. Tenga highlighted the urgent need for a Special One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme to alleviate financial stress among borrowers. He stressed that the proposed OTS should avoid restrictive conditions and include a long-term repayment tenure, offering meaningful relief to struggling businesses. Responding to the demand,



Prakash assured the KCCI President that the bank is actively working on formulating an OTS scheme, signaling a positive step towards addressing long-standing

challenges. The discussions also covered broader strategies for fostering economic growth and enhancing collaboration between the banking sector

and the business community. Tenga lauded J&K Bank's growth trajectory and its contributions to the economic development of Jammu and Kashmir, reaffirming KCCI's commitment to a collaborative approach. "J&K Bank and KCCI, as two of the oldest institutions in the region, have consistently played a pivotal role in driving economic development. This partnership will continue to contribute to the prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir," said Tenga. The meeting marked a renewed commitment to strengthening ties between the business and banking sectors, with both sides recognizing the importance of synergy in achieving sustained economic progress in the region.

# DG CRPF inaugurates State-of-the-Art Saloon in memory of fallen hero

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**RAMBAN:** A state-of-the-art saloon, named Shaheed Naik Joginder Singh Chenab View Saloon, was inaugurated today at the Tactical Headquarters of the 84th Battalion CRPF in Boom Chanderkote, Ramban. The saloon, honoring the memory of Naik Joginder Singh, who laid down his life fighting militancy in Moga, Punjab, on November 23, 1989, was opened by DIG CRPF Jammu North Ops Range, Vivek Bhandral. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Commandant N Ranbir Singh, Assistant Commandant Inderjeet Singh, Constable Raj Kumar, other personnel of the 84th Battalion, and



members of the media. At the event, DIG Vivek Bhandral lauded the ef-

forts of the battalion for designing and constructing a modern facility that caters

to the well-being of personnel stationed far from their homes. "This unique initiative will serve as a common facility, providing much-needed grooming and relaxation services to those in the line of duty," he said. The saloon is equipped with advanced amenities, including hair-cutting, facials, bleach, foot massages, and body massages, ensuring a comfortable and rejuvenating experience for CRPF personnel. Shaheed Naik Joginder Singh, the saloon's namesake, is remembered for his supreme sacrifice in the line of duty, and this facility stands as a tribute to his valor and dedication to the nation.

# Power shutdown

**JAMMU:** Chief Engineer (Distribution) JP-DCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Sidhra, Tawi Vihar Colony, Majin, and its adjoining areas will remain affected on November 22 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Similarly, the power supply to Birpur and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 22 from 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM. Likewise, the power supply to Marmat, Prabable and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 22 and 24 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Similarly, the power supply to Rajouri Town, Thanamandi, Manjakote, Koteranka and District Poonch will remain affected on November 23 from 8 AM to 2 PM.

# 4 bovines rescued

**JAMMU:** Jammu Police tightening its nose against bovine smugglers under operation Kamdhenu Police team of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli has foiled one bovine smuggling attempt in which 04 bovines were rescued from a vehicle Mahindra bearing registration number Jk21G-4189 which was coming Jammu towards Udhampur and when reached at Suketar naka point. The driver of the vehicle fled away from the spot after taking advantage of the darkness. Four bovines were rescued and vehicle seized. In this regard, a case FIR number 252/2024 under Section 223/BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered in Police Station Jhajjar Kotli. Further investigation is underway.

# GCW Udh hosts weeklong Lecture Series on Environmental Degradation and Management



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**UDHAMPUR:** The Department of Zoology, Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur, organized a week-long lecture series on the theme Environmental Degradation and Management from November 13 to November 20, 2024. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students who shared their insights and ideas under the guidance of Principal Dr. Nalini Pathania. The program began with a formal welcome address by Dr. Sanjeet Kour, Head of the Zoology Department, who emphasized the relevance of the theme in daily life and the pivotal role students can play in fostering sustainable practices for environmental conservation. On the opening day, Sonali, a BSc Semester III student, introduced the theme and elaborated on various

types of pollution contributing to environmental degradation. A team comprising Sonali, Shruti Chib, Kirti Sharma, and Shiny Singh delivered a detailed presentation on air pollution, covering its types, sources, effects, and mitigation strategies, including a focus on the Air Quality Index (AQI). Day two spotlighted water pollution, with presentations by Arti Sharma, Arushi Sharma, Priya, and Priya Sharma. The group discussed the significance of water, the devastating effects of water pollution, and control measures, highlighting the role of youth in addressing this issue. The third day tackled plastic pollution, led by Prashi Devi, Samiksha, Danisha Bhardwaj, and Meenakshi Devi. Their discussions centered on the dangers of microplastic pollution and its far-reaching effects on ecosystems. Soil pollution and solid

waste management were explored on the fourth day by Isha Sharma, Priya, Simran, Rippy, and Sakshi. The presenters delved into the impact of improper waste disposal on soil health and sustainable practices for mitigation. The fifth and sixth days focused on noise pollution and thermal pollution, respectively. Engaging presentations were delivered by Monika, Simran, Vanshika, Veena, Lakshmi, Priya, and Bhumika, covering the sources, effects, and control measures for these lesser-discussed but critical forms of pollution. The series concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony to honor the presenters for their diligence and impactful presentations. Coordinated by Dr. Anita Kumari and facilitated by Dr. Neha Antal and Prof. Munaza Mehra, the event was lauded by both students and faculty for its effectiveness in raising awareness.

# Archives Deptt facilitates visit of Specially abled Children to Dogra Art Museum

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**JAMMU:** Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K, while celebrating World Heritage Week (19-25, Nov. 2024), facilitated the visit of specially abled children from School for Hearing Handicapped J&K Samaj Kalyan Kendra to Dogra Art Museum, Jammu. The initiative taken up by the Department was aimed to offer the children a unique cultural experience. Throughout the day, the children participated in the tailored tours to the Bahu Fort and Archival Exhibition, Kala Kendra, Jammu before visiting the Dogra Art Museum, wherein they were briefed about the history and significance attached to Bahu Fort. The students were also shown rare Archival Documents in the Exhibition and they evinced keen interest while visiting the Exhibition. This visit was a wonderful opportunity to inspire young minds and foster a deeper appreciation for our culture. Guided by the experienced staff, the children explored various exhibits that were



showcased. The event aimed to provide an enriching educational experience. The visit was organized on the directions of Kuldeep Krishan Sidha, Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K, who was keen to provide equal learning opportunities to these specially abled children. The Museum also provided friendly spaces and resources to support the various needs of the Hearing and speech impaired children, ensuring that each child could enjoy their visit to the fullest. The students were accompanied by Roshan Bhan, the School Principal and other Teachers/Interpreters of the institution. It was the first

of its kind educational initiative, wherein interpreters explained the significance of heritage and culture to the students by using sign language.

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