

Senior Treatment Supervisors s
ensitized to NTEP framework

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To strengthen the im-
plementation of the Na-
tional Tuberculosis Elim-
ination Programme
(NTEP) at the grassroots
level and enhance the
knowledge and skills of
field staff, a one day sen-
sitized and training pro-
gramme for Senior Treat-
ment Supervisors (STS) of
District Doda was today
conducted here at the
CMO Office.

The programme was
held under the supervi-
sion of District Tubercu-
losis Officer (DTO) Doda-
Kishtwar Dr Raj Kumar
Sharma.

The training session was
conducted by WHO Con-
sultant J&K Dr Ishfaq
Nazir. He provided hands-
on training to the con-
cerned staff on various
NTEP indicators, Nikshay
Portal reporting, docu-
mentation, monitoring
and other programme-re-
lated activities. Emphasis
was laid on accurate and
timely reporting, proper
maintenance of records
and strengthening follow-



up mechanisms for TB pa-
tients.

He also interacted with
the participants and ad-
dressed their field level
queries, providing practi-
cal guidance on resolving
common challenges en-
countered during imple-
mentation and reporting
under NTEP.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Dr Raj Kumar
Sharma stressed upon the
participants to ensure ef-
fective implementation of
NTEP activities at the
grassroots level. He high-
lighted the importance of
timely reporting, quality
documentation, regular
monitoring and coordi-
nated efforts by field staff
for achieving the objec-

tives of TB elimination.
He urged the STSs to uti-
lize the training effectively
and ensure that pro-
gramme guidelines are
implemented in letter and
spirit across the district.
Mashhood Latif,
BM&EO NHM Ghat and
Nodal Officer NTEP Doda
were also present on the
occasion.

NAPS Apprenticeship Mela held at ITI Ramban

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 25: District Industrial Centre Ramban on Friday organised an Ap-
prenticeship Mela here at
Government Industrial
Training Institute (ITI)
with the objective provid-
ing apprenticeship oppor-
tunities to local youth and
students and encouraging
greater participation of
establishments under the
National Apprenticeship

Promotion Scheme
(NAPS).
The programme was or-
ganised under the super-
vision of General Man-
ager, District Industries
Centre (DIC) Ravindra
Anand and Superinten-
dent, Government ITI
Parvez Iqbal. Officers and
officials from the depart-
ments of Employment,
Labour, Education, Rural
Development and Muni-

pal Council participated in
the programme.
The participating offi-
cers sensitised the stu-
dents and local youth to
the objectives, benefits
and opportunities avail-
able under the National
Apprenticeship Promot-
ion Scheme. They high-
lighted the importance of
apprenticeship training in
bridging the gap between
academic learning and

practical workplace skills.
The speakers encour-
aged the youth to make ef-
fective use of apprentice-
ship opportunities to
acquire industry-relevant
skills, gain practical expe-
rience and enhance their
employability. They also
emphasised the role of
skill development and vo-
cational training in pro-
moting self-employment
and entrepreneurship.

Director Information, DIPR employees condole demise
of senior Photojournalist Andrabi's father, driver Ahad

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Director Information,
Shreya Singhal has ex-
pressed profound grief
and sorrow over the
demise of the father of se-
nior photojournalist of
Hindustan Times,
Waseem Andrabi, who
passed away today.

In her condolence mes-
sage, the Director Infor-
mation expressed solidar-
ity with Waseem Andrabi
and his bereaved family at
this difficult hour, convey-
ing heartfelt sympathies
over the irreparable loss.

She prayed for eternal
peace to the departed soul
and also prayed for the be-
reaved family to bear this
irreparable loss.

Meanwhile, the employ-
ees of Directorate of Infor-
mation and Public Rela-
tions (DIPR) also
expressed deep grief over
the demise of the father of
senior Hindustan Times
photojournalist, Waseem
Andrabi. The employees
also prayed for strength,
patience and courage to
the bereaved family to
bear this profound loss
with fortitude.

Meanwhile, Director In-
formation, Shreya Singhal

has expressed deep shock
and profound grief over
the demise of Abdul Ahad
Bhat, Driver of Joint Di-
rector Information (JDI)
Kashmir, who passed
away yesterday after a
brief illness.

In her condolence mes-
sage, the Director Infor-
mation conveyed heartfelt
sympathies to the be-
reaved family and de-
scribed the deceased as a
kind, humble and warm-
hearted person who was
held in high regard by his
colleagues and all those
who had the opportunity
to know him.

The Director Informa-

tion said that the demise
of Abdul Ahad Bhat is an
irreparable loss to his
family as well as to the de-
partment, where he ren-
dered his duties with sin-
cerity and dedication. She
added that his gentle dis-
position, helpful nature
and cordial relations with
colleagues will be remem-
bered with respect and af-
fection.

Meanwhile, the officers
and employees of DIPR
also expressed solidarity
with the bereaved family
during this difficult hour
and prayed for strength
and fortitude for them to
bear the irreparable loss.

5-Day Training Program on Natural Farming
under NMNF concludes at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 25:
A Five-Day Training Programme on
Natural Farming concluded today at
Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)-Anant-
nag, under the National Mission on
Natural Farming (NMNF) for Krishi
Sakhis and BRC members identified by
the Department of Agriculture, Anant-
nag.

The valedictory function was at-
tended by Chief Agriculture Officer,
Anantnag, Shahnawaz Ahmad Shah,
along with other officers and officials
of the Department of Agriculture.

The programme was aimed at build-
ing the technical capacity of frontline
community resource persons and en-
abling them to effectively disseminate
the principles and practices of natural
farming among farming communities.

During the five-day programme, sci-
entists of KVK-Anantnag delivered
technical lectures covering various as-
pects of natural farming, including soil
health management, on-farm prepara-
tion and use of natural farming inputs,
crop management practices and the
role of natural farming in promoting
sustainable and climate-resilient agri-
culture. Practical demonstrations were
also conducted to provide hands-on ex-
posure to the participants.

As part of the programme, an expo-
sure visit to the Shalimar Campus of
SKUAST-Kashmir was also organized,
providing the participants an opportu-
nity to observe relevant technologies
and practices and interact with experts.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr.
Ishtiaq A. Khan, Head, KVK-Anant-
nag, highlighted the significance of nat-
ural farming in reducing dependence



on external inputs, improving soil
health and promoting environmentally
sustainable agricultural production. He
emphasized that the growing empha-
sis on natural and regenerative agricul-
ture reflects a broader global shift to-
wards sustainable farming systems and
noted India's emerging leadership in
promoting sustainable agricultural
practices.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Anantnag,
Shahnawaz Ahmad Shah, emphasized
the need for effective implementation
of the Natural Farming programme at
the grassroots level. He stressed that
the knowledge and skills acquired dur-

ing the training should be translated
into field-level action and disseminated
among farmers in letter and spirit for
wider adoption of natural farming
practices.

The programme concluded with the
distribution of certificates and essen-
tial equipment among the participants,
marking the successful completion of
the training. The training programme
was coordinated by Dr. Shabeer Ah-
mad Ganie, Scientist, KVK-Anantnag
and Nodal Officer, Natural Farming,
who facilitated the technical sessions
and practical components of the pro-
gramme.

GCW Parade organises “My Health, My Pride”
programme under Nasha Mukh Yuva Campaign

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Government College for
Women (GCW), Parade
Ground today organised
the “My Health, My Pride”
programme under the on-
going Nasha Mukh Yuva
Campaign.

The event was held with
the active participation of
the NSS Unit, NCC Unit
and Department of Home
Science. As many as 100
students, including NSS
volunteers and NCC
cadets, participated in the
programme.

The programme was
funded by the Regional
Directorate of NSS, Delhi,
Ministry of Youth Affairs
& Sports-Government of
India.

As part of the initiative, a
General Health Check-up
was conducted for stu-
dents at the college phar-
macy. A team from Gov-
ernment Medical College
(GMC), Jammu, compris-
ing Dr. Mridula Singh, Dr.



Ritu Chib, Dr. Neha Gupta
and Dr. Nikhil Jamwal,
Medical Officers, along
with Bimla Sharma, Rahul
Kumar and Tarun
Sharma, Pharmacists,
conducted health screen-
ing and provided medical
guidance to the students.

The programme fea-
tured two expert sessions.
Dr. Gurmeet Gujral, Clinical
Dietician and Founder
& Director, Global Health
and Diet Institute, Jammu
(ISO Certified), delivered
an insightful session on
“Importance of Nutrition
& Good Health.” She high-
lighted the significance of
balanced nutrition,

healthy lifestyle choices
and preventive healthcare
in maintaining long-term
well-being.

The second session on
“Impact of Addiction on
Good Health” was deliv-
ered by Dr. Mridula Singh,
who sensitised students
about the physical, psy-
chological and social con-
sequences of substance
abuse and encouraged
them to make informed
and healthy choices.

The Department of
Home Science also ac-
tively participated in the
programme, contributing
to the health and nutrition
awareness component of

the initiative.

The programme was co-
ordinated by Dr. Gurpreet
Kour, Dr. Atiya Syed, NSS
Programme Officer and
Dr. Nitu Sharma, ANO,
NCC, with the active sup-
port of the NSS, NCC and
Department of Home Sci-
ence.

The College Principal
Dr. Naveen Anand appre-
ciated the initiative and
highlighted the impor-
tance of organising such
programmes to create
greater awareness among
students about preventive
healthcare, nutrition and
the harmful consequences
of substance abuse.

Ladakh Traffic Police gets
new white uniform

LEH, SEPTEMBER 25: The Ladakh Traffic Po-
lice has donned a new look,
with Lieutenant Governor
Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena
approving the change of its
uniform from the earlier
sky-blue to a crisp white
one.

The change has been ap-
proved with the objective of
improving visibility and
giving the Traffic Police
personnel a fresh and dis-
tinctive appearance, while
ensuring a uniform and
smart look across the Traf-
fic Police in the Union Ter-
ritory.

The new white uniform
will provide Traffic Police
personnel with a neat, tidy
and professional appear-
ance and help create a
more consistent visual
identity for the force, while
performing their duties on
roads across Ladakh.

The decision to officially
change the uniform was
prompted by observations
that the former attire of the



traffic personnel closely re-
sembled the uniforms of
several local schools, often
causing the personnel to
blend into the crowds and
thus reducing their visibility
on the streets.

White uniforms are worn
by Traffic Police personnel
in Delhi and several other
States, and the new uni-

form for Ladakh is in keep-
ing with this widely fol-
lowed practice, thereby en-
hancing the visibility of the
traffic personnel.

The Lieutenant Governor
said that the change in uni-
form was aimed at provid-
ing the Traffic Police with a
fresh and professional
identity and enhancing

their overall appearance
while on duty. He ex-
pressed the hope that the
new uniform would further
strengthen the sense of dis-
cipline and pride among
Traffic Police personnel as
they discharge their impor-
tant responsibility of regu-
lating traffic and assisting
road users.

RCJ honors GCW Gandhi Nagar Educators
with Nation Builder Award 2026

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Under the aegis of the
Rotary India Literacy Mis-
sion, the Rotary Club of
Jammu City (Club ID
79293, District 3070) or-
ganized a felicitation cer-
emony to confer the presti-
gious Nation Builder
Award 2026 upon distin-
guished faculty members
of Padma Shri Padma
Sachdev (PSPS) Govern-
ment College for Women,
Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The awards were pre-
sented in recognition of
the educators' exem-
plary dedication, selfless ser-
vice, and valuable contri-
butions toward shaping
young minds, fostering
academic excellence, and
strengthening society
through education.

Honored Awardees
Prof. (Dr.) Kulvinder Kour
(Principal): Conferred
with the Best Principal



Award for her visionary
leadership, academic di-
rection, and institutional
management.

Prof. Surinder Singh:
Honored for outstanding
teaching service, dedica-
tion, and student mentor-
ship.

Dr. Aran Kumar: Recog-
nized for exemplary com-
mitment to quality educa-
tion, research, and holistic
student development.

Dr. Vijender Kumar:
Commended for continu-

ous contributions toward
Sanskrit in higher educa-
tion, learning empower-
ment, and institutional
growth. Representatives
from the Rotary Club of
Jammu City emphasized
that the Nation Builder
Award reflects Rotary's
nationwide commitment
to recognizing educators
who act as pillars of soci-
etal development. The
ceremony acknowledged
the deep impact these
prominent academics

have made on student life,
moral building, and re-
gional literacy standards.

Accepting the honor on
behalf of the institution,
Principal Prof. (Dr.) Kul-
vinder Kour expressed
heartfelt appreciation to
the Rotary India Literacy
Mission and the Rotary
Club of Jammu City, stat-
ing that such recognitions
reinforce the faculty's
shared dedication to insti-
tutional growth and stu-
dent success.