

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## DDMA Udhampur hosts Disaster awareness events to mark IDDRR 2024

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District Disaster Management Authority Udhampur commemorated the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) 2024 by organizing two impactful disaster awareness and capacity-building programs here today under the guidance of Chairman DDMA Saloni Rai.

These programs aimed at enhancing community preparedness and resilience, in alignment with the global objectives of IDDRR, which is observed annually on October 13 to promote disaster risk awareness and reduce vulnerabilities, following the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

In collaboration with the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and Civil Defence, DDMA Udhampur organised a program at Government Higher Secondary School, Garhi Udhampur.

The event witnessed the participation of around 250 individuals, including students and staff, who were trained in essential disaster management skills such as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), first aid, the Civil Defence/Disaster Management Act of 2005, evacuation procedures, and earthquake safety protocols.

This hands-on session



aimed to equip participants with the skills to manage emergencies effectively.

Simultaneously, DDMA Udhampur, in partnership with Fire and Emergency Services, hosted another program at Government Higher Secondary School Ballian, Udhampur. Around 250 participants, including students and staff, attended the session led by the Consultant from

DDMA Udhampur and Sarvesh Langer, Assistant Director, Fire & Emergency Services, Command Udhampur/Reasi.

This interactive program focused on fire safety, providing insights into different types of fires, prevention methods, and fire control techniques, culminating in a practical fire safety demonstration.

Both programs high-

lighted the critical importance of disaster preparedness and rapid response.

In her concluding remarks, Saloni Rai, Chairman DDMA Udhampur, emphasized the need for continued efforts to build resilience at the community level, empowering the younger generation with the knowledge and skills necessary to face disaster-related challenges.

## JKMSCL organises workshop on Strengthening Public Health Supply Chain Management

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Jammu & Kashmir Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (JKMSCL) successfully organized a State-Level Training of Trainers (ToT) program aimed at strengthening the public health supply chain management across the region. The training initiative brought together key stakeholders from the healthcare sector, focusing on enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the supply chain for essential medical supplies and equipment.

Managing Director, JKMSCL, Kapil Sharma emphasized the importance of a robust supply chain in ensuring the availability of quality healthcare services to the citizens of Jammu & Kashmir. In his address, Sh. Kapil Sharma highlighted the critical role that the trained personnel will play in optimizing the management, storage, and distribution of medical supplies to improve patient outcomes.



The training program saw participation from Directorate of Health Services, Jammu, various Regional Drug Warehouses of JKMSCL, senior officials, pharmacists, and supply chain managers from various health facilities across Jammu Division.

Renowned experts from PATH, served as resource persons, sharing their insights and practical knowledge with the attendees. The sessions included hands-on training, case study discussions, and real-world problem-solving exercises.

The ToT program was met with positive feedback from the participants, who appreciated the in-depth sessions and interactive approach. The newly trained personnel are expected to play a pivotal role in cascading the knowledge and practices learned during the training to their respective teams, ensuring a uniform implementation of best practices in public health supply chain management across the state.

In his closing remarks, Kapil Sharma stated, "This

training program marks a significant step towards building a robust healthcare supply chain system in Jammu & Kashmir. By investing in the skills and capacity of our workforce, we are ensuring that quality medical supplies reach every corner of the Union Territory, ultimately benefiting the people we serve. The certificate of participation was distributed among the participants. Around seventy Medical Officers and other officials participated during two days workshop."

## Govt MAM college organises Extension Lecture to observe Vigilance Awareness Campaign

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To observe Vigilance Awareness Campaign 2024, an Extension Lecture was organized by Maulana Azad Memorial College under the patronage of worthy Principal Dr. B. B. Anand under the aegis of IQAC. The Theme of the event was "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity" and Sh. S. S. Bijral IPS (IGP Retired) was the speaker for the event. The whole event was organized by Organizing Secretary Prof. Shambhu Nath Manhas and coordinated by members of organizing committee viz. Dr. Seema Jamwal, Prof. Swati, Dr. Bharti Slathia, Prof. Menaka Rajput, Prof. Sham Lal, Dr. Devika and Prof. Shabir. The event started with the welcome address



by Dr. Devika followed by the lecture. The speaker highlighted the meaning of Nation and

Integrity and further he stressed that students should follow the values being taught by eminent personalities like Rabindra Nath Tagore, Swami

Vivekananda, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and Guru Nanak Dev Ji to become successful and vigilant individuals for the Nation's Prosperity. The Principal of the College addressed the students and motivated them to follow the footsteps of great personalities and become re-

sponsible citizens. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Bharti Slathia. The event was graced by the presence of other faculty members viz. Dr. Gurdeep Kour, Dr. Jeevan Dhar, Prof. Shivali Gupta, Dr. Rakesh Jasrotia, Dr. Simran and Prof. Gagandeep.

## Director JKEDI reviews functioning of distt centres

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Director Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) Rajinder Kumar Sharma on Tuesday chaired a review meeting of the 20 district centres of the institute here at Bari Brahmana.

The Director reviewed the overall functioning of the district centres and different program verticals of the institute, especially the progress made regarding recovery of loans under different self-employment schemes and the upcoming Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDPs) under Hausla 2.0.

The meeting was attended by the concerned Range Officers, District Nodal Officers of JKEDI and In-charges of the concerned sections and program verticals.

During the meeting the Director ap-



plauded the top performing district teams and pressed upon the others to enhance their efforts and complete the recovery targets in designated time.

The Director gave a thorough analysis of recovery data, highlighting the progress achieved in all the districts of J&K. He said the all round review of the recovery and repayment status underscores the institute's dedication to transparency, accountability and sustainable growth.

He pressed upon all the District Nodal Officers to follow a dynamic approach to deal with the defaulters and realise the government money disbursed as soft loans under different schemes, and follow the due process especially the issuance of demand notices well in advance.

The DNOs were briefed about the upcoming training programs scheduled under Hausla 2.0 initiative in the coming days along with the registrations on the Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry (BHASKAR) portal. Hausla 2.0 seeks to enhance financial inclusion among women in Jammu Kashmir by promoting entrepreneurship and facilitating market access.

The Director highlighted the importance of a unified approach among JKEDI employees to guide youth towards establishing successful ventures as envisioned in the institute's mandate.

## Musical Tribute paid to Lata Mangeshkar by JKAACL, IMFA

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15: The J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), in collaboration with the Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), Jammu, organized a soulful musical tribute to the legendary singer of the century, Lata Mangeshkar, here in the K.L. Saigal Hall. The event marked a heartfelt homage on the 95th birth anniversary of the iconic Indian nightingale.

The event was graced by eminent personalities from the art and academic world. Chief Guest, Prof. B.S. Bali, former Principal of IMFA Jammu, shared his personal experiences with Lata Mangeshkar, reminiscing about her unparalleled dedication to music, her humility, and her timeless voice that continues to inspire generations. Prof. Bali's insights captivated the audience as he highlighted how Lataji's voice shaped the golden era of Indian music and left an indelible mark on Indian culture.

Guest of Honour, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Special Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, applauded the efforts of IMFA for organizing such meaningful programs that not only preserve the



cultural heritage but also inspire young talents. He commended the initiative as a beautiful fusion of music and fine arts, creating a fitting tribute to a legend who was the epitome of both.

The program was conceived by two notable figures from IMFA: Rakesh Sharma, Head of the Department of Fine Arts, and Suraj Singh, Head of the Vocal Department. Their vision and dedication brought together music and visual art to pay homage to Lataji in a multifaceted manner.

A highlight of the event was the series of performances by students from the vocal department of IMFA. Young talents, including Mahi, Arti, Arpana, Nirmal, Rahul, Sohail, Aradhya Sharma, Shivani, Aarav, Divansh, and Priyanshu, showcased their vocal prowess, singing melodies popularized by Lata

Mangeshkar. Their performances were a testament to the fact that Lataji's music continues to inspire young artists.

The main attraction of the evening, however, was the mesmerizing performances by established vocalists, including Suraj Singh, Dr. Deepali Wattal, Rishi Samnotra, Jasmeet Kour and Juhi Singh. Their soulful renditions of some of Lataji's most memorable songs touched the hearts of the audience, transporting them to the golden age of Indian music. These vocalists were expertly supported by a talented group of instrumentalists, with Vijay Anand on Dholak, Amit Anand on Tabla, Andrew on Synth, and Aarav on Guitar, creating a perfect musical symphony.

In addition to the musical tribute, the students of the Fine Arts Department paid

homage to Lata Mangeshkar through an exhibition of portraits. Each portrait, thoughtfully created, captured the grace and soulfulness of Lataji, further enhancing the event's tribute to her legacy. This was the third such program organized by IMFA, continuing its tradition of honoring great figures of Indian culture.

The program was conducted by Barkat, who kept the audience engaged with insightful commentary and seamless transitions between performances. The event saw a strong turnout, with several prominent individuals from the art and cultural community in attendance, including Brij Mohan, Bahadur Singh, Sunil Raina, Kamal Sharma, Dr. Amarjeet Singh, Palak Gandotra, Rachita Dutta, Jasleen Singh and Sukhjeet Singh.

The evening concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Rajeesh Sharma, who expressed gratitude to all participants, guests, and the organizing team. He extended special thanks to Harvinder Kour, Secretary, JKAACL, for her unwavering support and leadership, which made the event possible.

## DC inaugurates 100 Mbps Leased Line Connectivity at NIC District Centre Poonch

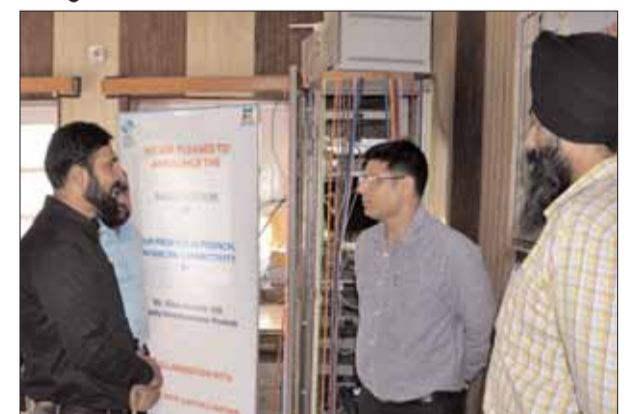
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Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal inaugurated 100 Mbps Leased Line Connectivity here today at the National Informatics Centre (NIC) District Centre Poonch. The newly established connectivity is managed by Railtel, significantly enhancing the district administration's internet infrastructure.

Earlier, the NIC District Centre Poonch operated on a 34 Mbps leased line provided by BSNL.

The new 100 Mbps leased line will ensure smooth operations and consistent connectivity.

Parvinder Singh, District



Informatics Officer, NIC Poonch, informed the Deputy Commissioner that several key government offices, including the District Court, SSP Office, GP Fund Office, District, and Sub-Treasuries, rely on the NIC's connectivity. Currently,

there are approximately 120 Local Area Network (LAN) connections spread across various government offices in District Poonch.

The Chief Technology Officer Net Tech Pvt. Ltd updated the Deputy Commissioner on the establishment

of an additional RF (Radio Frequency) Link at NIC Poonch. This link will serve as a backup in case of failure of the optical fiber connection, ensuring uninterrupted connectivity.

After the inauguration, the DC urged Railtel authorities to ensure that the leased line remains reliable, particularly during winters and rainy seasons, when connectivity failures are more common. He emphasized the importance of this infrastructure, as many government departments depend on it for their daily operations.

The event was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik and other officers.

## DC resolves issues to facilitate fast tracking of work in Reasi

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In a decisive step towards expediting the completion of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, the Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan today chaired a meeting with stakeholders, including National Highway Authority of India functionaries.

The discussions focused on addressing the pending issues related to Package 17 of the expressway pro-

ject falling Reasi District. The DC assured them of every possible help in removing all hindrance to facilitate expeditious completion of the project.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the urgent need to resolve any bottlenecks that could hinder the progress of this strategically important project. He issued clear instructions to NHAI officials to fast-track all pending matters, ensuring the work proceeds without further delays.

He further assured the NHAI

team of the administration's full support in facilitating smooth operations. "The district administration will extend all possible assistance to ensure the project moves ahead swiftly. We are committed to working closely with NHAI to remove any hurdles," he added.

The Deputy Commissioner also urged all stakeholders to maintain coordination to prevent any disruptions in the work schedule. Meeting was attended by Project officer NHAI, PIO NHAI Udhampur and other NHAI officials.