

# Joint Director YSS visits DYSSO Kishtwar, reviews progress & inspires team towards excellence

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In a significant development for the sports fraternity of District Kishtwar, Joint Director Jammu, Vinakshi Koul paid an official visit to the office of District of Youth Services & Sports Kishtwar, where she conducted a comprehensive review of ongoing office and field activities.

During her visit, the Joint Director held a detailed interaction with the District Youth Services & Sports Officer, Jaffer Haider Sheikh and other officials of YSS Kishtwar.

She thoroughly reviewed administrative functioning, implementation of sports programmes, maintenance of records and the execution of grassroots-level sports initiatives across the district.

Emphasizing the importance of digital participation and youth engagement, the Joint Director directed the officials to ensure maximum registration of youth on the My Bharat Portal and the Youth Engagement Portal.

She highlighted that proper registration and



data management would strengthen youth outreach, enable better planning of activities and ensure transparency in programme implementation.

The Joint Director also stressed the need for the development and upgradation of playgrounds and sports infrastructure across the district.

She instructed the concerned officials to identify potential areas for infrastructure enhancement and ensure that playgrounds are properly maintained to provide quality facilities to budding sportspersons.

While appreciating the efforts of the district team,

she encouraged all officials to work with renewed dedication and commitment to promote sports culture at the grassroots level.

She lauded the initiatives taken by YSS Kishtwar in engaging youth through structured sports and community-based programmes.

# Govt Polytechnic College Reasi organises Awareness Programme on Nasha Mukht Bharat

REASI, FEBRUARY

**20:** Government Polytechnic College Reasi today organised an Awareness Programme under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan. The programme aimed to spread awareness among students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and to promote a healthy, addiction-free lifestyle. The session was organised under the guidance of Principal Government Polytechnic Reasi Er Arun Bangotra, Chief Medical Officer, Reasi, Dr. Mohd Ashraf Kohli and Medical Superintendent, Dr. Gopal Datt.

The resource persons for the session were Dr. Minali, Medical Officer, Dr. Bilal Ahmed, Medical Officer and Raj Kumari, ANM. The resource persons delivered informative and insightful talks highlighting the physical, mental and social consequences of substance abuse. They emphasized the importance of early prevention, counseling, community support and adopting positive habits to stay away from drugs.



Dr. Minali elaborated on the medical complications caused by drug addiction and stressed the need for timely medical intervention. Dr. Bilal Ahmed discussed the psychological impact of substance abuse and motivated students to make responsible life

choices. Raj Kumari (ANM) addressed the preventive measures at the community level and encouraged students to act as ambassadors of a drug-free society.

The programme was organised under the supervision of Er. Himanshu Bakshi, Demonstrator, with the support of faculty members. A large number of students actively participated in the session and gained valuable knowledge about the vision and objectives of

the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan. The interactive session helped students understand their role in building a healthier and addiction-free India. The event concluded with a message encouraging everyone to pledge their commitment towards a drug-free nation. Other present on the occasion were faculty members, Vandana, Nisha, Parshotam, Veena, Anil, Meenakshi, Ayushi Mangotra and Vaishali.

# GDC Kakryal, Katra organizes Poster Making & Slogan Writing Competition

REASI, FEBRUARY

**20:** Government Degree College Kakryal, Katra, in collaboration with the Red Ribbon Club, NSS (National Service Scheme) and NCORD successfully organized a Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competition to promote awareness among students about social issues such as drug abuse prevention, HIV/AIDS awareness and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The event was organised under the able guidance of the principal,

Dr. Rajni Bhagat.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various semesters. The event aimed to create awareness about drug abuse prevention, promote HIV/AIDS awareness, encourage social responsibility among youth, foster creativity and expression through art and words. Students expressed their ideas creatively through vibrant posters depicting the harmful effects of drug addiction, the importance of

saying "No to Drugs", awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention and messages promoting health, discipline and positivity.

A panel of respected faculty members including Dr. Sajad and Prof. Shikha Bhasin evaluated the entries based on: creativity, relevance to theme, clarity of message and presentation and originality. Riya and Aisha from sem VI bagged 1st position in poster making competition and Shivani from Sem VI

secured first position in slogan writing competition. The event was coordinated by NSS PO, Dr. Usha Sharma. The Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competition proved to be a meaningful initiative that not only enhanced students' creative skills but also strengthened their awareness and responsibility toward societal issues. The collaborative effort of Red Ribbon Club, NSS and NCORD made the event informative, engaging and impactful.

# Awareness programme on self-employment schemes organised at Muradpur-B, Rajouri

RAJOURI, FEBRUARY 20:

The Jammu and Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) District Office Rajouri organised an awareness programme on the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) at Muradpur-B, district Rajouri.

The programme aimed to spread awareness among unemployed youth, women, aspiring entrepreneurs, ex-servicemen and members of Self-Help Groups about financial assistance schemes implemented by KVIB for establishing income-generating units in the manufacturing and service sectors.

During the programme, participants were briefed on project cost limits under PMEGP (manufacturing up to 71.00 crore and service up to 250.00 lakh), subsidy patterns ranging from 15% to 35% depending on category and area, benefits and eligibility criteria under JKREGP, the online application process and required documentation and the role of banks in the sanction and disbursement of loans.

District Officer KVIB Rajouri Sameer Ahmed highlighted that these schemes offer local youth the opportunity to become job creators rather than job seekers. He urged participants to make full use of government-

sponsored schemes to strengthen the rural economy and promote self-reliance.

Bank representatives present at the programme assured full cooperation in the speedy processing of eligible cases. Participants actively engaged with officials and sought clarifications on margin money subsidy, collateral norms and repayment procedures.

A large number of youth and local residents attended the programme and appreciated KVIB Rajouri's initiative in organising awareness camps at the grassroots level.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks and a commitment to conduct similar awareness activities in other blocks of District Rajouri.

# FICCI welcomes development of Shankaracharya Temple in Katra

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FICCI FLO Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh (JKL) Chapter has warmly welcomed the inauguration and development of the sacred Shankaracharya Temple in Katra, describing it as a significant milestone in further strengthening the spiritual and cultural identity of the region.

Chairperson Aarti Chowdhary extended her sincere congratulations to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha for this visionary initiative. She acknowledged his continued efforts toward enhancing Jammu & Kashmir's spiritual infrastructure and preserving its rich heritage.

She also expressed appreciation to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) for conceptual-



izing and executing a project that harmoniously blends faith with development.

"The Shankaracharya Temple is not only a symbol of deep religious devotion but will also emerge as a prominent spiritual landmark in Katra and Jammu. Such initiatives reinforce Jammu's position as a major pilgrimage hub and reflect a strong commitment to nurturing our timeless

spiritual traditions," she stated.

With revered shrines such as the Vaishno Devi Temple and the Amarnath Temple drawing millions of devotees each year, the addition of the Shankaracharya Temple will further strengthen the region's presence on India's spiritual tourism map.

FICCI FLO JKL believes that alongside its spiritual significance, the project

will generate meaningful economic opportunities by boosting trade, hospitality, transport, and allied sectors — thereby contributing to inclusive and sustainable growth in the Union Territory.

Reaffirming its support, FICCI FLO JKL reiterated its commitment to initiatives that promote religious tourism, infrastructure development, and holistic progress across the region.

# Prajapati Sabha Calls on Sat Sharma, Submits Memorandum of Grievances

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A delegation of Prajapati Sabha today called on BJP State President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma and submitted a detailed memorandum highlighting various issues faced by the Prajapati community.

The meeting was held in the presence of Braham Jyot Satti, President, BJP OBC Morcha. During the interaction, the delegation raised key concerns, particularly the difficulties being faced by community members in obtaining OBC certificates, procedural delays at different administrative levels, and the need for enhanced grants and institutional support for the smooth functioning and development of Prajapati Sabha activities.

The delegation was led by Ayodhya Kumar Manawa, President, Prajapati Sabha Jammu & Kashmir. Prominent members who accom-



panied him included Madan Baldotra, Senior Vice President, Prajapati Sabha; Krishan Lal Dafara, Vice President, Prajapati Sabha; and Er. Manga Ram, General Secretary, Prajapati Sabha. They elaborated on the socio-economic challenges being faced by members of the community and urged for timely intervention to safeguard their legitimate rights and benefits.

Leaders from the BJP OBC Morcha were also present on the occasion, including Sunny Sangotra, State General Secretary, OBC Morcha, and Perveen Badyal, District Spokesperson, OBC Morcha.

Addressing the delega-

tion, Sat Sharma patiently listened to the grievances put forth by the members and assured them that the issues raised would be examined on priority and resolved at the earliest. He stated that the government under the leadership of the BJP remains committed to ensuring social justice and equitable development for all sections of society, especially the OBC communities.

Sat Sharma further emphasized that genuine cases related to OBC certification would be taken up with the concerned departments to ensure transparency and efficiency in the process. He also assured that proposals re-

garding grants and institutional support for Prajapati Sabha would be forwarded to the appropriate authorities for necessary action.

Speaking on the occasion, Braham Jyot Satti, President, BJP OBC Morcha, presented a formal vote of thanks. He expressed gratitude to Sat Sharma for giving a patient hearing to the delegation and for his positive and reassuring response to the issues raised by the Prajapati Sabha.

He also appreciated the proactive role of the Prajapati community leadership in highlighting grassroots concerns through a constructive and democratic approach.

The Prajapati Sabha delegation expressed gratitude to Sat Sharma and the BJP leadership for giving them a patient hearing and for assuring timely redressal of their concerns. They expressed hope that their issues would be resolved soon in the larger interest of the community.

# Training Programme on Fruit Tree Management under JKCIP concluded at Udheywalla

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The Department of Horticulture, Jammu, today successfully concluded a Training Programme on Fruit Tree Management under the Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement Project (JKCIP) at Udheywalla.

The programme was organized under the guidance of the Chief Horticulture Officer, Jammu, R. K. Kotwal. Among the prominent officers present on the occasion were Rakesh Kumar Bhagat, DLSMS Jammu, Professor Dr. Deepji Bhat, Professor Dr. Anju Bhat and Horticulture Development Officer, Bhalwal along with field staff of the



department.

During the training session, farmers were imparted practical knowledge

on scientific fruit tree management practices including proper pruning, canopy management, balanced nu-

trient application, integrated pest and disease management and overall orchard hygiene. The experts emphasized adoption of modern and sustainable horticultural practices under JKCIP to enhance productivity and improve the income of fruit growers.

The participants actively engaged with the experts and appreciated the Department for organizing such informative and field-oriented training programmes.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, reiterating the Department's commitment towards strengthening the horticulture sector through capacity building initiatives.

# DLSA Jammu observes World Social Justice Day at IDPS Ghou Manhasa

JAMMU, FEBRUARY

**20:** District Legal Services Authority Jammu under the able guidance of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Jammu, R. N. Watal, (Pr. Distt. & Sessions Judge) Jammu and overall supervision of Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Jammu, Maleeka Sharma observed the World Social Justice Day.

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu marked World Social Justice Day with an in-

spiring awareness programme at International Delhi Public School (IDPS), Ghou Manhasa, Jammu. The event, themed "Social Protection and Decent Work for All," engaged students, teachers and staff in promoting equality, fairness and legal awareness.

Ld. Secretary, DLSA Jammu, graced the occasion as chief guest, delivering a compelling speech. She emphasized social justice as ensuring "everyone gets a fair chance," drawing parallels to sharing re-

sources and standing against bullying. Highlighting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's legacy and India's Constitution—"All are equal before the law"—she urged the young audience: "Be fair, be kind, be just." Her message resonated deeply, inspiring students to pledge action for a just society.

The programme featured two esteemed resource persons from DLSA Jammu Adv. Uma Kapahi, Panel Lawyer of DLSA Jammu shared insights on legal aid and rights protection. An-

other resource person, Dr. Nitin Sharma, Assistant Professor Law School, University of Jammu, discussed constitutional safeguards and decent work initiatives.

Students actively participated through interactive sessions, pledges and cultural performances. The event concluded with refreshments distributed among the IDPS school children, adding a joyful note to the day's learnings and fostering community spirit.