

Warm Send-Off accorded to Section Officer Wani at Joint Directorate of Information Kashmir

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Joint Directorate of Information, Kashmir Division today accorded a warm farewell to Abdul Rashid Wani, Section Officer on his superannuation, in a simple yet heartfelt function held at its office premises.

The farewell function was attended by Joint Director Information Kashmir, Syed Shahnawaz Bukhari; Deputy Director Information, PR, Kashmir, Mohammad Rafiq Zulla; Cultural Officer, Kashmir Burhan Hussain; besides other officers and officials of the department.

Speaking on the occasion, the Joint Director Information lauded the outgoing officer for his dedication, sincerity and exemplary service rendered to the department



over the 37 years of his service. He appreciated his professionalism and valuable contribution in ensuring smooth functioning of the office.

Other officers also shared their experiences and highlighted the retir-

ing officer's cooperative nature, integrity and commitment towards duty.

In his farewell remarks, Abdul Rashid Wani expressed gratitude to the department and his colleagues for their contin-

uous support and cooperation throughout his service tenure. The function concluded with the presentation of a memento as a token of appreciation and best wishes for a healthy and fulfilling post-retirement life.

Inter-College Poster Making, Slogan Writing Competition on Road Safety held at GDC Bandipora

BANDIPORA, FEBRUARY 28: An Inter-College Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competition on the theme "Sadak Suraksha-Jeevan Raksha" was today organized at HKM Government Degree College Bandipora as part of ongoing Road Safety Awareness initiatives aimed at sensitizing students about responsible road usage and preservation of human life.

The programme was held under the guidance of Principal HKM GDC Bandipora, Prof. Suresh Kumar Dogra.

Students from various colleges including GDC Sumbal, GDC Ajas, GDC Hajin and the host college participated enthusiastically in the competition, showcasing their creative skills and spreading awareness on the importance of road safety.

The event was jointly coordinated by Convener



Road Safety Club, Dr. Mubashir Hamid Mir, along with the NSS units of the college. Participants presented thought-provoking posters and slogans highlighting key issues such as prevention of rash driving, use of helmets and

seatbelts, adherence to traffic rules, pedestrian safety and collective civic responsibility.

The entries were evaluated by a panel of judges comprising Dr. Mohammad Ashraf (GDC Ajas), Dr. Firdous Ahmad (GDC

Hajin), Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Parrey and Dr. Ghulam Mohammad Khan (HKM GDC Bandipora), who appreciated the participants for their creativity, originality and strong social messaging.

In the Poster Making category, Farkhanda Reyaz, a 4th Semester student of the host college, secured the first position, while Iqra Wani, a 6th Semester student of HKM GDC Bandipora, secured the first position in the Slogan Writing category. The winners will represent district colleges at the State-Level Competition scheduled to be held at IASE Srinagar on March 5, 2026.

The programme concluded with appreciation for all participating colleges and reaffirmation of the commitment of educational institutions towards promoting road safety awareness through creative student engagement.

DC Reasi launches HPV Vaccination Campaign

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Kumar Abhishek today formally launched the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign for 14-year-old girls in the district from District Hospital Reasi. Several eligible girls were administered the vaccine to mark the launch.

The Deputy Commissioner interacted with the beneficiaries and encouraged them to take full advantage of the initiative. He informed that in the first phase of the campaign, 15 vaccination centres have been established across the district to ensure maximum coverage.

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Mohammad Ashraf Kolhi, District Immuniza-



tion Officer Dr. Usha Kiran, Medical Superintendent Dr. Gopal Dutt and other officials of the Health Department were present on the occasion.

Govt College of Education organizes Nukad at Lal Chowk to promote Road Safety Awareness

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A Nukad Natak (street play) was organized as a part of, "Two Week Long Road Safety Awareness Program" by the College Cultural Committee of Government College of Education (IASE), Srinagar under the supervision of Dr. Irfat Ara Khan, Dean Students /Convener Cultural Committee, to spread awareness among the public about the importance of following traffic regulations.

The main objective of the play was to educate people about safe road behaviour and to reduce the number of road accidents caused by negligence and carelessness.

The event was held at the central market of polo view area, Lalchowk, where a large number of local residents, shopkeepers, and passers-by gathered to watch the performance. The students enthusiastically



presented the play using powerful dialogues, slogans, and realistic scenes to capture the attention of the audience.

The play opened with loud invitation by student performers of the college to all the people around to watch the performance, followed by a lively introduction highlighting the alarming rise in road accidents.

The main focus of this Nukad Natak (street play) was to create awareness about road safety and the dangers of underage driving.

Through impactful dialogues, strong expressions, and realistic enactment, the performers conveyed an important message: "Road safety is everyone's responsibility and wealth and status cannot protect

anyone from the consequences of breaking the law". The performers emphasized the importance of following traffic rules, obtaining a valid driving licence, wearing helmets, and ensuring responsible parenting as well.

Prof.(Dr.) Seema Naz, Principal IASE, appreciated the efforts made by the students in such events for the benefit of society.

DC Rajouri launches HPV Vaccination Campaign

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, today formally launched the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Campaign here at Town Hall, marking a significant step towards safeguarding adolescent girls against cervical cancer and promoting preventive healthcare in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner informed that vaccine centres have been established at 31 locations across the district for the smooth and effective implementation of the drive. He directed the concerned officers to maintain close coordination and mobilize maximum participation of eligi-



ble beneficiaries to achieve the desired targets within the stipulated time frame. ADDC, Malikzada Sheraz-ul-Haq; Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Manohar Lal Rana; BMO Manjakote, Saleem Bhatti and other district and sectoral officers accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during the launch programme.

GMC Srinagar bags Excellence Award at Medical Colleges Research Connect-2026

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Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar has been conferred the prestigious Excellence Award at the Third Medical Colleges Research Connect-2026, a national conference organized by the Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

Held at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, the conference brought together over 100 Medical Colleges Research Units (MRUs) from across the country, with a shared goal of strengthening biomedical research infrastructure in India.

GMC Srinagar's Medical Research Unit (MRU) was represented by Prof. Sabhiya Majid, Nodal Officer, and Dr. Younis Rather, Scientist C, who presented the institution's progress and



achievements during the plenary session. Their presentation highlighted GMC Srinagar's remarkable journey in strengthening research protocols, advanced laboratory training, national collaborations, and enhancing funded research output. The Excellence Award, se-

cured with a perfect score of 10/10, is a testament to GMC Srinagar's unwavering dedication to biomedical research excellence. Prof. Iffat Hassan, Principal/Dean, GMC Srinagar, praised the collective efforts of the MRU team, reaffirming the institution's commitment to advancing translational and

priority-driven biomedical research.

This national recognition marks a significant milestone in GMC Srinagar's pursuit of becoming a centre of excellence in biomedical research, paving the way for innovative solutions to address pressing health challenges in the region.

District Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament organised at GDC Udhampur

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MY Bharat Udhampur, in collaboration with the NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Udhampur, successfully organised the District Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament at the Conference Hall on the College Campus to commemorate 50 years of the Emergency and reflect on its enduring lessons for Indian democracy.

The event provided a vibrant platform to the youth to express their views on democratic values and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

MLA Udhampur West Pawan Gupta was the chief guest. Prof. Mohinder Pal welcomed the chief guest and jury members on behalf of the institution.

Deputy Director, MY Bharat, Khushal Gupta briefed the audience about the objectives and significance of the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament initiative and highlighted its importance in encouraging youth participation in democratic dialogue and nation-building.

NSS Programme Officer (NSS PO) and Programme Coordinator Dr. Gurpreet Kour briefed the participants in detail about the rules and regulations, screening procedure and



overall conduct of the Youth Parliament and ensured smooth coordination of the programme.

The chief guest, in his keynote address, emphasised the importance of constitutional values, rule of law and protection of fundamental rights. He encouraged young participants to actively engage in democratic processes and uphold the spirit of debate and constructive dialogue.

The distinguished jury panel comprised Ravi Kesar (Retd IFS), Prof. Tara Nath (Retd Principal), Prof. Suram Chand (Retd Principal) and Vivek Parihar (Youth Leader).

The event included two technical sessions with participation of 30 people from across the district. Each participant was allotted three minutes to pre-

sent his/her views on the topic "50 Years of Emergency: Lessons for Indian Democracy." The proceedings were conducted by NSS Volunteers Tamanna Sharma and Swastika Sharma.

The Valedictory Ceremony was coordinated by Prof. Tania Akhter and Dr. Anju Rani, during which winners and jury members were felicitated. Five participants were selected to represent District Udhampur at the State Level Youth Parliament. Vishal Roudhan secured first position, followed by Bhumika Rajput in second position and Parshotam Singh in third position, while Vandana and Amanpreet Singh secured consolation positions.

The programme was organised under the patron-

age of Dr. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Principal (Chief Patron) and Prof. Mohinder Pal (Patron). The organising team included Dr. Gurpreet Kour NSS Programme Officer as Programme Coordinator Prof. Kaku Ram as Organising Secretary Prof. Tania Akhter as Programme Advisor Dr. Anju Rani as Stage Coordinator Dr. Heena Khajuria as Hospitality Incharge and Prof. Anoksha Sharma as Documentation and Compilation Incharge.

The formal Vote of Thanks was presented by Prof. Kaku Ram, who expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, MY Bharat Udhampur, jury members, faculty and participants for ensuring the successful conduct of the event.