

Anti-Drugs Premium League by Hands for Humanity Trust inaugurated at MA Stadium

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JAMMU, JUNE 5

A Cricket match under Anti-Drugs Premium League 2025 was organized by Hands for Humanity Trust at MA Stadium, Jammu.

J&K BJP President Sat Sharma, accompanied by Vice-President & MLA Yudhvir Sethi, General Secretary & MLA Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, Secretary & MLA Arvind Gupta, and MLAs Ch. Vikram Randhawa, Prof. Charu Ram Bhagat, and Surinder Bhagat inaugurated the event. BJP District Presidents Nand Kishore Sharma, Adv. Rajesh Gupta, Naresh Singh Jasrotia, Rinku Choudhary, and several senior party leaders were also present.

The event is being organized by Hands for Humanity Trust, under the leadership of Trust President Anil Bhan and senior member and BJP youth leader Dr. Makson Tikoo. A total of 138 matches are scheduled to be played across different localities of Jammu till June 19, 2025, with the aim of spreading the anti-drug message to every corner of the region.



Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that the fight against drug abuse needs to be people-driven. This Premium League is a unique platform where sports become a powerful tool for awareness and engagement, he said. He lauded the efforts of the Trust and pledged continued support to such initiatives that align with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a drug-free India. He added that this event is a strong push towards eradicating drug abuse and promoting a healthy lifestyle among youth. Yudhvir Sethi emphasized that the youth must

channel their energy into sports and nation-building. This initiative is a strong step towards protecting our younger generation from the dangers of narcotics. Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal stated that drug addiction is a serious social threat. He said that through such positive campaigns, we not only raise awareness but also inspire healthy habits among our youth.

Arvind Gupta underscored the importance of public participation in such events. The overwhelming support for this league reflects society's collective

resolve against drugs, he said. Ch. Vikram Randhawa urged all the stakeholders including parents, teachers, and civil society to come forward and support this movement and said that the Sports can change lives. Prof. Charu Ram Bhagat added that this campaign bridges the gap between awareness and action. Sports give our youth purpose and discipline, he said. Surinder Bhagat called the league a revolutionary initiative. He added that this campaign has the potential to bring lasting social change.

PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar celebrates World Environment Day- 2025

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The cadets of 8th J&K Girls Battalion NCC of GCW Gandhinagar celebrates World Environment Day -2025. This year's theme, "Beat the Plastic Pollution", served as a clarion call for youth to take the lead in sustainable practices and eco-conscious living.

A total of 51 cadets actively participated in a series of activities designed to raise awareness and inspire action toward environmental conservation. The day commenced with a

Declaration Contest on the theme "Beat the Plastic Pollution", where cadets articulated their thoughts with passion and conviction. Their powerful speeches highlighted the harmful effects of plastic on ecosystems and proposed viable alternatives to reduce plastic dependency. To give a green touch to the occasion, a plantation drive was also organized, focusing on medicinal plants and indigenous tree saplings. Cadets took the initiative to plant saplings not only within the institution's

premises but also in their respective localities, extending the message of environmental stewardship beyond the campus walls. A special moment of inspiration was marked when Dr. Goetanjali Andotra, Principal of PSPS Govt. College for Women, Gandhinagar, joined the cadets in planting a Neem tree sapling, symbolizing her commitment to a greener tomorrow. Addressing the cadets, she emphasized the importance of consistent individual actions in building a sustainable

future and appreciated their proactive spirit.

The event was meticulously planned and coordinated under the able guidance of Lt. Suman Bala and Lt. Rachna Devi, Associate NCC Officers of the battalion, who lauded the cadets for their active involvement and environmental sensitivity. Through these activities, the cadets reaffirmed their role not only as disciplined NCC youth but also as eco-warriors, pledging to combat plastic pollution and protect Mother Nature.

Ganesh Sharma to participate in "Paris the City of Art International Exhibition" (THE MUSEUM)

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Well-known Eminent Senior contemporary Internationally acclaimed Sculptor Ganesh Kumar Sharma has been invited to participate in "Paris The City of Art International Art Exhibition" (THE MUSEUM). The International Exhibition is organized by "Artists Magazine France" and Art City Gallery, Paris. Fine Arts Schools around the world, under the patronage of Dr. Michael Anthony, Dr. Idris Emmanuel and world famous creative artist Khaled Mounir. The theme of the



exhibition is "Fine Arts and Drama" and both represent unique ways of expressing human creativity and the visual art reflects unique aspects of the world of dreaming. The International Exhibition will be inaugurated on 06-06-2025 and will be showed

on world wide platforms till 15-06-2025. The prestigious International Artists Magazine France, invited entries from eminent senior contemporary internationally acclaimed artists from throughout the world for this great event and the art works of about 60 eminent senior contemporary internationally acclaimed artists from across the globe selected. Ganesh Kumar Sharma son of the soil and only Sculptor Artist from India has been selected for this prestigious great international exhibition. As per Ganesh Kumar Sharma's words, when we

create art, we are sharing a part of ourselves with the world. We are revealing our vision, our perspective and our soul, and when we appreciate art, we are allowing the artist's soul to come into contact with us, allowing their emotions and thoughts to touch and inspire us. It is mentioned here that Ganesh Kumar Sharma is working in the promotion of art and culture from more than forty five years. Mr. Ganesh Sharma is a recipient of so many State, National and International awards and honors from different countries across the world.

GDC Vijaypur observes World Environment Day 2025 with illuminating lecture on ending plastic pollution

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VIJAYPUR, JUNE 5

Department of Environmental Sciences and EcoClub (Green Warriors) of GDC Vijaypur organized a lecture on "Beating Plastic Pollution" under the guidance of worthy Principal of the college, Dr. Ashu Vashisth today on World Environment Day 2025. The event aimed to raise awareness among students, faculty, and the wider community about the urgent need to combat plastic pollution and promote sustainable practices.

The highlight of the observance was a lecture delivered by Dr. Arti Sharma, Convener of Ecoclub and Head, Department of Environmental Sciences. She delivered an

insightful and engaging presentation, highlighting the devastating impact of plastic waste on ecosystems, human health, and biodiversity. The speaker presented alarming statistics on global plastic production and waste generation, emphasizing the non-biodegradable nature of most plastics and their persistence in the environment for hundreds of years. She elucidated on the microplastic crisis, its entry into the food chain, and its potential long-term health implications. The lecture moved beyond the problems to offer practical solutions and actionable steps individuals can take to reduce their plastic footprint. These included adopting the "3 Rs" - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle -

advocating for policy changes, supporting eco-friendly alternatives, and participating in community clean-up drives. Principal of GDC Vijaypur, Dr. Ashu Vashisth underscored the significance of World Environment Day and the college's responsibility in instilling environmental consciousness. She stated that our planet faces unprecedented environmental challenges, and it is our collective duty to protect and preserve it for future generations. Events like these are crucial in sensitizing our youth to these critical issues and empowering them to become agents of change. The lecture was followed by an interactive Q&A session, where

students actively engaged with the speaker, seeking clarifications and proposing innovative ideas for plastic waste management. The event concluded with a pledge taken by all attendees to consciously reduce their plastic consumption and advocate for a plastic-free environment. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Naseem Choudhary, Head, Department of English, who expressed gratitude to the speaker, the Principal, the faculty, and the enthusiastic participation of the students for making the World Environment Day observance a resounding success. Dr. Manoj Heer, Prof. Sonia Devi and Dr. Nain Singh graced the occasion.

Shrine Board Organizes Drawing Competition to Commemorate World Environment Day

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KATRA, JUNE 5

To commemorate World Environment Day, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) organized a special drawing and sketching competition at its high-tech nursery in village Kunya, Panthal, near Katra. The event, which saw enthusiastic participation from a large number of students of various age groups, focused on the theme "Ending Plastic Pollution Globally".

The competition aimed to raise awareness about the pressing issue of plastic pollution and encourage young minds to think creatively about solutions. Students from classes 1 to 12 from various institutions in the surroundings of Katra showcased their artistic talents, highlighting the importance of reducing plastic waste and promoting sustainable practices. The competition was held from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, providing a platform for young artists to express their thoughts and ideas on environmental conservation. Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB expressed



delight at the students' participation and the quality of artwork displayed, saying it was heartening to see students of various age groups engaging deeply with critical environmental issues. He also highlighted the Board's commitment to environmental conservation under the directions and guidance of Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT), citing the Annual Green Plan of the Board, which aims to plant over 1.7 million seedlings over 15 lakh seedlings have been planted so far through manual intervention with a survival rate of over 80%. These plants are meticulously reared in the Board's high-tech nursery, showcasing the organization's dedication to preserving nature and

maintaining ecological balance in the region, he added. The CEO further highlighted the Shrine Board's innovative approach to afforestation, citing the successful initiation of drone-based efforts last year, which have shown promising results. Under this initiative, the Forest Wing has covered approximately 109 hectares of degraded land in the Trikuta Hills. Additionally, the Board undertakes extensive greening efforts, planting over 1.5 lakh seedlings annually on Trikuta Hills and along the tracks leading to the shrine to promote soil and water conservation. The Board also distributes plants as souvenirs to devotees through its plant sale counter in Katra, in line

with the Prime Minister's "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, promoting environmental awareness and conservation. The CEO congratulated all the participants for their creative efforts and encouraged them to continue spreading awareness about environmental issues. The winners of the competition were awarded prizes in their respective categories. Also present on the occasion were Additional Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Chief Executive Officer, FAJ, Chief Accounts Officer, Asstt. Chief Executive Officer, Assistant Conservator of Forest, teachers and students from various institutions surrounding Katra, along with officers and officials from the Shrine Board.

School of Sciences celebrates World Environment Day

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The School of Sciences has celebrated the World Environment Day on 5th June 2025 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Cluster University of Jammu and guidance of Dr. Chandershekar Dean School of Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu. The theme of the programme was "Beat Plastic Pollution Globally". The School of Sciences has organized an invited lecture on World Environment Day, which aimed to



plastic from the society "Combating Plastic Pollution". An online lecture was also held in conference room of the Vice-Chancellor's secretariat, presented by Dr. N.S. Raju, Professor and Chairman, Department of Environmental Science, University of Mysore, on the topic "Environmental Pollution and its Control Strategies". He discussed about causes, consequences and remedies of the environmental pollution. The main highlight in of his lecture to destroy the environmental contaminants by natural biological activity through "Bioremediation". Prof. K.S. Chandrasekar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in his presidential address congratulated School of

among others. The event was followed by poster presentation, and Pledge regarding the Environment Day by the students of all departments of School of Sciences. After that a warm welcome speech by Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Coordinator, Department of Geology, Cluster University of Jammu, briefed the students about the importance of celebration of World Environment Day and discussed that this day has developed as platform to raise the awareness on the problems facing our environment, such as air pollution, plastic pollution, and sustainable consumption

Schools for celebrating the World Environment Day and organizing various activities. He also motivated the students and faculty to participate in such activities for getting exposure, experience and knowledge from the reputed speakers. The program was attended by all faculty members and students from all departments of School of Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Pallavi Mehra, expressing gratitude to the invited speaker and participants for their invaluable contributions to the enriching discourse on World Environment Day.

MLA Arvind leads Green Drive on World Environment Day under "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative

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World Environment Day, a significant plantation initiative titled "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" under the Amrut Mitra campaign was inaugurated today at JDA Park, Muthi Camp, Jammu. The initiative is a collaborative effort by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, under the DAY-NULM scheme.

The drive was formally inaugurated by Shri Arvind Gupta, Hon'ble MLA Jammu West and senior BJP leader, along with Shri Pankaj Sharma (JKAS), Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority (JDA). They jointly planted the first sapling, symbolizing a pledge for a greener future. Speaking on the occasion, Arvind Gupta emphasized the importance of sustainable development



and environmental consciousness in today's world. He said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji's clarion call for 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' is a powerful emotional and environmental campaign that connects every citizen to the cause of protecting our planet. Planting a tree in the name of one's mother is a soulful tribute and a responsible step towards climate action."

Among those who were present included Shri Parvaiz Naik, CEO Jammu Urban Development Agency; Shri Narinder Kumar, Superintending Engineer JDA; Ms. Pooja Wazir, Executive Engineer JDA; Shri Jagdish Hans, Chief Town Planner; members of DAY-NULM Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and dedicated officials and staff from JDA, JDA, and the Forest Department. The event witnessed enthusiastic

participation, reflecting a collective resolve to nurture environmental sustainability and community-led development. The plantation drive aims to inspire citizens to plant trees in honor of their mothers and contribute meaningfully to urban greenery. The campaign will continue across various parts of Jammu West in the coming days as part of a broader green mission.