

Navratra Prabhat Pheri emerges as spiritual event

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KATRA: Katra town, the base of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, has been witnessing Prabhat Pheri daily during Navratras and it has emerged a spiritual event of Navratra Festival 2021 as it directly connects with devotion of Maa Vaishno Devi.

It is pertinent to mention here that long time ago during the yesteryears of ethnic India, people from villages used to get up early in the morning before sun rays and take rounds of the village chanting & singing Bhajans.

It is believed that Prabhat Pheri invokes the good spirits and chases the evil spirits, further welcomes the morning with good vibrations. Senior officers of civil & police administration including devotees and locals took part in Prabhat Pheri which was arranged by J&K Association of Prabhat Pheri with active support of SMVD Shrine Board, J&K Tourism Department and district administration.

On the occasion of 6th



Devotees taking out Prabhat Pheri at Katra.

Navratra, Chief Guest, Ajay Sharma, Assistant Executive Engineer inaugurated the Prabhat Pheri in presence of Guests of Honour; Ashwini Katoch, prominent educationist and social worker, Shiv Kumar Sharma, former President Hotel and Restaurant Association of Katra and Dharamveer Huda, a prominent tourism leader.

Prabhat Pheri taken out from Bus Stand Katra depicting rich religious culture of J&K.

After passing through Shiv Mandir, Banganga road, Yog Ashram, Hanuman Mandir, Sheela Mata Mandir, the

Prabhat Pheri was culminated at Bus Stand.

ROB Groups of Rajasthan, Himachal, Orissa and J&K under the leadership of Durga Dass participated in the Prabhat Pheri.

Baldev & Group of Chintamani Mohalla joined the Prabhat Pheri and infused more enthusiasm to it.

Senior Citizens Forum led by its Vice President Babu Ram, Rattan Chand and other members also joined the Prabhat Pheri.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest said that Prabhat Pheri symbolizes purification of the atmosphere besides

highlighting spirituality as it breaks bad habit and form new habit which are conducive to health & lifestyle.

President J&K Association of Prabhat Pheri, Raj Kumar Padha highlighted the fast growing popularity of the Prabhat Pheri and said that this event would definitely bring peace in the J&K.

He also asserted that we should follow the footsteps of Maa Kaalratri by shunning the evil forces and purify our souls which would lead us to the path of virtue and inner power.

After culmination of Prabhat Pheri a ceremony was organized to felicitate the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour with mementos by the association members.

Among others present were Babu Ram Dubey, Ramnik Sharma, Manoj Sadhotra, Rattan Sharma, Aman Mahajan, Rakesh Dubey, Raj Kumar Mengi, Arun Sharma, Arjun Sharma, Mangat Ram, Naresh Kumar, Renujei Dhar, Sanjay Tickoo, P.N Rana, Rohit and Rajinder Singh.

JMC launches sanitation drive at Mubarak Mandi Complex

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JAMMU: Jammu Municipal Corporation in its continuous efforts to ensure sanitation in Jammu City, launched a sanitation drive under Swachhata Pakhwada 2021 initiative in Mubarak Mandi Complex, Jammu wherein Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta, Dy. Mayor, Adv. Purnima Sharma, Chairman, Public Health and Sanitation Standing Committee, Narinder Singh, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Raghav Langar and Commissioner, JMC, Avny Lavasa, Health Officer, Dr. Sanjogita Soodan participated.

Under the drive, Stretch, Spots surrounded with waste & Bushes were cleared/ cleaned.

Prominent Citizens of Society, NSS volunteers and sanitation staff of Jammu Municipal Corporation took part in the drive in order to create awareness of cleanliness among masses.

Various slogans were



JMC officials, employees and others during a drive.

designed to bring focus to the core concerns of the Swachh Bharat campaign like Ban of Plastic, Use of Dustbins and Keeping the Public places clean.

Mayor stated on the occasion stated JMC is implementing scheme regarding plastic lao thala payo in every ward of Jammu for which children are being involved as the children is the future of the nation and their participation is vital in the sanitation drives and added that such drives spread the message of Swachh Bharat Mission in the entire city.

The Commissioner, JMC

while speaking on the occasion stated that the aim of launching sanitation drive is to give extra focus in sanitation point of view and Mubarak Mandi has been chosen for today's sanitation drive, as this is a iconic monument of the Jammu City and cleaning this monument will spread the message among the general masses the importance of sanitation. She added that JMC shall continue with such sanitation drives wherein other iconic spots of the city shall be undertaken for sanitation and better upkeep. She further stated that JMC is providing sani-

tation in the entire city and putting every possible effort to provide upto mark sanitation in its area of jurisdiction. The aim of launching this special sanitation drive is to take up iconic and heritage places of the city. Directions have already given to the sanitation staff for putting their every possible effort for providing proper sanitation to the citizens of the Jammu City, as the aim for launching this special sanitation drive is to ensure higher cleanliness at the door steps.

The Commissioner appealed to the people to cooperate with Jammu Municipal Corporation and use identified places for disposal of garbage. She also stressed to avoid use of polythene to the extent possible which is the major cause of blockage of drains and Nallahs. She stressed for putting every possible efforts in achieving goal of making city Jammu Clean & Green and aim of Swachh Bharat Mission.

SMVDU signs MoU with TV Super Filter Industries



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KATRA: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TV Super Filter

Industries Jallochak (Jammu) for students' industrial exposure through internships, training programmes and industrial visits.

B.K Bhatia, Placement Officer, SMVDU and Taranvir Singh Gujral, Managing Director, TV Super Filter Industries, signed the MoU document in the presence of Dr. Balbir Singh, Senior Faculty, SMVDU.

This association between SMVDU and TV Super Filter Industries is expected to help students in their internship, project work and industrial visits.

SMVDU in its mission to provide the best talent pool for the nation and society is working hard to provide the best academic environment blended with practical exposure.

TV Super Filter Industries is one of the best MSMEs endowed with various national and state awards including Gold Rated ZED certification, Rajiv Gandhi National Quality award etc., and is engaged in the production and supply of Oil, Air and Fuel filters to automobile industry both in India and abroad.

Prof. R.K Sinha, Vice Chancellor SMVDU thanked Taranvir Singh Gujral for supporting SMVDU in its endeavour.

Prof. Sinha further said that practical exposure together with classroom teaching is very important for students, and wished for such collaborations in future.

Jammu GRP distributes sweets, masks among passengers



GRP Jammu personnel distributing masks at Railway Station.

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JAMMU: To mark 'International Day of Girl Child', the teams of Jammu General Railway Police (GRP) distributed sweets and masks among passengers at Jammu Tawi Railway Station here.

A GRP officer on Tuesday said that 'International Day of Girl Child' was celebrated at Jammu Tawi Railway Station which was attended by senior officers including women cops of both GRP and Railway Protection Force (RPF). The officer said that sweets along with masks were distributed among passengers. "During the celebrations the officers interacted with passengers and disseminated the information regarding the real motive behind the celebration of the day with regard to gender equality aimed at saving girl child globally," the officer said. "The initiative was also aimed at spreading the message of Prime Minister Narander Modi's mission--Beti Beta Ek Saman' and 'Beti Bachao Beti Padao'," he said.

Arif Rishu SSP Railways Jammu, Additional SP Line Paramjeet Singh, DYSP Albeena Malik SDPO Railways Jammu, DYSP Lines Naresh Kumar, SHO Railways Rohit Dev Jamwal and other officers interacted with passengers.

weaker sections, particularly OBCs. Responding to the issues raised by weaker sections, the Provincial President Mr Gupta said these will be taken up at appropriate level for early redressal.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Abdul Gani Malik, Mushtaq Ahmed Bukhari, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Bimla Luthra, Bashir Ahmed Wani, Anil Dhar, Pardeep Bali, Pyare Lal Sharma, Vijay Lochan, Satwanti Kour Dogra, Vijay Laxami Dutta, Rtd. Tehsildar Mohd Rafiq, Dilshad Malik, Rita Gupta, Chander Mohan Sharma, Riaz Ahmed, Th. Yashu Vardan Singh, Gurnam, Ashok Dogra, Sain Dass, D.D Mehra, Mohd Sadiq, Waris Gill, S. Tejinder Singh, Nitish Gowsami, Sunil Mehra, Anayat Ali, Rohit Bali, Ashok Mehra, Monu Kumar, Deepak Kumar, Nisar Ahmed, Mohd Aslam, Shahid Mohd, Seema Mehra, Tufail Ahmed, Ashanand, Soma Devi and Kalasho Devi.

He enumerated the measures initiated during the previous government led by Omar Abdullah in ameliorating the lot of OBC sections among others and castigated the present dispensation for putting all these initiatives in backburner. On the occasion the speakers raised several issues and problems of the

Over Rs 100 cr stipulated for potable water in Bhalwal Brahmana under JJM: DDC Chairman

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JAMMU: Bharat Bhushan DDC Chairman Jammu on Tuesday asserted that Rs 104 crore has been granted for providing potable water supply to Bhalwal Brahmana Block under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

Addressing a Public Darbar here at BDO Office Bhalwal Brahmana, the Chairman DDC Jammu said that government is committed to provide tap water to every household till 2022 under Jal Jeevan Mission and in this regard Rs 104 crore will be spend to resolve water crisis in this arid block reeling under severe dearth of water.

Sharing more information, he said that 25 new tube wells and the same number of dug wells will be constructed in the area to address the issue of water

scarcity.

DDC Vice Chairman Suraj Singh Bhau, ADDC Ramesh Kumar, SDM Khour, BDO Bhalwal Brahmana and officers of other departments were also present.

At the outset of the Public Darbar, the people of the area apprised the DDC Chairman about their problems related to power, water and road connectivity.

The DDC Chairman after keenly going through the issues of the people, directed the officials of the line departments to mitigate the problems on the spot while those issues which required time for resolutions were noted by him to be carried out in shortest possible time.

Bharat Bhushan asked the concerned officials not to wait for the people to raise such issues and

accomplish the works before the same starts irking the public.

On the occasion, he also appealed to the government to grant compensation to border dwellers, who are unable to cultivate their land as the same has come under fencing.

Besides, Bharat Bhushan also clarified that Fasal Bima Yojana covers only paddy and wheat crops.

He said that the problem of Bhalwal Brahmana Block is genuine that they grow pulses, corn and millet and the same should also be covered under the aforesaid insurance scheme.

He said that he will project this demand at the concerned quarters of the government and it is likely that sooner than later the issue will be resolved in the favour of the farming community.

DGP sanctions meritorious scholarship of over Rs. 6.50 lakh

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SRINAGAR: Encouraging and appreciating the hard work of the wards of Police personnel who have excelled in class 10th annual examination during the academic session 2020-2021, the Director General of Police, J&K Dilbag Singh on Tuesday sanctioned meritorious scholarships of over Rs 6.50 lakh in favour of 137 wards of serving police personnel. Vide order number 3122 of 2021 issued by PHQ the DGP has sanctioned Rs 6000 each in favour of 52 students who have secured more than 90% marks while 85 students who have secured 80% and above marks in the Annual Examination of class 10th during the academic session of 2020-21 has been given Rs 4000 each. The amount has been sanctioned out of Central Police Welfare Fund.

During the current year till date over Rs 1.27 crore have been sanctioned in favour of 2120 wards of police personnel who have achieved above 80% marks in the annual examination of class 10th, 12th and graduation for the academic session of 2020-21.

Moreover, the DGP has sanctioned special reward of Rs 10000 each with commendation certificate Class-1 in favour of four wards of serving police personnel who have qualified competitive examinations during the year 2020-21.

Police Headquarters has been sanctioning scholarships, rewards, welfare loan/ relief for police personnel, wards of martyred and serving/retired Police personnel under different schemes to boost their morale.

Modi govt has given honour, pride to J&K women: Vanathi

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SRINAGAR: Stating that the Narendra Modi led BJP government at the centre has given honour and pride to the women in Jammu and Kashmir, BJP Mahila Morcha National President Vanathi Srinivasan, said that an era of discrimination with our sisters here has come to an end after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A.

Addressing a meeting of BJP Mahila Morcha activists at Srinagar on Tuesday, along with the J&K President Sanjita Dogra and Morcha National Executive Member, Updesh Andotra, Vanathi Srinivasan, congratulated the women of Jammu and Kashmir for getting liberation from the chains which deprived them from their fundamental rights.

She said that what could not be done in seventy years for women, Narendra Modi government did in a day, which has given them dignified life now.

Vanathi said that J&K was the only state in India which had a very strange provision which deprived the daughters of the soil of their rights over property if they were married to

other state or UT, which was most unfortunate and unjustified too. She also spoke on Swach Bharat, free ration to poor families, PM Awas Yojna and Mudra Yojna schemes of Modi government.

Sanjita Dogra, in her address, said that it is the same government under PM Narendra Modi, which has honoured the Muslim women by abolishing the practice of Triple Talaq as a result of which they are now feeling more secure and happy. She said that the Modi government has taken care of every one, irrespective of caste, gender and region, which is the real governance and each one of us should come forward to educate our sisters about various schemes launched for the socio-economic upliftment of the women.

Prominent among those who were present in the meeting included J&K Mahila Morcha Vice President Rumsya, Secretary Rashida, Shakila, Kupwara District President, Bavita Bhat Pulwama District President, Nahida Bandipora District President, Habita Anantnag District President and Surinder Singh Srinagar Office Secretary.

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JAMMU: JK LSA, Field unit of Department of Telecommunication organized a webinar on Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access network Interface (PM-WANI) on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) week being celebrated from Oct 11 to 17, 2021.

The webinar was attended by representatives of Telecom Service Providers, Internet Services Providers, and prospective PDOs.

Vineet Verma, Director, DOT, JK LSA, Jammu welcomed all the participants and speakers.

Radheshyam Parmar, DDG, DOT, JK LSA addressed the event and mentioned that the PM WANI scheme has many advantages like, it is a business opportunity and will generate new employments.

The broadband is available to



only 68% population of the country and still 32 % population is unable to access broadband. The PM WANI framework will proliferate broadband in the country.

The webinar was inaugurated by Dr Kailash Chandra Panday, Sr. DDG, DoT, J&K LSA.

In his inaugural address, he mentioned that now broadband services can be provided by even

Shahnawaz Rashid from CSC mentioned that they have opened 1st PM WANI access point in Gram Panchayat Haripur of J&K UT. He further added that CSC has its presence in almost each Gram Panchayat.

He said that his network of VLEs will provide PM WANI broadband connectivity in each Gram Panchayat.

Shahwaz Beg from RAIL-TEL shared his experiences and the role and opportunities the PM WANI framework provides.

He mentioned that the PW WANI access points at all the railway stations are under final stage of testing and will be commercially launched very soon.

Vivek Krishna Verma, AD DOT JK LSA summarized the webinar and proposed vote of thanks.