

Dussehra celebrated with religious fervor across region



DC Vishesh Mahajan, SSP Abdul Qayoom participating in Dussehra celebrations in Doda.

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DODA: The Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, along with Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Abdul Qayoom, actively participated in the Dussehra celebrations held in Doda and Bhaderwah.

The DC and SSP joined the community in celebrating the festival and took the opportunity to engage with the residents, urging them to follow the life and principles of Lord Rama for the betterment of Doda and the Union Territory.

The DC and SSP, along with other prominent officials, graced the Dussehra celebrations and conveyed their warm wishes to the people of Doda.

They emphasized the significance of Lord Rama's life and teachings, highlighting the importance of righteousness, sacrifice, and respect for all beings.

During their address to the gathering, the DC stressed the need for unity, communal harmony, and the adoption of ethical practices in personal and public life. He further underscored the importance of working collectively

towards making Doda and the UT a peaceful, prosperous, and heavenly place to live.

The SSP, during his address, highlighted the various developmental initiatives



Dussehra celebration in district Kishtwar.

implemented by the administration to uplift the living standards of the people in Doda. He encouraged the residents to actively participate in these initiatives and contribute wholeheartedly to the progress of the region.

KISHTWAR: The festival of Dussehra, also known as Vijaydashmi, was celebrated today at various location across district Kishtwar.

The mega celebration took

place at prestigious Chowgan Ground Kishtwar with exuberance and fervor in the picturesque district of Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir.

Thousands of devotees and locals joined in the festivities,

marking the occasion with the traditional ritual of consigning effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakarna, and Meghnatha to flames.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav, on the occasion extended his warm greetings to the people of Kishtwar on this sacred occasion of Dussehra.

He expressed his hopes that this auspicious festival would usher in an era of fraternity,

peace, progress, and prosperity for the region.

The celebrations witnessed the active participation of esteemed dignitaries, including SSP Kishtwar; Khalil Ahmed Poswal; ACR Kishtwar Varunjeet Singh Charak; President of Sanatan Dharm Sabha, Surinder Sen; Former Minister Sunil Sharma, President of Adarsh Dramatic Club Kishtwar; and its club members; Tehsildar Kishtwar; Muneeb Umar, Mahant Ramsharan Dass Ji Maharaj, prominent socio-religious personalities of Kishtwar besides several other senior officials from the civil and police administration.

UDHAMPUR: Like other parts of the country, Dussehra was celebrated with great enthusiasm and religious fervor at the Sports Stadium in Udhampur today evening.

Thousands of people joined in the celebrations, where the effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakarna, and Meghnad were set ablaze, symbolizing the victory of truth over evil.

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Additional SP Anwar-Ul-Haq, as well as other prominent individuals and a large gathering of people.

The administration had made adequate arrangements for security, barricading, drinking water, power supply, and medical facilities, including the deployment of ambulances, ensuring a successful and safe celebration at the Sports Stadium in Udhampur.

RAMBAN: Dussehra marking the victory of good over evils celebrated with full reli-



Dussehra celebrations at Ramban.

gious fervor and gaiety in Ramban.

The main function was organized in the premises of the Government Model Higher Secondary School, Ramban where the effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakarna and Meghnatha were consigned to flames marking victory of truth over evil.

President MC, Ramban, Sumita Sumbria, Additional superintendent of Police, Gourav Mahajan, Tehsildar, Harvir Singh, various officers from Civil and Police administration, prominent citizens, PRIs, members of Dussehra Celebration Committee and



Atal Peethadhiswar Shri Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj inaugurating Dussehra celebrations.

a large number of general public participated in the celebrations.

All elaborate security and other necessary arrangements were made by the District and Police administration for smooth celebration of

Dussehra festival. **RAJOURI:** Dussehra festival was celebrated with enthusiasm across Rajouri district.



Dussehra festival celebrated with religious fervor across Rajouri district.

The towns of Nowshera, Sunderbani, and Rajouri bore

witness to a grand spectacle that united the community in the celebration of the victory of good over evil.

The celebration was marked by elaborate preparations, meticulous planning, and the tireless efforts of both the

local police and district administration, ensuring the smooth and safe conduct of

the festivities. The highlight of this year's celebration was the active participation of a vast number of people from all walks of life, showcasing the unity and cultural diversity that make Rajouri a unique and vibrant district. Families, friends, and communities came together, sharing in the joy of this auspicious occasion.

SUNDERBANI: Atal Peethadhiswar Shri Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj inauguration of Deshara programme at Sunderbani.

Shri Ramlila organized on Navratri in Sunderbani ended today with its last episode after Ravana Dahan. This programme was organized at Army Ground Sunderbani. On the occasion, his Holiness Atal Peethadhiswar Shri Swami

Vishwatmanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj inaugurated the Ravana Dahan programme by cutting the ribbon. Administrative officers from Sunderbani including ADC Sunderbani, Munsif Judge Sunderbani, Commandant CRPF Sodra Campus Shri Ram Meena and officers and employees of many other departments were present.

At the same time, dignitaries from all the social, religious and political organizations of Sunderbani also

participated enthusiastically in this programme. On reaching the army ground at around 06:30 pm, Atal Peethadhiswar Shri Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj was welcomed by Ramlila Sunder Club Sunderbani President Avinash Gupta, Secretary Atul Gupta and all other members by showering flowers. Expressing his gratitude on this occasion, President of Ramlila Sunder Club Sunderbani, Avinash Gupta said that he thanks all the organisations of the society, the administrative officers of Sunderbani and all the other people. Who by giving timely support to Sunder Ramlila Club of Sunderbani, we have contributed in completing the programs of Dushra including Shri Ramlila of Navratri.

Only Azad can redress miseries of people in J&K: Saroori

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BHADARWAH: To strengthen the party at grassroots level and to discuss the arrangements for scheduled tour of DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad, Vice President DPAP Ghulam Mohd Saroori chaired high level meeting with office bearers and prominent workers at Bhaderwah.

The meeting was organized by Block President DPAP Arif Najar, in which all office bearers and workers of DPAP including Javed Azad, Zonal President Chenab region PR Manhas, Block President Arif Najar, City President Mushtaq Ahmed, Youth President Asrar Tak, Hafiz Mughal, Hans Raj, Sarpanch Nalthi Yasir Ahmed, Night Choudhary President Mahila wing Doda, Kamlesha Devi and others participated.

The meeting of office bearers and workers of DPAP was held at Dak Banglow Bhaderwah.



Vice President DPAP Ghulam Mohd Saroori welcoming new entrant in partyfold.

The main agenda of the meeting was to strengthen the party from grassroots level and to discuss arrangements for coming visit of Ghulam Nabi Azad to Bhaderwah.

Vice Chairman GM Saroori shared his valuable insights on engaging and involving the people especially youth.

He stressed the importance of nurturing young leaders who will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the party and the region as a whole.

Ghulam Mohd Saroori said

that the Democratic Progressive Azad Party is dedicated to its mission of promoting democracy, inclusivity and progress in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We are confident that the outcome of this meeting will contribute significantly to strengthening our party's roots in Bhaderwah and throughout the region," Saroori added, saying that in today's meeting, we also discussed the scheduled 2 days Bhaderwah tour of Ghulam Nabi Azad starting from 30th October.

Saroori said that only

Ghulam Nabi Azad can bring positive change in the UT where everyone has an opportunity to grow and prosper. "J&K needs to be developed. We need infrastructural growth, sustainable economy and enough job opportunities for our youth," said Saroori. He said such things are only possible when "you have a visionary leadership who conceive and execute things in a proper and fastest manner."

"We have to bring the vision of Azad to people as only Azad can do justice with every corner of Jammu and

Kashmir as he had done during his tenure as CM J&K. So people need to ensure DPAP is provided full majority to come to power in upcoming elections whenever they take place," he said.

Saroori said that in the present times, the people of both Jammu and Kashmir regions are facing huge difficulties economically and his party assures them that if they are elected to power, all miseries shall be removed.

He also stressed upon the party functionaries to coordinate at grassroots.

He also repeated the party's agenda of bringing back the status of state to Jammu and Kashmir; Job Security, Land rights, corruption free administration, good governance and others.

While speaking on the occasion, Zonal President Chenab region Prithvi Raj Manhas and Block President Arif Najar emphasized upon the workers of Bhaderwah to strengthen the party at the grassroots level so that people can get their rights back.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar showcases documentary of PMEGP

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JAMMU: Govt. College for women, Bhagwati Nagar showcased a documentary as a part of series of activities being organized under the mentorship of the principal of the college Dr. Meeru Abrol. This programme was organized under the aegis of Prime Minister Employment generation programme and Khadi and village Industries Mission. The documentary was an eye-opener for the spectators as it made the students aware that other than being associated with the freedom movement, Khadi as a cloth is extremely Eco-friendly, a major generator of employment, famous all over the world and safe for sensitive skin. It is ecofriendly as during its preparation for one meter of cloth only four liters of water is consumed vis -a - vis around 53 liters of water while preparing onemeter of synthetic cloth.

Speaking on the occasion Principal of the college said, that we as responsible citizens need to use and promote the use of the fabric Khadi as it will create more Employment opportunities as it does not need any Hi-tech machinery or Electricity but requires the humble "Charkha" and hard work and dedication of the workers. The programme was organized and began with a talkby Dr. Pavanjeet Bali on Khadi and its relevance in the present scenario. The documentary showcased as to how the "BADLLO MOVEMENT" initiated by the Govt. of India will bring Khadi into mainstream fashion industry and make khadi a house hold name. The students were highly inspired and motivated to use khadi and also promote it. Also present on the occasion was Prof. Anju Bala (NSS P.O).



Shri Amar Kshatriya (Rajput) Sabha celebrates Shashtra Pooja



Sabha members performing Shashtra Pujan.

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JAMMU: Shri Amar Kshatriya (Rajput) Sabha

organized a Grand Function of Shashtra Pooja, on the eve of Dusshera Festival at Raj Tilak Bhawan Purani Mandi Jammu. Being Traditional Function, all the licensed weapons are cleaned on this day to avoid rusting and to keep them readily available for use at any time.

Havan was started at 11.00 AM in the Bhawan by eminent Pandits and proper pooja was performed. Large number of Biradri members from urban and rural areas, participated in the

Shashtra Pooja and paid Havan Ahuties to Deity and wished for Prosperity of the Community members, State and the Country.

Mangleshwar Singh (General Secretary) Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha J&K in his address said that Dusshera Festival reminds us the victory over evils. On this day Bhagwan Rama, Killed Ravana for his Tyrannical rule. The people of that era got rid of the Tyrannical rule and heaved a sigh of relief. On this day the old weapons are worshipped and cleaned for further use. The weapons worship is aimed at not to mis-use of weapons but its use is only made for the protection of people of the State and Country as well. pawan singh, jai dev singh

Dr. Deepak (Advisor), Narinder Singh (Secretary), Sukhdev Singh (Secretary), Ashwani Slathia, Ajay Singh, Shaater Singh, Patil Singh, Ramesh Singh, Balbir Singh and others were also present.

SSP Mohan Lal inaugurates e-rickshaw showroom



SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat inaugurating showroom at Akhnoor.

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AKHNOOR: SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat on Tuesday inaugurated RP Motors near Kameshwar Temple in Akhnoor. The inaugural ceremony started with Vedic chanting. After which the chief guest lit the lamp and inaugurated the e-rickshaw showroom by cutting the ribbon. Apart from the sale of e-rickshaw, repair and spare parts will also be available in this showroom.

SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat while addressing the media congratulated the owner Rakesh Kumar and his family for opening the first of kind sales and spare showroom in Akhnoor. He said that the government has started many government schemes for self-employment for unemployed youth,

taking advantage of which the youth are becoming self-reliant today. He said that promoting battery operated electric vehicles is good for environment.

Rakesh Kumar, owner and founder of RP Motors, said that e-rickshaws and e-load carriers will be available here. He told that the people here will not have to go to far away cities to buy e-rickshaw etc. He told that along with the sale of e-rickshaw, repair work can also be done here. On this occasion, a large number of local people including Press Club Akhnoor President Shakti Singh, General Secretary Shamsheer Singh, Vikrant Bral, Rabia Khajuria, Vishal Gandotra, Ashwani Bhardwaj were present.

File ground level stories focusing on beneficiaries of Govert schemes: ADG PIB

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KATRA: Media should write ground level stories that focus on the beneficiaries of government schemes. This was stated by Rajinder Chaudhry, Additional Director General (ADG), PIB, Northern Region while addressing Vartalap programme with media in Katra district of Reasi district in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir today. PIB Jammu's Vartalap acts as a bridge between the government and media in order to reach out to the people at grassroots. Chaudhry also urged the media to highlight success stories of persons who have benefited from government schemes in the region. At the same time, he urged the media to use feedback mechanisms to bring to the government's notice any shortcomings in the implementation of the schemes and development programmes.

Making a presentation on '9 Years of Seva, Sushasan and Gharib Kalyan, the ADG said a lot of work has been done on the development front in J&K in these years. He said the region is uniquely placed



Rajinder Chaudhry, ADG PIB, Northern Region chairing a meeting at Katra.

as it has now its own AIIMS, IIM, IIMC and IIT. Talking about the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Mission, he said the UT of J&K has universal healthcare coverage. Similar achievements must be highlighted by the media, he called upon media persons attending the programme.

Among the speakers at the event were Rakesh Kumar Salgotra, Horticulture Development Officer, Reasi, Gopal Dutt, Block Medical Officer, Reasi and Mohd. Arif Lone, Assistant Director, Tourism. They shared the achievements and programmes undertaken by their departments in the last nine years.

In his opening remarks, Ghulam Abbas, Joint Director, PIB, Jammu, asked media to carry balanced stories in their outlets for greater credibility among the masses. He also appealed to the media to inform and educate the public about the Government of India's welfare programmes and schemes. Mr Abbas urged the media to avail of the Journalist Welfare Scheme which offers financial assistance to journalists and their families in extreme hardship. A Question and Answer (Q&A) session was held during which media persons shared the issues faced by them in the discharge of their professional duties.

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