

LG felicitates officers of administration, Army, J&K Police, CAPFs, SASB, volunteers who have been part of Amarnath Ji Yatra 2024

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday felicitated the officers of Administration, Jammu Kashmir Police, Army, Air force, CAPFs, Emergency & Health Services, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board and Volunteers who have been part of the 52-days long Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2024.



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the felicitation ceremony at Srinagar on Sunday.

to serve Yatris ensured they have hassle-free darshan," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said the collective and coordinated efforts by every section of the society, officials of Administration, Shrine Board, Police, Army, Air force, CAPFs, BRO, Disaster Response Forces, religious leaders, Medical Staff, sanitation workers, service providers, volunteers, ponywalas, pithuwalas, engineers, health-care professionals, social organisations, workforce, and the media fraternity made it a memorable spiritual experience for the pilgrims.

5,12,252 yatris performed darshans at the Holy Cave during Yatra 2024. This is the highest Yatra figure in last twelve years and it is the 4th time when darshans have crossed 5 lakh.

The Lieutenant Governor also expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for the continuous support and guidance for the successful conduct of the Yatra.

It was informed that comprehensive arrangements were put in place on both the Yatra Tracks. 77 healthcare facilities, 509 clinical bed facilities and 26 oxygen booths were set up along the yatra route. 100-bed hospitals were set

up at both Chandanwari and Baltal and about 1238 doctors and nursing staff were also engaged to serve the pilgrims.

More than 32,000 ponywalas, pithuwalas and palkiwalas helped the yatris to reach the holy shrine. 7000 sanitation workers, 600 trained workers and 25 management staff were engaged 24x7 and dedicatedly performed their assigned work day and night to keep both the routes of the Yatra clean.

With Zero land fill-based approach for the disposal of solid waste, all the Swachhagrahis contributed significantly in achieving the goal of litter-free

Yatra. 100% E-KYC based registration, prepaid system for availing the services easily, Grid based power illumination at Panchtarni and holy cave covering the entire Baltal route, fast response on maintenance of wider and safer roads, development of new track on Pahalgam Axis between Chandanwari and Pissu Top, availability of Heli Charter service from Srinagar Airport to Neelgrath, augmented clock room services, accommodation facilities at Yatra Niwas at Pantha Chowk also facilitated the seamless and smooth pilgrimage of the yatris.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Nalin Prabhat, DGP; Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava, GOC 15 Corps; Dr Mandeep K Bhandari, CEO Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, senior officers of Civil, Police Administration, J&K, CAPFs, Army and Shrine Board attended the felicitation ceremony.

Development of Pir Panjal region high on Govt's agenda: Rana

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmad Rana, visited Pir ki Gali and Surankote constituency of Poonch district.



Forest Minister Javed Ahmad Rana during visit to Pir ki Gali on Sunday.

On his maiden visit to Poonch district after assuming office, the Minister was received by the senior officers of district administration and civil society organisations.

Addressing a mammoth gathering at Pir ki Gali, the Minister said that the Omar led Government is committed towards fulfilling the developmental aspirations of people, while taking due care of people's basic requirements.

Enhanced efforts are being initiated towards ensuring that all the rural and border areas of the UT are brought under the ambit of various government schemes meant for their development, he added.

He stressed that government is keen to work for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir and sought coop-

eration of all stakeholders in this regard.

"Development of Pir Panjal region is high on agenda of present government, maintained the Minister while elaborating certain strategies being worked upon on this account.

Javed Rana, while appreciating the public for their firm support, said that he will work with utmost dedication and vigour to bring enhanced development and prosperity in the region. He emphasized that welfare of youth is one of the top pri-

orities of the present regime and the government will leave no stone unturned to fulfil the aspirations of the people making their lives easy and better.

Earlier, the Minister paid obeisance at the tomb of Hazrat Sheikh Syed Ahmad Karim (RA) in Pir Ki Gali and prayed for peace, progress and prosperity of the region.

The Minister also announced setting up of a Special Transit Facility at Pir Gali for devotees of Dargah Lar Shareef.

Arvind inaugurates 51st JKUT Badminton Championship



Organisers along with players posing for photograph.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Arvind Gupta, MLA Jammu West, on Sunday inaugurated the 51st JKUT Badminton Championship at the MA Stadium.

The prestigious event is being organized by the Sports Council of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, bringing together talented players from across the region to compete and showcase their skills.

Addressing the gathering, Arvind Gupta emphasized the importance of sports and physical activities in shaping a healthy and progressive society.

"Sports and youth are vital

to our society, fostering teamwork, discipline, and resilience. Events like these not only provide a platform for athletes to excel but also inspire others to pursue their passions with dedication. Let's encourage our children to play, excel, and shape a brighter future," he remarked.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed the participation of prominent sports personalities, coaches, and sports enthusiasts. The event aims to promote the spirit of competition and camaraderie among the youth, encouraging them to engage in sports actively and pursue excellence.

The championship will feature various categories, with players from different age groups battling for the coveted titles.

Arvind Gupta extended his best wishes to all the participants and praised the efforts of the Sports Council for organizing the event, ensuring that the youth have ample opportunities to develop their skills and represent the region on national and international platforms.

The 51st JKUT Badminton Championship is set to continue over the next few days, with thrilling matches that promise to enthrall sports lovers.

SMVDU students visit IMC & India Blockchain Summit

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: A group of 27 students from the School of Computer Science Engineering, School of Electronics & Communication, and School of Biotechnology at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University attended the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2024, Asia's largest digital technology event, which was held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India and India Blockchain Summit, India's first Blockchain Summit which was held at Talkatora Indore Stadium.

The students were accompanied by faculty member, Dr.Gyanesh Singh and staff members, Anil Kumar, Neelam. The students had the opportunity to experience the latest technologies in mobile, 5G, Internet of Things (IoT), Satellite Internet, Smart Agriculture, XR, MR, Artificial Intelligent and Cybersecurity along with other emerging fields. They also attended keynote addresses by global leaders,



Participating students posing for photograph.

including Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with panel discussions and workshops on a wide range of topics, and exhibits and demonstrations from over 400 companies and institutions such as Airtel, Reliance Jio, Dell, Intel, and organizations like ISRO, DTU, IITs, including personalities. The students also had the opportunity to attend India Blockchain (IBS) 2024, taking place at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, where the future of Blockchain takes center stage. Investors, policymakers, tech influencers, CXOs, and entrepreneurs converge

to shape the Blockchain landscape with forward-thinking strategies. IBS was a platform to engage with the vanguard of Blockchain, contributing to the evolution of the digital economy. The students also had the opportunity to network with potential employers and investors at the event. They were particularly interested in learning about the latest trends in the digital technology industry and how they can apply their skills to solve real-world problems. The students' participation in IMC 2024 was made possible by the inputs of Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.)

Pragati Kumar, Registrar, Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma and Dean of Students' Welfare, Prof. R. K. Mishra.

The visit was organized under the supervision of the Head of SoCSE Dr. Bajj Nath Kaushik, Head SoCEDr. Anil Bhardwaj (Assistant Professor), Dr.Gyanesh Singh (Assistant Professor), Faculty Advisor Dr.Vikram Singh (Assistant Professor), Dr.Neeraj Tripathi (Assistant Professor), Dr.Sudesh Kumar (Assistant Professor) along with various faculty members and staff. The students were also grateful to

the student coordinators, Aditya Kanodiya and Sonu Kumar, for their help in organizing the trip. The students' experience at Both IMC 2024 & IBS 2024 was truly inspiring. They were amazed by the latest technologies on display and the potential of these technologies to change the world along with different Blockchain companies that was being addressed by their founders. They were also motivated by the success stories of entrepreneurs and innovators who are using technology to solve real-world problems. The students returned to the SMVDU with a renewed sense of purpose and a deep understanding of the digital technology industry. They are now eager to apply their skills and knowledge to make a positive impact on the world. The students were grateful to SMVDU for giving them the opportunity to attend IMC 2024 & IBS 2024. It was a truly life-changing experience.

Model Panchayat project: DC Kishtwar steers awareness initiative, evaluates developmental milestones

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KISHTWAR: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan visited Model Panchayat Badhaat of Saroor area in Block Drabshalla to preside over an awareness initiative and assess advancements made in the execution of key developmental projects in the panchayat.



DDC Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan chairing a meeting.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G), Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), health initiatives and social programs to achieve envisioned community welfare and advancement.

The DDC asked the sectoral officers and field functionaries to work tirelessly to achieve the set targets.

Later, the DDC inspected

ongoing development works, seeking timely completion with assured quality. He engaged with the Village Monitoring Committee (VMCs), local residents and former PRI members, stating that the Model Panchayat project envisages comprehensive indicator coverage, addressing community concerns, and providing prompt resolutions. He encouraged the Village Monitoring Committee to proactively coordinate with

departments to bridge gaps in Panchayat development.

In response to local health requirements, the stakeholder departments were instructed to organize a

medical camp offering free checkups and medicines to Panchayat residents.

The District Development Commissioner warned the officers who had not yet visited their designated Model panchayats, underscoring that negligence in duty would lead to stringent action. He emphasized the importance of committed on-ground engagement by all the officials to guarantee the effective execution of developmental programs and to comprehensively address the community's needs.

Nowshera entertainment fair begins

STATE TIMES NEWS
NOWSHERA: Entertainment fair was organized in Nowshera's Thati (Rajal) by ADC Nowshera Baburam Tandon in which various types of swings including Dragon Train Joint Bill Swing Club, Cross Mickey Mouse, Trump Pillin, and various types of stalls were installed.



ADC Nowshera Baburam Tandon and Tehsildar Qila Darhal inaugurating the entertainment fair in Nowshera Jahangir Hussain.

"I appeal to the people of Nowshera to come to the entertainment fair with their families. There are various types of means of entertainment here, there are also stalls for food,

owner of entertainment fair Sachin Sharma and Nishu Sharma were present.

take full advantage of them: ADC said. On this occasion, Tehsildar Qila Darhal Jahangir Hussain,

Tributes paid to martyr Davinder Sharma

STATE TIMES NEWS
R S PURA: DySP Davinder Sharma alias Jattu and HC Gurbachan Singh who attained Martyrdom at Billawar in the year 2001, twenty three years ago, were remembered at R.S.Pura near Gandhi Memorial



Officials paying tributes to martyr DySP Davinder Sharma.

Park, patrol pump, R.S.Pura in a well arranged function organized by Jammu Police & Local people of R.S Pura, in which floral tributes were paid by the SSP Jammu, SP Hqrs, SDPO R.S.Pura, SHO PS R.S.Pura, several batchmates & family members of Martyr Sh Davinder Sharma Dy.SP*, besides large number of people from all walks of life.

While paying tributes to the martyrs SSP Jammu said that both of them along with other martyrs from the soil of R.S Pura have made us proud and we can never forget their supreme sacrifice for the motherland.

All the locals appreciated the role of JKP especially in maintaining peaceful atmosphere in J&K in spite of several challenges.

Illegal extraction & transportation of minerals: Two Tractors seized, drivers arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS
KULGAM: have seized 02 Tractors and arrested their drivers for involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of mineral. Acting on reliable information, a police party led by SHO Police Station Kund, seized two tractors along with the illegally extracted material at Kanchloo Crossing Kund. The accused drivers have also been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 29/2024 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police station Kund and investigation has been initiated. J&K Police remain committed to enforcing stringent measures against illegal mining to safeguard the environment and natural resources.

Unidentified male body found

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: An unidentified body was found at Talab Tillo on Sunday. As per details, On October 27, 2024 mornings an unidentified individual, approximately 35/40 years old, with a height of about 5'7" and a wheatish complexion, was found dead in Main chowk Talab Tillo, Jammu. The person was attired in off white shirt and grey trouser. He was subsequently transported to GMC Jammu, and body was kept in GMC Mortuary. In light of the suspicious circumstances surrounding the death, inquest proceedings have been initiated under Section 194 BNSS at Police Post Talab Tillo, Jammu, Police Station Nowabad, via DDR No. 09, Dated 27/10/2024. Anyone with information that could help identify can contact SHO Nowabad: 9419835599; ICPPP Talab Tillo: 9419153410.



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