

## Natrang's mega show 'Mata Ki Kahani' to be showcased daily at Katra from 4th October

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KATRA: Natrang's mega musical theatre show 'Mata Ki Kahani' will be staged daily twice at the auditorium of Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra. Joined by the entire team of actors and performers of 'Mata Ki Kahani', the writer and director of this mega show Padamshree Balwant Thakur informed that for the devotees and visitors to the holy town Katra, Natrang Jammu is going to organise two shows daily at 3 pm and 6 pm at the Auditorium of Spiritual Growth Centre, opposite Shrine Board office Katra from Friday 4th of October, 2024. On the occasion he invited one and all to come and witness this magnificent show which is being shown free of charges. Sharing details he said that this is the first ever theatre show on the legend of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi. This electrifying production is set to vibrate the stage with highly spectacular theatri-



Director Natrang Padamshree Balwant Thakur with the artists of the play.

cals and is going to be the life-time opportunity for the spectators. People from Jammu may play to come to Katra along with their families to witness this not to be missed this show.

The story of Mata Vaishno Devi is a classic narrative that echoes every Hindu household and is a part of every grandma's midnight tale. As per the legend, during the period when the Goddess was busy in annihilating the Asuras, Her three main manifestations viz. Mata Maha Kali, Mata Maha Lakshmi and Mata Maha Saraswati got together one day and pooled their collective Tejas

or spiritual strength. A stunningly bright light emanated from the place where the Tejas of the three manifestations coalesced and a beautiful young girl emerged out of this Tejas. The young girl asked them, "Why have I been created?" The Devis explained to her that she had created her so that she would live on earth and spend her time in upholding righteousness. They asked her to take human birth in the home of Ratnakar, who was a devotee of three Goddesses, and then go on to lead a life of piouness and penance, so as to raise her own consciousness to the level of

Godhead. They also told her that once she had attained that level of consciousness, she would then become one with Lord Vishnu. Soon a young and beautiful girl was born to Ratnakar and his wife. They named her Vaishnavi. Right from her childhood, the girl was spiritually inclined and had a quest for the knowledge of the inner self. She would go into deep meditation and stay in that state for hours together. She then decided to renounce all worldly comforts and travel deep into the forest to perform severe austerities and penance. This is when she met Lord

Rama, an incarnation of Lord Vishnu and attained his blessings. She wanted to become one with Rama, as was her mission. However, Rama, knowing that it was not the right time, promised her that he would visit her again, after the end of his exile. He told her that if she recognized him at that time, he would then fulfill her wish. Rama kept his promise, and came to meet her after winning the battle from Ravana in an old man's disguise. But unfortunately, Vaishnavi could not recognise him. She became upset when Rama showed his true self to her. Rama told her that the time had yet not come for them to be with one another and assured her that they would unite during Kalyug, when he would be in his incarnation of Kalki. Rama also asked her to set up her ashram in the foot of the Trikuta Hills and serve to uplift the poor and the destitute. And the story continues.

## GCOE Jammu honours Padmashri Romalo Ram during meet alumni programme

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JAMMU: As part of two week long Induction-cum-Orientation Program of Four Year Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP), Government College of Education Jammu organized an interactive session on "Meet the Alumni". Under this initiative, the newly inducted students were given the opportunity to meet august alumnus of 1996-97 Batch Padmashri Romalo Ram.

The principal of the college Dr Jyoti Parihar presented Basoli Painting prepared by college students as a souvenir. She hailed his contribution towards the promotion of Dogri art, culture and music. She also added that the college is proud to have produced three Padmashri so far and it was a great honor for the institution to have an alumnus that has created such rich legacy.

Dr Rakesh Bharti, Convener ITEP apprised the



Faculty members honouring Padmashree Romalo Ram.

students about life and contribution of Romalo Ramji. In his address to the students, Padsamshree Romalo Ram ji recalled his struggles as a student as he hailed from remote area.

He narrated the incidents related to the struggles that he had to face as a student from rural village of Udhampur. He also apprised the students about the way he brought gold medal for the college in the annual cultural event in 1996 which is still a record. He exhorted the students to serve the soil with passion.

Dr Shalini Rana, IQAC

Convener, motivated the students to follow the footsteps of the Romalo Ramji, who is a shining example of unparalleled dedication and commitment towards the promotion of rich Dogra art, culture and folk songs. She added that his life is a source of inspiration not only for the students but for the teachers also.

The students enthusiastically interacted during the feedback session. The program was attended by Dr Rajinder Kour, Dr Devinder Kour, Prof Balwan Singh, Dr Ambica Sharma and Dr Suraj Prakash.

## DEO Reasi oversees training for Counting Supervisors, Assistants, Micro-Observers



DEO Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan chairing a meeting.

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REASI: A comprehensive training session was held on Thursday under the supervision of District Election Officer Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan at the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex for Counting Supervisors, Counting Assistants and Micro-Observers whose services

will be utilized for vote counting in District Reasi, scheduled for October 8.

During the training, DEO instructed the officials to maintain professional conduct to make the whole process smooth and transparent. Master Trainers led thorough sessions aimed at preparing skilled personnel for count-

ing votes in three Assembly Constituencies of District Reasi.

The employees were also given instructions on managing and handling polling machinery for transparent counting of votes. The participants received detailed instructions on safety protocols to be followed during the vote counting process.

## Nodal Officer MCMC Rajouri chairs meeting with Media Persons to discuss Setup of Media Centre for Vote Counting

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RAJOURI: On the directions of District Election Officer (DEO) Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, the Nodal Officer for Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC), Ashiq Rafiq Malik, chaired a meeting with the media persons of District Rajouri.

The meeting focused on finalizing the arrangements for setting up a Media Centre on the day of vote counting, scheduled for 8 October 2024.

The primary objective of the Media Centre is to provide a central location for the dissemination of real-time election results,



DEO Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma chairing a meeting.

updates and official announcements to the press and public.

Ashiq Rafiq Malik highlighted the significance of efficient media operations

during the vote counting process and emphasized that the Media Centre will ensure timely and accurate information reaches the public.

He also reiterated the role of the media in maintaining the transparency of the counting process.

Additionally, the Nodal Officer stressed the need for spreading positive feedback through media channels during and after the counting process. He pointed out that highlighting the success stories from polling stations and the smooth counting process would encourage trust and participation in future elections.

During the meeting, the District Information Officer (DIO), Rajouri, also sought suggestions from the media persons to enhance the operations of the Media Centre. He encouraged the journalists to share their insights on how to further improve the flow of communication and coordination between the election authorities and the press.

Media persons raised constructive suggestions related to real-time access to data, quick updates on the counting process and the availability of technical support at the Media Centre.

## Training for counting staff held at Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: In preparation for the upcoming counting of votes casted in General Election to Legislative Assembly - 2024, the training was conducted on Thursday at district Kishtwar for Counting Supervisors, Counting Assistants, and allied staff tasked with assisting the Returning Officer of all the three Assembly Constituencies.



DEO Kishtwar Rajesh Kumar Shavan chairing a meeting.

The training session took place in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex Kishtwar in the presence of

District Election Officer (DEO) Kishtwar Rajesh Kumar Shavan. The main focus of the

training was to equip personnel with the necessary knowledge and skills required for the accurate and efficient counting of votes. In his address to the trainees, DEO emphasized the crucial roles and responsibilities they would undertake during the counting process.

The actual counting of EVMs is scheduled to take place at the Kendriya Vidyalaya Kishtwar on

October 8, 2024, utilizing three dedicated Counting Halls, he informed.

He informed that a total of 42 counting tables will be set up, with each hall accommodating 14 tables for each Assembly Constituency besides one additional room is dedicated for counting of Postal ballots, each manned by a team consisting of a Counting Supervisor, Micro Observer, Counting Assistant, and Counting Staff.

The ROs, AC 49-Kishtwar Pawan Kotwal, 48-Inderwal Idrees Lone, 50-Paddar Nagsemi Dr. Amit Kumar, Election NT Angrez Singh, Nodal Officer Training Riyaz Ahmed Butt besides other concerned were present.

## Ramban Admin holds training for Counting Supervisors, Assistants, Micro-Observers



Officials during the training programme.

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RAMBAN: The District Administration Ramban on Thursday conducted training for Counting Supervisors, Counting Assistants and Micro-Observers whose services will be utilized for counting of votes in Ramban scheduled on October 8.

Under the directions of District Election Officer Ramban, Baseer-UI-Haq

Chaudhary, the training was conducted at Conference Hall under the supervision of Returning Officer AC-54 Ramban Harpal Singh and Returning Officer AC-55 Banihal Rizwan Asgar where Master Trainers carried out exhaustive training sessions to prepare skilled manpower for the counting of votes for two Assembly

Constituencies of district Ramban.

During the sessions, the participating employees were taken through sensory training particularly on safety measures to be taken during the process of counting of votes.

In addition to this, they were also trained how to handle emergencies to address issues of security and privacy.

## SKC GDC Poonch organizes series of activities



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POONCH: To commemorate 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, NSS Units, RRC, Deptt. of Punjabi, Deptt. of Zoology of SKC GDC Poonch organized series of activities under the able guidance of Principal Dr. Jasbir Singh.

The events were coordinated by NSS Advisor, Prof. Assad Ullha Khan, NSS Prog. Officers Dr. Loveleen Kaur Kesar and Dr. Khalil Reishie. These activities aimed to promote Gandhian

Ideology, Mahatma Gandhi's legacy of non-violence, truth and social justice. Various activities such as Bhajan singing Competition, Painting Competition on freedom struggle of National Heroes, Reel Making Competition, Slogan writing Competition, Screen play on Mahatma Gandhi and Bhagat Singh, Essay writing competition on 'Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi and Bhagat Singh, and Extension lecture on Blood Donation and clean-

liness drive were organized to honored the Father of Nation and encouraged the students to practice Gandhian Ideology in their life. Dr. Loveleen Kaur Kesar, Dr. Shamim Bandyer and Dr. Tabassum Naz were the jury members for all the competitions. Mehvish Kazmi, Muniba Farooq, Kamran, Tarun, Gaganpreet Kour got the 1st position in the competition. Certificates were given to all the participants and position holders.

## DC Poonch visits Child Care Institute for Girls



Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal during visit to Child Care Institute.

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal on Thursday visited the Child Care Institute for Girls, 'Pareesha', as part of a comprehensive initiative to assess the conditions of child care institutions.

The institute currently houses 38 girls and the visit aimed at

ensuring their overall well-being while improving the quality of services provided to them. Kundal undertook a detailed tour of the institute, inspecting every corner to ensure the facilities met the required standards. He conducted a thorough review of the food roster, checked nutritional standards and ensured the kitchen main-

tained strict hygiene protocols. On-spot instructions were issued to the District Social Welfare Officer, Poonch, for immediate improvements in both the quality of food and educational resources provided to the inmates.

During his visit, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of skill development

and sports activities in promoting the holistic development of the girls. He engaged with the children, who interacted enthusiastically, sharing their concerns, aspirations and needs.

The girls specifically requested Wi-Fi access to support their studies and the DC assured

them of his full support, promising to address the request promptly.

Accompanying the Deputy Commissioner were District Social Welfare Officer, Wakeel Bhat and District Tax Officer, Qurat Ul Ain, along with other senior officials.

## NYK Rajouri concludes Swachhta Hi Sewa campaign



NYK officials and participants during the programme.

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SUNDERBANI: Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Rajouri successfully concluded Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign Programme. In the concluding event, cleanliness drives were held in Tehsil Complex Sunderbani of district Rajouri. The campaign started from 17th of September and concluded today on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti.

Tehsildar Daljit Singh Parihar Sunderbani was the Chief Guest on the occasion. K K Khakhi the acting President of Senior Citizens Council Sunderbani was also present.

Amarjeet Sharma, President J&K Social and Cultural Council Sunderbani along with large number of local youth clubs such as Shakti Mahila Mandal, Amar Youth Club and Young India Youth Club and president of Anmol cultural club Sunderbani Zorawar Singh also played an active role to organise a campaign and make it a Grand Success. Several wall paintings to motivate the masses about the cleanliness were also exhibited on the occasion.

Akshay Sharma and Samriti Sharma (Ex NYV) also participated actively in the campaign.

## Training programme for counting staff conducted in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: In preparation for the smooth conduct of

counting of votes on October 8, the Election Authority Udhampur organized a training program for Counting Supervisors, Counting Assistants and Micro Observers which was held under the supervision of District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai, here at Conference Hall, DC Office Complex on Thursday.

The DEO said that all necessary arrangements had been put in place to ensure the efficient conduct of the counting process. She directed the



Officials during the programme.

counting staff to strictly adhere to the prescribed guidelines and follow the rules meticulously throughout the vote counting procedure. District Level Master trainers provided comprehensive training to the counting staff on the proper handling of Electronic Voting Machines and the process of counting postal ballot papers.

During the session, the Master Trainers addressed the doubts and queries raised by the participants, ensuring clarity on all aspects of the counting process.

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