

# Acharaya Dr Lokesh Muni, Ankur Sharma call on LG

## LG release book ‘Mele Pattanan De’



LG Manoj Sinha releasing book of Padma Shri Dr. Jitendra Udhamपुरi at Raj Bhawan.

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JAMMU: His Holiness Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni, Founder, Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti and World Peace Centre called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday and discussed his ongoing initiatives to promote peace, harmony and inter-faith dialogue and establishing J&K Chapter of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti.

He was accompanied by Sandeep Jain, National Secretary, All India Jain Conference and Pankaj Jain, Patron, Bharatiya Jain Sanghatna, J&K. Meanwhile, Advocate Ankur Sharma, BJP Spokesperson called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Sunday. Subsequently, Vandana Kumari, former Sarpanch, Flora Nagbani Jammu also

called on the Lieutenant Governor. Later, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha released a book of Punjabi Poetry "Mele Pattanan De" authored by noted writer Padma Shri Dr. Jitendra Udhamपुरi, at Raj Bhawan. The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the author and complimented him on his contribution to the literary world.

# Satish attends inaugural Zabarvan Legends Series 2025 at Gulmarg

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
GULMARG: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, on Sunday attended the inaugural ceremony of the Zabarvan Legends Series 2025, Downhill Mountain Biking Championship, held at the picturesque Gulmarg. Organized by Zabarvan, the event marks the first-ever international downhill mountain biking series to be hosted in Jammu & Kashmir, bringing the region into global focus as an emerging hub for adventure sports. Addressing the gathering, Satish Sharma lauded the initiative, calling it a historic moment for J&K's youth and sports sector. He



said that events like the Zabarvan Legends Series not only promote adventure tourism but also encourage youth participation in new-age sports, opening new avenues of employment and recognition. "This championship reflects the dynamic spirit of our youth and the limitless poten-

tial of Jammu & Kashmir as a global destination for adventure and outdoor sports," the Minister said. He added that the Government is fully committed to supporting such initiatives and enhancing sports infrastructure across the Union Territory. The Minister appreciated the efforts of Zabarvan

# Balvinder congratulations to Sat Sharma

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SUNDERBANI: Balvinder Singh State president BJP POJK Refugee Cell Jammu and Kashmir UT offer warm greeting s and best wishes to Sat Sharma Our respected and hardworking leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party, BJP Sat Sharma who is the state President of BJP Jammu and Kashmir and was elected as the MLA from Jammu west constituency, has today been finalized as a member for the Rajya Sabha. As the State Head and Convenor of the Refugee Cell, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to him. On behalf of our entire refugee community and the Bharatiya Janata Party, I offer him my warm greetings and best wishes. I hope that Sat Sharma will soon take his seat in Parliament as a Rajya Sabha member and raise the voice of Jammu and Kashmir, especially of our refugee community, which has still not received its due rights as he really feel the pain of Refugee community. I particularly want to mention the demand for the UT-2 status, which the people of Jammu have been asking for. We are also residents of Jammu and Kashmir and migrated here from PoJK. Just as Rajouri and Poonch were given UT-2 status, we should also be granted the same. At the same time, I want to raise the issue of the custodian refugees who were allotted houses, shops, or lands by the custodian department but have still not been given ownership rights. I am sure that sat sharma Ji will raise this issue as well. I also express my gratitude to our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP National President J.P. Nadda and B.L. Santosh who finalised and supported Sat Sharma name for the Rajya Sabha. Once again, I congratulate Sat Sharma and express full faith that he will continue to represent the people of Jammu and Kashmir especially the refugees and stand firm for their rights.

# Javed, Murad Ali win in International Dangal

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADERWAH: The Administration, in collaboration with the Youth Action Committee (YAC), organised a two-day International Dangal (Wrestling) competition at Bhaderwah, which concluded on Sunday with the final bouts. The sporting event, featuring renowned male and female wrestlers from across India and neighbouring Nepal, was inaugurated by Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Ghulam Ali Khatana, along with MLA Bhaderwah Dalip Parihar and DDC Chairman Doda Dhananter Singh Kotwal, in the presence of Naseer Mehboob Paddar, President and Chief Organiser of YAC. Over 50,000 spectators witnessed the International Dangal at Bhaderwah. Young Entrepreneur Touqeer Bagban, Social



MP Ghulam Ali Khatana inaugurating Dangal.

Activist Tariq Butt, Advocate Mohd Majid Malik, Educationist Arif Rana, Saleem Tak (Referee) and others were also present on the occasion. Naseer Mehboob said the event was dedicated to martyrs and aimed at strengthening communal harmony while motivating youth to embrace physical fitness and revive traditional Indian wrestling - a sport deeply rooted in the cultural fabric of the region. MP Ghulam Ali Khatana

lauded the initiative, saying it was heartening to witness such a massive gathering. "This mega event not only showcases local and national talent but will also go a long way in promoting tourism and strengthening social bonds in Bhaderwah," he added. On the final day, Javed Gani of Jammu and Kashmir defeated Rahul from Uttar Pradesh to win the Badi Mali title in a thrilling contest, while Murad Ali emerged victorious in the Choti Mali category.

# District Cycling Association organises Open Cycle Competition

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: The Jammu & Kashmir Cycle Association (JKCA), in collaboration with the District Udhampur Cycling Association, organized a district-level open cycling competition today in Udhampur. The event was held under the leadership of District President Rajesh Sharma and was supervised by Chief Coordinator SS Gill, along with senior members Om Prakash and Tjinder Singh. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from local cyclists, including tiny-tots who showcased their cycling skills.



In the girls under-14 category, Divya Bakshi secured the first position, followed by Mahi Devi in second and Sritika Thakur in third. In the boys' junior category, Sharman Sharma clinched first place, while Manik Mangotra took second. In the sub-junior category, Arindhan Ravi bagged the

top position, with Manik Sharma and Vasudev Vaishnav coming in second and third respectively. Later, Rajesh Sharma distributed prizes among the winners. In his speech, he encouraged young people to actively take part in such events to explore and develop their talents.

He also emphasized the importance of staying away from drugs and other social evils. Sharma urged the youth to adopt cycling not only as a sport but also as a regular hobby to stay physically fit and lead a disciplined life, particularly by riding safely within designated zones of the city.

# Col Mahan inaugurates road construction work under District Capex Plan

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: In a major development initiative, DDC Chairman Kathua, Col Mahan Singh (Retd), today inaugurated the construction work of a 1.0 km long road to SC Mohalla Adan under the District Capex Plan. The project will be executed by the PWD (R&B) Division Basohli. The long-pending demand of villagers for a road connecting Marta to Bajod on the Mahanpur-Basohli road is finally becoming a reality. The new road will benefit more than 50 families, mostly belonging to the Scheduled Caste community, and inter-link several localities includ-



DDC Chairman Kathua, Col Mahan Singh inaugurating road work.

ing Marta, Adan, Nagrota, Bajod, Jait, and Kharmait. The inauguration ceremony was marked by enthusiasm and joy as Col Mahan Singh cut the ribbon amid slogans praising Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, Dr. Jitendra Singh (MoS PMO), and local leaders. The villagers expressed their heartfelt gratitude, celebrating the occasion by distributing sweets and raising

slogans of appreciation. Among those present on the occasion were Karam Chand (Ex-ZEO), Capt. Nake Ram, Karam Chand (Retired Headmaster), Munshi Ram, and several local residents. A touching moment came when 99-year-old village elder Dhani Ram became emotional witnessing his decades-old dream turning into reality. He revealed that he had been demanding the construction of this road for nearly 80 years. Speaking on the occasion, Col Mahan Singh expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Modi and the UT administration their commitment towards inclusive development.

ment. He said, "The Modi Government is devoted to the welfare and upliftment of people living in remote and far-flung areas. Development is reaching every corner of the Union Territory under the current leadership." Highlighting the ongoing development push, he informed that over a dozen new roads have been sanctioned in the Basohli sub-district during the current financial year. He further added that repair and restoration work of roads damaged in recent rains is also being undertaken to strengthen rural connectivity.

# Nukkad Natak on PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna held

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POONCH: A Nukkad Natak on Prime minister's Ambitious program PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna was staged in Boys Higher Secondary school Mendhar by the Artists of Sarswati Sangeet Kala Kendra, Poonch to aware the peoples about the Muft Bijli Yojna to bring down Electricity bill to zero. More than one thousand Audience including students, staff, peoples representatives and senior citizens of Mendhar Town attended the program and received the necessary information about the Yojna. According to which the project of 1 KW costs Rs 55000 thousand and 59 % subsidy would be given by the



Centre and J K UT. Likewise the project cost of 2 KW is Rs 1, 10,000 on which subsidy is 65 % and 3 KW project costs Rs 1,59, 500 KW and Beneficiary can avail 59 % subsidy on it. For giving the principal amount the subscribers can avail bank loan facility on easy instalments from J & k Bank, lots of peoples came forward and expressed their

intrest in the YOJNA and decided to apply for the same, X EN PDD Aftab Ahmed told that more such Nukkad Natak of this series would be organised in Surankote Mandi and poonch in the days to come for general awareness about the Yojna. Renowned Theatrist and Anchor pardeep khanna conducted the proceedings of entire program.

# SSH demands compensation for farmers affected by rain, strong winds



SSH President Rajesh Kesri briefing media.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ARNIA: Shiv Sena Hindustan held a press conference in Arnia, led by Jammu and Kashmir President Pt. Rajesh Kesri, to highlight the plight of farmers in border areas who have suffered losses due to recent rain and strong winds. Farmers in border areas of RS Pura, Arnia, and Vishnaw

have suffered significant losses due to rain and strong winds, which have damaged their crops, particularly rice. Shiv Sena Hindustan demanded that the government conduct a thorough assessment of the damage and provide compensation to the affected farmers. The organization also demands that the government educate farmers about crop insurance and provide them with necessary support to avail its benefits. The recent rain and strong winds have damaged crops, particularly rice, in the border areas, leaving farmers with significant losses. The damage to crops has added to the financial burden of farmers, who have taken loans to cultivate their crops. Many farmers are not aware of the bene-

fits of crop insurance, which could help them mitigate their losses. Kesri demanded government should conduct an immediate assessment of the damage caused to crops. The government should provide compensation to the affected farmers. The government should educate farmers about crop insurance and provide them with necessary support to avail its benefits. The government should organize workshops in border areas to educate farmers about best practices and government schemes. Shiv Sena Hindustan urged the government to take immediate action to address the plight of farmers in border areas and provide them with necessary support to mitigate their losses.

# Langeh distributes ration, essential commodities among flood-affected families

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SANASAR: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President and former MLA, Neelam Langeh, today visited flood-affected Sana Panchayat of Sanasar and distributed ration and essential commodities among the affected families. Rakesh Thakur DDC Ramban, Jagvir Dass DDC Batote, Mandal President Batote Neeraj Gupta, Sahil Kumar District Secretary, Mohd Irfan Khan, Khajur Singh General Secretary BJP Ramban, Ajay Samson, Khajur Singh District BJYM General Secretary Ramban, Modh Asif and a large number of party workers who supported the distribution drive.



BJP District President Neelam Langeh distributing relief material among affected people.

The initiative was part of the party's outreach effort to support people facing hardship due to recent heavy rains and flash floods in the region. Langeh, accompanied by several BJP workers and local party functionaries, personally interacted with the affected residents to assess their needs and ensure timely relief. The distribution

included food grains, cooking oil, pulses, and other daily-use essentials. Speaking on the occasion, Neelam Langeh said, "The BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi stands firmly with every citizen in times of crisis. We are committed to providing all possible assistance to those affected by natural calamities." He added that the administration has been alerted about the losses suffered by families and efforts are underway to ensure adequate rehabilitation and compensation. He further said that the Modi government's focus has always been on "seva" (serv-

ice) and "samarpan" (dedication), ensuring that no one is left behind in times of distress. "It is our moral and social responsibility to stand with our brothers and sisters affected by floods. The government and the BJP organisation are working hand in hand to provide timely help," he remarked. Langeh appreciated the efforts of local party workers who voluntarily participated in the relief distribution drive. He urged them to continue reaching out to needy families and ensure that government welfare schemes and assistance reach every household affected by the disaster.

# Awareness program organised by SBI RSETI Ramban at Kabbi to empower rural youth

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: The State Bank of India Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI RSETI) Ramban organized an awareness program at village Kabbi to educate rural youth about various self-employment opportunities and training programs offered by the Institute. The session was conducted under the guidance of Director, SBI RSETI Ramban, Harvinder Singh who addressed the participants and highlighted the crucial role of institute in transforming rural youth into successful entrepreneurs and self-reliant individuals.



SBI RSETI officials along with women folk during the programme.

The Director briefed the trainees about the wide range of training programs imparted by SBI RSETI Ramban in sectors such as agriculture, tailoring, dairy farming, computer applications and entrepreneurship development. He

emphasized that these training programs are designed to provide hands-on skill development and promote sustainable livelihoods among the unemployed youth especially from rural areas. In addition, he provided

detailed information about various Government Sponsored Schemes such as PMEGP (Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme), JKREGP (Jammu & Kashmir Rural Employment Generation

Programme), Mudra Yojana, HADP (Holistic Agriculture Development Programme) and other livelihood initiatives aimed at supporting youth in establishing their own ventures. The program received an enthusiastic response from the participants, who evinced keen interest in enrolling for upcoming RSETI training courses. The event concluded with a vote of thanks where the participants expressed their gratitude towards SBI RSETI Ramban for organizing such an informative sessions that inspire rural youth towards entrepreneurship and self-employment.

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