Mohan Lal flags off motor cycle ride from Akhnoor Fort to Dori Dager

AKHNOOR: In an effort to promote heritage and religious tourism in the region. MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal Bhagat today flagged off a Motorcycle Ride of Asphalt Adventures from the historic Akhnoor Fort to Dori Dager Shrine. The expedition was led by Rajesh Uppal, Aneesh Sharma, Pankaj Dutta, and Dinesh Kearni, who along with fellow riders aim to explore and highlight the cultural and scenic richness of Akhnoor and its adjoining

During the flag-off ceremony, several prominent personalities including President, Club Akhnoor Dharampal Gupta, Ex-Councillor Rakesh Malhotra, Anjani Singh (Conservation Archaeology



MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal Bhagat flagging off bikers

Akhnoor Incharge), Adarsh Gupta, Ashok Magotra, Sharma, Rajpal Gupta, Anil Sharma, Vinay Sapolia, Mohan Singh, Mishra, and Varinder Subhash Pandit were present alongside the MLA. Others who graced the occasion included Suresh Malhotra, Mangesh, Vishal, Abhishek, Ayush, Pankaj Kumar, Suraj

Singh, Virender etc. Addressing the gathering, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat lauded the efforts of the riders for taking such initiatives that not only promote adventure sports but also contribute to heritage awareness and tourism development. He said that Akhnoor Fort. which stands majestically on

Chenab River, is one of the most significant heritage sites of Jammu region with deep historical and cultural relevance dating back to the Harappan civilization. He further added that local administration is taking several initiatives to bring Akhnoor on the tourism map of India by improving infrastructure, connectivity, and

nations such as Akhnoor Fort, Jia Pota Ghat, Ambaran Buddhist site, Sumah Devsthan etc. "These ancient sites reflect our glorious past and have immense potential to attract national and international tourists, The MLA emphasized that

such motorcycle expeditions play a crucial role in exploring and showcasing unexplored tourist locations of the region and in creating awareness among the youth towards heritage conservation and responsible tourism.

He assured full support from the administration and the Tourism Department to promote Akhnoor as a hub of heritage, adventure, and religious tourism, making it a must-visit destination in

DGPC Poonch hails swift police action in Mendhar burglary case

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POONCH: Parbandhak Committee (DGPC) Poonch President, Narinder Singh, has lauded the Poonch Police for their swift and commendable action in cracking the high-profile burglary case in Mendhar, leading to the full recovery of ?12 lakh in stolen ornaments and cash.

addressing press conference, Singh congratulated Poonch, SDPO Mendhar, and SHO Mendhar for what he described as "a remarkable demonstration of professional efficiency and dedication." He emphasized that the prompt recovery of valuables within a week of the incident has not only brought immense relief to the victim's family but also restored public confidence in law enforcement.

"This is a shining example



DGPC Poonch President, Narinder Singh briefing media.

police, community, and leadership work in unison. The timely recovery of goods meant for a daughter's wedding reflects the Poonch Police's deep sense of duty and commitment to justice," said Singh.

Singh also commended the residents of Mendhar for standing united and maintaining communal harmony throughout the ordeal. He

their responsible coverage, which helped keep public focus on the case and ensured transparency. The DGPC president reaf-

firmed his committee's support for community safety initiatives and urged citizens to remain vigilant. "This case has shown that justice can be swift and resolute when the entire community stands behind the right cause," he

Adv Sanjay Raina participates in book launch at India International Centre



Advocate Sanjay Raina and others during book launch event at New Delhi.

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NEW DELHI: In a moment of pride for the region, Son of the Soil Advocate Sanjav Raina shared the stage with panelists distinguished including Lieutenant Gen. H.S. Lidder, Lieutenant Gen. Saved Atta Hussain, Lieutenant Gen. Dawan, Lieutenant Gen. Ajay Seth,

Shree Ji, and Kanwar Manvinder Singh, Member of Parliament, during the historic book launch of "Operation Sarpvinash" held at the India International Centre, New Delhi.

The event brought together decorated military officers and eminent personalities who spoke about significance

Operation Sarpvinash-a decisive counter-terrorism operation in Jammu & Kashmir that marked a major success for the Indian Army.

Advocate Sanjay Raina, representing Poonch, also addressed the esteemed gathering and received appreciation for insightful contribution.

Thana Diwas organised at Police Station Bus Stand ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Thana Diwas was organised at the premises of the Police Station. The meeting was chaired by SHO Bus Stand, Inspector Inder Paul Singh and witnessed the active participation of prominent individuals from the area, including transporters, hoteliers, shopkeepers, travel agency operators, and travel agents.

During the meeting, special emphasis was laid on maintaining heightened vigilance in view of the prevailing security scenario and the forthcoming religious festivals such as Diwali, Karwa Chauth, and Bhai Dooj. The attendees were sensitised about the importance of remaining alert and reporting any suspicious activities or individuals in the area. Several important issues

SHO Bus Stand, Inspector Inder Paul Singh chairing the meeting. were discussed during the session. Concerns were raised regarding the functionality of CCTV cameras installed within the jurisdiction of the police station. Participants demanded that

rence of criminal activities.

The issue of traffic congestion due to unorganised parking and unauthorized roadside installations of carts and hawkers was brought to light. Measures to streamline parking and remove such encroachments were discussed.

Participants shared griev-

ances related to incidents of pickpocketing, snatching, drug peddling, thefts, and child begging. It was assured that increased police patrolling and strategic deployment will be car-

ried out to curb these activi-Shopkeepers and travel agents were instructed to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the police. Travel agents were specifically directed to wear their official ID cards during working hours to ensure proper identification.

The need to make the PA system functional in the area for timely and reliable public announcements was also highlighted. All participants were

assured that their concerns would be brought to the notice of senior officers for necessary and prompt action. They expressed satisfaction with the assurances provided and the commitment shown by the police to enhance law and order in the jurisdiction. Increased policing efforts will be undertaken to effectively tackle crime and maintain public safety

DC Rajouri inaugurates Ayushman Vay Vandana Drive to empower senior citizens with free healthcare access

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RAJOURI: The Health Department Rajouri today organised an Avushman Vandana Generation Programme at Town Hall with the objective of facilitating registration of senior citizens aged 70 years and above, irrespective of their income or economic status.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma inaugurated the proand -intewith the beneficiaries who had come for Vay Vandana card generation.

Speaking on the occasion. the Deputy Commissioner said that the Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana is a significant initiative aimed at



Vay Vandana to a beneficiary.

extending the benefits of free healthcare services to elderly citizens. He stressed that every eligible senior citizen must be covered

under the scheme to ensure their health and social security. He also appreciated the Health Department for its proactive efforts in

ensuring smooth conduct of the registration drive.

The Deputy Commissioner further informed that similar programmes are being organised across the district to achieve 100% coverage under the Ayushman Vay Vandana initiative.

Chief Planning Officer Magsood Ahmed, Chief Medical Officer Manohar Lal Rana and other district and sectoral officers accompanied DC

event witnessed enthusiastic participation of citizens, senior expressed their gratitude to the district administration and health authorities for bringing the service to their

SMVDU organises charts distribution, **Nukkad Natak at Govt School**

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all non-functional cameras

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the earliest to ensure effec-

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KATRA: The NSS Unit of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) distributed educational charts meant for classroom learning at Govt. High School, Sirah (Kakryal, Panthal block) under the campaign Sewa

These charts were shared to support general education. They included basic concepts helping to make learning easier and more fun for young students. Volunteers also donated some working models for better learning of students in classroom. Volunteers also organized a Nukkad Natak (street play) as part of the 'Swacchata Hi Sewa " to aware students on the harmful effects of single



NSS members along with students during the event.

use plastic and waste segre-

The performance aimed to spread awareness about cleanliness and environmental responsibility among students and local residents through street theatre. The volunteers used the play to share important messages about keeping our surroundproperly and working together to build a healthier environment. The act drew the attention of the audience and delivered its message in a lively and impactful way.

The event received a positive response and inspired evervone

NSS Programme coordinator Dr. Rajiv Kumar also attended the event. School authorities thanked NSS SMVDU team for organizing the play and charts distribution.

MLA Ramban flags off 5-Day farmers' exposure visit under A

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RAMBAN: To empower farmers and promote innovation in the agriculture sector, Member Legislative Assembly Ramban Arjun Singh Raju today flagged off a group of farmers to a five-day exposure visit outside the Union Territory under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) scheme.

The event was held in the Chief Agriculture Officer Dr. Vinay Kumar Jandial and District Agriculture Officer Kuldeep Bassan.

The group of progressive farmers from Ramban district would visit CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Palampur and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK),



MLA Ramban Arjun Singh Raju flagging off farmers.

Kangra, where they will also interact with progressive farmers of the region.

The visit aims to provide participants with practical exposure to modern agricultural practices, organic and natural farming methods, innovative agribusiness models and advanced technologies.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA appreciated efforts of the Agriculture Department for organizing such capacity-building programs, emphasizing their importance in expanding farmers' knowledge horizons.

He said such visits enable farmers to learn directly from successful practitioners and institutions that have implemented modern cultivation methods effectively. He expressed hope that the farmers participating would act as catalysts of change by sharing their learnings with the wider farming community of Ramban district.

This initiative reflects the Government's contincommitment to empowering farmers through knowledge, training and capacity-building, ensuring that agriculture remains the backbone of Ramban's rural economy,

Meanwhile, the Chief Agriculture Officer highlighted that the department remains committed to promoting sustainable agriculture and achieving the goal of doubling farmers' income through innovation and technology adoption. He informed that the visit will not only introduce farmers to scientific advancements and research but will also motivate them to adopt integrated farming systems, high-value crops and improved post-harvest management practices.

He added that the ATMA program provides a valuable platform for farmers to gain field-level exposure, ultimately leading to enhanced productivity, better resource management and improved livelihood opportunities.

Awareness lecture on harmful effects of plastic held



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RAJOURI: As part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2025, the Indian Army organized an awareness lecture on the Harmful Effects of Plastic at Crescent Public School, Budhal. The lecture was delivered by the Indian Army, who highlighted the detrimental effects of plastic on human health, the environment and biodiversi-

ty. He sensitized the students and staff about the long-term consequences of plastic pollution and emphasized the need to adopt eco-friendly and sustainable alternatives in daily life.

The initiative aimed to instil a sense of environmental responsibility among the younger generation and promote active participation in maintaining cleanliness and

protecting nature. The inter active session witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and teachers. who pledged to reduce singleuse plastic and promote green practices. The event underscored the Indian Army's commitment to social awareness, environmental conservation and fostering a stronger bond with local communities.

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JKTJAC organises monthly meeting; Vinod Sharma files nomination for UT president post **STATE TIMES NEWS** issues concerning the teach-UDHAMPUR: Jammu and

Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKT-JAC) held its monthly meeting today at Udhampur, under the leadership of District Senior Vice President Pritam Goswami. The meeting witnessed the active participation of executive members who deliberated on various pressing

ing community across the Union Territory.

During the meeting, Pritam Goswami highlighted several long-pending demands, including the release of Mid Day Meal dues pending for over eight months, implementation of a comprehensive transfer policy for teachers appointed under the ReT scheme, regularisation of left-out ReTs and conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II and III, completion of service records at the zonal and conducting Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) for teachers to be promoted to masters.

In a significant development, after the meeting, a delegation of JKTJAC

members proceeded in a procession to the office of the JKTJAC Election Commission Member at Krishna Palace, Udhampur. There, former UT President Vinod Sharma formally filed his nomination papers for the post of UT President, following the unanimous recommendation of executive members from across the UT

JKTJAC has already constituted Election an Commission to oversee the election process for the key posts of UT President, UT Chairman, and UT General Secretary. Today marked the final day for filing nominations, and with Vinod Sharma's submission, anticipation has grown ahead of the elections scheduled to be held on October 12, 2025. If

required, polling will take place at two stations-Jammu and Srinagar.

After filing his nomination, Vinod Sharma addressed the members and reaffirmed his commitment to the cause of education and the welfare of teachers. He assured the gathering that, if elected, he would serve with dedication and act as a strong bridge between the teaching community and the education department, ensuring that genuine issues are raised and resolved in a timely

The event concluded on a note of unity and determination, reflecting the collective will of the teaching fraternity to strengthen their voice through democratic means and sustained action.