

# Parkash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev celebrated with religious fervour



A dignitary delivering sermons during the celebrations at Poonch.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Parkash Purab of Shri Guru Nanak Dev is being celebrated with religious devotion and great reverence at Gurdwara Singh Sabha Poonch.

The samagam was organized under the supervision of Mahant Manjit Singh Ji of Sheromani Dera Santpura Nangali Sahib Poonch.

After the accomplishment of Shri Akhand Path, the Gurbani Kirtan was recited by Hazuri Ragi Baba Bakala, Amritsar, Bhai Harjeet Singh, Principal Rajinder Singh, and local Ragi Jathas, Bhai

Harcharan Singh, Rasmeet Singh, Rajinder Singh, Bupinder Singh, and others.

Similar samagams were held in all Gurdwara of the district.

This auspicious Day marks the birth of the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak Dev Ji, who laid the foundation of Sikhism. This year marks the 553rd birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

The President of Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee Poonch, Narinder Singh, threw light on the life and teachings of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He elaborated on the universal relevance of

Teachings of Guru Ji and for leading a peaceful and spiritual life.

General Secretary, Harcharan Singh conducted the proceedings of the programme and also threw light on the life history of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Dr. Basharat Hussain paid obeisance at Gurdwara Singh Sabha Poonch where he conveyed his greetings to the devotees on the Parkash Purab of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Ex MLC, Shanaz Ghanai extended her heartiest greetings to all fellow citizens, especially the brothers and sisters of Sikh community. In her message, she said that Guru Nanak Dev Ji spread the message of Ek Omkar, which means God is one and present everywhere.

Dysp Hqr, Nawaz Chowdhary, SHO Poonch, Ranjeet Singh Rao also paid obeisance at Gurdwara



DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal after paying obeisance at Chatti Patshai Gurdwara.

Surjan Singh, Prof. Nama Singh and others threw light on the life history of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and said that Shri Guru Granth Sahib is a sacred Granth that leads humanity in every aspect of life.

After the Ardas, the Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji read the sacred Hukamnama. He congratulated the people, especially the Sikh community on this

occasion and also threw light on the life history of Guru Nanak Dev

■ **RAJOURI:** On the occasion of the Prakash Purab of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today paid obeisance at Chatti Patshai Gurudwara. He was accompanied by SSP, Mohd Aslam.

The DC, while paying obeisance at Chatti Patshai Gurudwara, greeted the Sikh community on the auspicious occasion of the Prakash

Purab of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and prayed for the peace, prosperity and development of the district.

He also impressed upon people to imbibe the teachings of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji and contribute towards making our country and the world a better place to live.

■ **AKHNOOR:** On the auspicious occasion of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Prakash Parv, SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat (Deputy Director Indoor SKPA) paid obeisance at Gurudwara Tapo Asthan 108 Sant Baba Sunder Singh Alibeg Wale in Akhnoor and prayed for sustained peace, prosperity, happiness and well-being of all.

In his message, SSP Mohan Lal said that Guru Nanak Dev's principles of purity of mind, honest living, and selfless service are elemental to the establishment of a harmonious society without discrimination and distinction. "Guru Nanak Dev Ji's life and his message of love, compassion,



SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat (Deputy Director Indoor SKPA) being honoured at Akhnoor.

equality, peace, and brotherhood continue to guide humanity to this day. As a tribute, we must resolve to follow the path laid down by him to strengthen the bond of amity, integrity, and mutual goodwill among people", Mohan Lal remarked.

He expressed hope that the occasion will inspire all of us to follow the ideals of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He also prayed for peace, progress, and prosperity in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and the well-being of its people.

A large number of members

of community including men, women and children thronged to pay obeisance. The programme and the special prayers were organised today under the abled supervision of Sr. Ranvir Singh DGPC Joint Secretary, Jammu.

Meanwhile the students and other community members who excelled in their academic or professional fields were honored by SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat in the presence of SDPO Mohan Lal Sharma, SHO Harjeet Singh and Senior members of Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee.

## Students of GCW Udhampur participate in Job Fair

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: The Career Counselling, Guidance and Placement Cell of Government College for Women, Udhampur organised a visit to One day Job Fair organised by the District Employment & Counselling Centre, Udhampur at the Employment Office, Omarah Morh, Udhampur under the supervision of Prof. Jugal Kishore, Convener, Career Counselling, Guidance and Placement Cell.

Dr. Monika Sharma, the College Principal flagged



Students participating in job fair.

off the delegation of students led by Prof (Dr.) Kamaldeep Kour and Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed.

A group of more than 40 students from the college

visited the One Day Job Fair wherein they interacted with the Company Heads including others SBI life, LIC of India and received the

first-hand experience of placement services.

In addition to this, Navdeep Kour, Counsellor District Employment & Counselling Centre, Udhampur also interacted with the students making them aware about the various public schemes and career avenues available for the graduates in varied vocational domains.

Earlier, while flagging off the delegation, Dr. Monika Sharma, Principal of the college, interacted with the students and encouraged them to participate in such programmes with affirma-

tion. She said that the college shall continue to organise such events in future also and the Career Counselling, Guidance and Placement Cell of the college shall be extend full support to keep the students aware of the ever-changing Career prospects available to the graduates.

At the end, a positive feedback was recorded by Prof (Dr.) Kamaldeep Kour and Prof. Mustaq, both members of CCGP Cell, which beacons the successful consummation of the visit fulfilling the expected outcome.

## Army installs hand-pump for Thandikassi villagers

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NOWSHERA: As part of Operation Sadbhavana, Lower Narian Battalion under the aegis of Tithwal Brigade carried out Installation of Hand Pump at village ThandiKassi, district Rajouri. The initiative has facilitated the local populace by providing them with safe and fresh drinking water and meets the basic requirement of water for the residents of this far flung village.

Under operation Sadbhavna Indian Army regularly undertakes such initiatives in remote areas to address the needs and aspirations of the



Army officials along with locals during the programme.

local people and to establish connect with the Awaam. The event was attended by 18 residents of the village who appreciated this noble initiative and expressed their

gratitude to the Indian Army. The initiative by Indian Army shall further strengthen the bond between the Indian Army and the Awaam.

## DM Doda issues regulatory order for sale of heating appliances

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: To address the huge gap in power connections and the consumption of electricity, as reported by Superintending Engineer JPDCL in District Doda, especially during the winter season resulting in frequent unscheduled power cuts, the District Magistrate, Vishesh Paul Mahajan has issued a regulatory order on the sale and use of heating gadgets in the District. It is pertinent to mention here that during winter months excessive use of heating gadgets by some people lead to heavy load on the available electricity causing inconvenience to the general public in the form of unscheduled power cuts. Also as per Govt. order No. 72-PDD of 2018 dated: 27-02-2018 there is already a ban on Nichrome Coils being used for manufacture of crude water heaters and crude cooking heaters. The DM by virtue of powers vested to him under Section 144 of Cr.PC has ordered that the shops / stores carrying on business of electrical and electronic items shall not sell electrical appliances/ items such as heaters, geysers, ACs, etc. to customers who do not have a valid electricity connection or have not paid the last electricity bill. Further the shops / stores who sell electrical appliances / items shall maintain a proper record of such sales and the record of electricity bills of such customers which shall be regularly checked by a special team. The shopkeepers have been further asked not to sell or store heating gadgets using the banned Nichrome Coils.

## GDC Udhampur organises interactive Parent Teacher Meet

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Under the leadership of Patron and Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, an Interactive Parent Teacher Meet was organized by the IQAC of the College, in which a number of parents and guardians of the students along with the college teachers participated with great zeal. In his presidential address on the occasion, the Principal apprised the parents and all present about the previous and the latest achievements as well as the Infrastructural developments of the College. He shared with all that GDC Udhampur has ever shown it's academic and all round presence since it was established and this year also the stakeholder students have proven its worth by securing seventeen (17) positions out of the total thirty (30) in the recently announced result for the session 2022, which was declared two days ago. He strongly put forth that this achievement could be made because of the

dedicated staff of the college and insisted on the parents also to equally participate in the holistic development of their wards. Prior to this, the programme started with the lighting of the traditional lamp by the Principal, senior staff and the parents present on the occasion followed by Saraswati Vandana Dance presented by NCC Cadet Miss Stuti Sharma. The Welcome address was delivered by Prof. Seema Kotwal wherein she threw light on the various achievements of the College in the preceding years as also the future course of action with respect to academics and extracurricular activities. She invited the parents to give their valuable suggestions for the same too.

It was followed by the presentation of detailed report by Dr. Romesh Kumar Sharma about the IQAC, Role of Parents and Teachers in the upcoming NAAC in the College, and also on the excellence and the achievements of the college in the various areas. He also presented to the parents the future proposals as well as plans which are in the pipeline to materialize the Vision and Mission of the College as per NEP-2020. Post to this there was a threadbare open house discussion session of the parents and teachers in which many parents put forth their appreciation for the current administration under the dynamic leadership of Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta. They also registered and put on

## GDC Kathua bags 8 academic positions

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Principal GDC Kathua Prof. Sumanesh Jasrotia today felicitated the position holders of the Government Degree College Kathua in the august presence of the student audience and the senior faculty members Prof. Romila Guleria, HOD Music Prof. Raj Kiran Convenor Sports Board, Prof. Jaswinder Singh HOD Physics and Convenor IQAC, Prof Rakesh Singh, HOD Chemistry and Convenor AISHE and Coordinator NEP-2020 of the college. An Official felicitation ceremony was organized in the smart classroom of the college.

Among the toppers: In Science Stream, Aditi Sharma got 5th position by securing 87.75% marks, In



Award winners along with faculty.

Arts Stream, Shruti Gupta daughter of Pawan Gupta got 10th position by Securing 82.28% Marks, In Bachelor of Bussiness Administration (BBA) , Rohit Chadgal, son of Prabh Deyal got 5th position by securing 80.88% Marks. In Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA) got record five posi-

tions in the recently announced 6th semester examination results such as Akshay Jandial son of Rajesh Kumar Jandial got 4th position by securing 76.06% Marks, Gourav Sharma son of Lal Dev Sharma got 6th position by securing 74.70% Marks, Rasna Kumari daughter of

Dhanpaul Singh got 7th Position by securing 74.58% Marks, Parul Sharma daughter of Rajesh Sharma got 8th position by securing 74.41 % Marks whereas, Gourav Kumar son of Vijay Kumar got 10th position by securing 73.16% Marks.

All these position holders are felicitated by the highly

## Shaheen seeks restoration of utility services in snow-hit areas

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANIHAL: National Conference (NC) leader and District President, Ramban Sajjad Shaheen expressed concern over the difficulties being faced by the people due to closure of major link roads caused by recent snow fall and incessant rains in district Ramban.

Shaheen said that "the higher reaches of Banihal, Ramban and Gool have witnessed seasons first snow fall during the last two days and snow has accumulated in different villages especially hilly and inaccessible areas like Mahu, Mangit, Neel Sarachi, Trigam, Pogal, Maligam, Allinbas, Senabati, Bingara, Paristan, Dardahi, Gagarnag, Runigam, Sarbagni, Chaka, Dhak, Kharwan, Phago, Hinjhal, Nowgam, Zaban, Top Neel, Batote, Chabba, Gool and other areas and people living in these villages are facing immense problems due to blockade of roads and lack of basic amenities like drinking water electricity, transport and eatables and rations", he added. Shaheen also expressed concern over utility services, especially power and drinking water supply getting erratic even in the event of minor snowfall and said this needs to be looked into and advance arrangements made for pro-

viding respite to the people.

He said in the aftermath of the ongoing snowfall and rain, the electricity supply in certain mountainous terrains had been disrupted and the water supply too had been hampered.

The district president further said that, "the major link roads that include Banihal- Thachi- Mangit road, Nachlana-Mahu road, Bawa-Trigam road, Chamalwas-Neel road, Chamalwas-Chaknarwa, Hewagan- Neel -Zarari roads that have been blocked due to snow and landslides should be restored immediately and the transport services resumed so that essential supplies could reach to these areas.

He further said that most of the areas in district Ramban particularly Banihal are facing erratic drinking water supply and power failure. The services are needed to be restored on immediate basis, he added.

Shaheen urged the Administration to expedite restoration work and ensure supply of essential commodities besides electricity and drinking water to the people and also have a preliminary survey conducted to assess the damages due to rains and snowfall across the State and had demanded adequate compensation to the affected families.

## Nowshera Forest Div conducts special plantation drive to commemorate Gurgurab

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: A special plantation drive was conducted at Sunderbani Gurdwara to commemorate Guru Nanak Dev ji Parkash Utsav.

The Plantation drive was conducted by Sunderbani forest range of Nowshera forest division as a part of Har Gaon Haryali programme.

Numerous plants of different species were planted inside the premises of Thandapani Gurdwara and also distributed among the devotees.

Range Forest Officer Sunderbani Rakesh Verma appealed to the devotees to plant atleast one tree to



Officials of Forest Deptt and locals during the programme.

mark the Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji. "These plantation drives will help in seeking the true blessing of Guru Nanak Dev ji by protecting mankind from deadly diseases spreading across the globe due to environmental pollution," he added.

The plantation drive was conducted by Block Forest Officer Town Romesh Chander along with other forest officials under the direct supervision of Vivek Verma, Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri, and Neelima Shah, Divisional Forest Officer, Nowshera.

## First FFPO in Doda initiated

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: FFPO initiation meeting was held on Tuesday at KVK Doda under the guidance of Prof. J. P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu and S.K Gupta, Director Extension and FFPO was initiated with the name "Bhadrakashi Fish Farmers Producers Co-operative Ltd".

Dr. A.S Charak, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Doda and Dr. G.N. Jha, Scientist, Fisheries, KVK Doda highlighted the vision of Fish Farmer

Producer Organization and advised for further strengthening of different activities in FFPO's by BOD's and members. Dr. Prem Kumar, Scientist, KVK-RS Pura revealed his views for promoting community-based processing, value addition, branding and marketing of products of FFPO's. Board of Directors were finalized during this meeting along with selection of President, Vice-President and Secretary for the first FFPO in Doda and second in UT of

J&K. Ganesh Sharma, Inspector fisheries and Sh. Sanket Baba, Department of Fisheries, UT of J&K, focused on the development of fish farming in the Doda district. Divya Jyoti (Professional Law/Accounts) focused on the legal process and basic concept about formation and registration of FFPO, Smt Pooja Sharma (Professional-Social Mobilisation) highlighted the need of farmers to do collective efforts for the formation of FFPO.

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