Dy CM attends Vishwakarma Diwas in Katra

KATRA: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, who also oversees the Labour and Employment Department, on Saturday celebrated Vishwakarma Diwas at the Vishwakarma Temple in Katra.

Being organized by the Mazdoor Dastkar Union, the event celebrated Lord Vishwakarma, the revered deity of artisans and labour-

Deputy Chief Minister extended his greetings to all, underscoring the gov-



Dy CM Surinder Kumar Choudhary addressing gathering.

ernment's dedication towards uplifting the labour

During his speech, the

Deputy CM emphasized that the welfare of labourers is top priority for the administration. He pledged focused efforts to ensure that their needs and concerns are addressed, advocating a proactive approach to protect and support the labour community. Surinder Choudhary high-

lighted his commitment towards generating employment for local residents. promising that upcoming projects and industries in the region would prioritise hiring locals. This, he noted, is essential for fostering a robust and self-reliant local

The Deputy Chief Minister also addressed the issue of illegal mining, assuring the public of strict action against the offenders. As a gesture of solidarity, he along with the Labour department Reasi distributed death assistance cheques of Rs 2 lakh each among the families of six deceased construction workers registered with the JKBOČWWB.

Choudhary Surinder closed with a reassurance to the people, emphasizing that their grievances would be given the highest attention and care by his admin-

AIF pays tributes to martyrs at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: were paid to martyrs on the eve of Deepawali at Martyr Chowk Udhampur on other day. According to District president Vimal Sharma martyrs chowk was fully decorated and Diyas and candles were lit by activists in the memory of martyrs who laid down their lives for the sake of nation. On this occasion Ragubir Singh SHO Udhampur and Vimal Sharma organisor AJKPA Jammu province alongwith Sub Inspector Akhilesh



Dignitaries lighting candles at martyrs memorial.

Singh, Sub Inspector Sahil Singh, Rajinder Kumar, Surinder Kumar, Rakesh Sharma paid rich tributes and gave the message to

inculcate nationalism and Patriotism among young generation so that prime specification be remembered

ADC Poonch conducts surprise inspection of DH



ADC Poonch, Tahir Mustafa Malik during inspection.

STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Additional Commissioner Deputy Tahir Mustafa Poonch, Malik, conducted a surprise inspection of the District Hospital today, emphasizing the importance of patient care and hospital hygiene.

He was accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Qadeer Ul Rehman, Tehsildar Haveli, Azhar Majid, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Nusrat Bhatti, Naib Tehsildar, and other officials, the ADC

directly

patients, inquiring about their well-being and the adequacy of medical services.

During the visit, ADC stressed the need for heightened cleanliness standards within the hospital and reviewed the duty roster to ensure staff accountability. In a gesture of goodwill on the auspicious occasion of Diwali, he distributed sweets to the patients, spreading festive

Following his hospital visit, the ADC toured the local market, extending Diwali greetings to the community. His initiatives aim to enhance public service and foster a spirit of celebration among

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RAJOURI: In a heartfelt celebration, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma joined the staff and students of Government Medical College Rajouri to mark the joyous occasion of Diwali.

DC Sharma's interactions with students and staff, many of whom are celebrating away from their families, brought a sense of togetherness and support to the GMC Rajouri community, embodying Diwali's spirit of unity and connection.

DC extended Diwali wishes to all present and presented sweets, adding a traditional touch to the festivi-



DC Rajouri Abhishek Sharma during Diwali celebrations.

ties. Addressing the students and staff, DC encouraged those celebrating the Festival away from home, recognizing the sacrifices many make in their pursuit of medical education and

service. He commended their dedication and commitment, assuring them of the community's appreciation and the district administration's unwavering support during this festive

The celebrations were further enriched by cultural performances from GMC students, who showcased traditional dances and songs that highlighted the district's rich cultural diversity. Students and staff also participated in engaging games organized on campus, which added excitement and fostered camaraderie.

SSP Rajouri, Randeep Kumar; ADDC, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa; ADC, Rajiv Khajuria; and other district officers were also present on the occasion.

The DC extended Diwali

DC celebrates Diwali with students, staff of GMC Rajouri Rajouri town, sharing sweets and engaging in meaningful interactions with them. His presence emphasized the administration's commitment to making Diwali an inclusive occasion, ensuring that every member of the community feels valued and remembered during the festival.

Across Rajouri district, Diwali celebrations were held peacefully and smoothly, with community members uniting to celebrate the festival of lights in a harmonious atmosphere. The district administration had implemented comprehensive measures to ensure a safe and joyful Diwali for all.

DC Poonch inspects patient care facilities at SDH Surankote

STATE TIMES NEWS

SURANKOTE: Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal inspected and reviewed the healthcare facilities, here today at the Sub District Hospital Surankote.

During a visit, the Deputy Commissioner took detailed review of achievements under Health Sector Schemes, functioning of the Health Institution, infrastructure up-gradation and the healthcare facilities being extended to patients.

The DC also took the first hand appraisal from the respective Officer about the functioning of Hospitals. He inquired about the healthcare facilities being

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RAJOURI: In a heartfelt

Diwali celebration, MLA

Rajouri Iftikhar Ahmed

joined Central Reserve

Police Force (CRPF)

honor their dedication

towards safety and securi-

The meaningful gesture

underscored the strong

connection between local

leadership and the person-

nel who work tirelessly to

safeguard the community.

marked by his personal

interactions with the

expressed deep apprecia-

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The MLA's visit was

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DC Poonch Vikas Kundal inspecting healthcare facilities at SDH Surankote.

MLA Rajouri celebrates Diwali with CRPF personnel

MLA Rajouri Iftikhar Ahmed celebrating Diwali

with CRPF jawans.

HSBC VP & SMVDU Alumnus

interacts with students

An alumni interacting with students.

profound

Ashok

former

Sarpanch

Sharma, who further

emphasized the spirit of

unity and appreciation for

the CRPF's ongoing

efforts. Their presence

highlighted the communi-

ty's gratitude and respect

and works being executed for infrastructure up-gradation and procurement of machinery. The DC asked the concerned head to submit details of requirements so that necessary interventions are taken to resolve the issues at the earliest to

tion for their courage and

source of pride and inspi-

ration, especially for

Rajouri's youth. The event

was also attended by

Commandant

Kumar

patient care system in the hospital.

Commissioner Deputy interacted with patients and enquired about health care services provided in the hospital. He also visited the under construction building of the hospital and further strengthen the directed the concerned to the time limit. He also inspected the Jan Ashudi Kendra and took stock details of medicines availability there for patients. A threadbare discussion

complete the work within

was held on the physical status of projects, financial implications, healthcare achievements, patient care facilities, enrollment under various projects like PMJAY Ayushman Bharat, Jan Ayushadhi Kendras, TB free scheme and other related issues.

The DC instructed the health care functionaries to come up to the expectations of the patients and focus on quality assurance, accessiaffordable

for the troops' essential

role in ensuring peace in

The MLA spent time

with the troops, offering

words of encouragement

and thanks, uplifting

their spirits and reinforc-

ing their morale. He

expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the CRPF

members, acknowledging

upholding security and

MLA's gesture reminded

everyone of the invaluable

contributions made by the

CRPF personnel and the

community's enduring

appreciation for their

harmony in Rajouri.

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Army conducts interaction with Veer Naris & veterans



Veterans and Veer Naris during the programme.

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Army conducted an interaction with Veer Naris and veterans at Dera Ki Gali (DKG). The event aimed to address grievances, provide healthcare support, and discuss pension-related issues and well-being of Veer Naris, veterans, and their families. The gathering was informed about various government policies, digital life certificate updating, and welfare measures planned in upcoming months. The interaction was well-received by the attendees, who appreciat ed the Indian Army's efforts

and guidance.

The event provided a platform for open dialogue, fostering a congenial environment between the Indian Army and the local community. Veer Naris and veterans were felicitated, and veterans pledged to motivate youth to join the Armed Forces. The Indian Army's commitment to supporting Veer Naris and veterans is evident through its various initiatives. The Welfare Wives Association (AWWA) plays a vital role in rehabilitation, health awareness, education. and empowerment of Veer to provide quality support Naris and their families.

AWWA's initiatives include vocational training, educational grants, and employment opportunities for Veer Naris and their dependents. The successful interaction at Dera Ki Gali demonstrates the Indian Army's dedication to nurturing the potential of Veer Naris and veterans. By addressing their concerns and providing support, the Indian Army strengthens its bond with the local population, fostering trust and cooperation. Similar initiatives will continue to empower Veer Naris and veterans. ensuring their well-being and contributions to the nation.

Prashar Biradari on Nov 4

Congregation of

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Congregation of Prashar Biradari is being observed on November 04, Monday at village Odh of Ghagwal district, Samba at Dev Sathal of Mata Satyawati ji and Baba Bank Nath ji.

Chairman of Prashar Biradari Prabandhan Samiti Rampal Sharma said devotees from home State, Punjab, Himachal, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and other parts of North India would take part in the congregation. Devotees of Mata Satyawati will install a number of stalls of dishes, sweets, fruits and cold and hot drinks during the

congregation. The congregation will start $_{
m with}$ Hawan-Keertan and conclude with community fest.

All the members are requested to attend the congregation along with family members to get

PoJK displaced persons urge careful selection for 1947 representative seat

STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: A meeting was called by the PoJK (Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir) displaced persons at Krishna Chandra park poonch during which an open letter was addressed Lieutenant Governor.

In this letter, the 1947 PoJK displaced community expressed a sincere request regarding the anticipated nomination of MLAs for their representation.

According to sources, out of the five nominated MLA seats, it is suggested that two may be reserved for women, two for Kashmiri Pandits, and one for a representative of the 1947 PoJK dis-

the 1947 PoJK displaced persons' representative

LG to choose an individual who has actively and consistently advocated for the genuine issues and demands of the 1947 PoJK displaced persons

that while various individuals might seek this nomination, it is crucial that the final candidate

be rigorously vetted to ensure their dedication and capability to represent the longstanding grievances and aspira-

tions of the community.

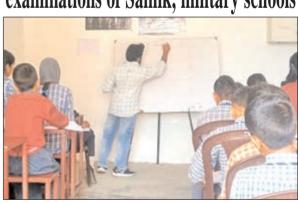
The PoJK displaced

persons stressed that some individuals, despite belonging to prominent families, have historically not raised or supported their community's issues. Therefore, they appealed to the LG to evaluate candidates based on their commitment. past involvement, and tangible contributions to the 1947 PoJK displaced persons cause. They even suggested using agency verification to identify a deserving representative who genuinely work for community's interthe

The letter underscored that this nomination is a sensitive matter, requiring thorough assessment to ensure effective and authentic representation. The PoJK displaced community pointed out that, historically, their issues have not been addressed adequately by successive governments, except through superficial meas-

Thus, they hope that the chosen representative will advocate with renewed dedication and push for their cause more effectively.

Coaching classes organise for entrance examinations of Sainik, military schools



A resource person imparting coaching.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Army launched coaching classes to prepare students for Sainik and military schools, entrance examinations in the remote border area of Rajouri. This initiative aims to equip aspiring students with essential skills and knowledge for a career in the armed forces. Thirty-Six students have been selected for the coaching program, tailored to meet the unique challenges faced

by students in border areas. The comprehensive curriculum covers Mathematics, Science, English, and General Knowledge. Experienced educators and Indian Army personnel serve as instructors, bringing expertise and guidance to the students. The program's objective is to instil pride, responsibility, and patriotism among

students, encouraging them

to serve the nation. The

local community has welcomed this initiative with enthusiasm. Parents and educators appreciate the Indian Army's efforts to provide quality education and guidance. This program strengthens

the bond between the Indian Army and locals Residents, fostering trust and cooperation. By addressing educational needs, the Indian Army demonstrates its commitment to contributing positively to society. As the first batch begins their coaching journey, the Indian Army remains dedicated to nurturing youth potential. This initiative aims to inspire more students to join Sainik and military schools, ultimately serving the nation. The Indian Army's involvement in education reflects its broader mission to empower communities, particularly in areas requiring special attention.

STATE TIMES NEWS KATRA:

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(SMVDU) welcomed back its accomplished alumnus, Sukhpal Singh, Vice President at HSBC, Chandigarh, who interacted with students of the School of Business. Mr. Singh, an MBA graduate in Marketing and Supply Chain Management from SMVDU, shared his inspiring journey from campus to corporate lead-

ership. He stressed that stepping out of one's comfort zone and cultivating self-discipline are crucial for suc-

Singh also highlighted the importance of effective task and people management in his success. Attributing his success to SMVDU, Singh highlighted the university's role in shaping his skills and He served as Regional

mindset. Head of Sales at ICICI Bank and rose to Vice President at HSBC within just seven years of graduation.

"SMVDU taught me to manage tasks, people, and

pressure," Singh said. "These skills have been instrumental growth.'

The interaction aimed to inspire and motivate students, showcasing the university's commitment to nurturing talented individuals who make a significant impact in their fields. chosen RashiTaggar, Alumni Coordinator, coordinated the session, facilitating student-alumni

connections and inspiring

learning from achievers.

placed community. The community emphasized the importance of careful consideration in selecting a candidate for

They urged the Hon'ble over the years.

The meeting highlighted