

Vande Mataram Phase-II celebrations continue with patriotic fervour across district Reasi

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REASI: The third day of the Vande Mataram Phase-II celebrations witnessed an enthusiastic display of patriotism and active participation across district Reasi. The week-long series of activities is being conducted under the guidance of District Development Commissioner, Nidhi Malik. Educational institutions across the district played a pivotal role in commemorating the occasion by organising a range of activities aimed at instilling patriotic values among students. These included mass singing of Vande Mataram, essay writing and slogan writing competitions as well as special morning assemblies. The assemblies highlighted the historical significance of Vande Mataram



and paid tribute to the sacrifices made during India's freedom struggle. The programmes served as a platform to sensitise young minds to the ideals of unity, integrity and love for the nation. On the third day of celebrations, symposium competitions were organised in schools and colleges to promote critical thinking and discussions on national val-

ues. The Education Department conducted symposiums on the theme of Vande Mataram at PM SHRI Government Girls Higher Secondary School Reasi, Government Higher Secondary School Laiter and Government Middle School Susla. Similar competitions were also held at Higher Secondary School Arnas and PM SHRI Government High School Bidda. A special symposium on "150 Years of Vande Mataram" was organised at Government Higher Secondary School Panassa, where students eloquently expressed their thoughts on patriotism and national identity. Additionally, an online symposium commemorating 150 years of Vande Mataram was conducted by

the students of Higher Secondary School Shajroo, demonstrating active engagement through digital platforms. A symposium followed by prize distribution was also held at Higher Secondary School Mahore, encouraging enthusiastic student participation. The District Administration reaffirmed its commitment to fostering patriotic awareness and upholding cultural values through inclusive and impactful initiatives. The Vande Mataram Phase-II celebrations will continue in the coming days with more programmes planned across the district, aimed at strengthening national pride, preserving cultural heritage and fostering a sense of collective belonging among citizens.

DC Poonch reviews digitisation of revenue records



DC Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma reviewing digitisation of revenue records during his visit to Chandak Tehsil.

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma, today visited Chandak Tehsil to inspect and review the progress of digitisation of revenue records. During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner conducted a comprehensive assessment of the ongoing digitisation process and examined the status of land records being digitised in the tehsil. The Deputy Commissioner observed that digitisation of land records is a crucial reform aimed at enhancing transparency, accuracy, and efficiency in revenue administration. He stressed that complete, accurate, and error-free digitisation is essential for building a reliable and easily accessible digital land database.

DC Poonch directed the concerned officers to expedite the remaining digitisation work in a time-bound manner and ensure that proper verification and validation mechanisms are strictly followed before finalising the records. He also interacted with the public, listened to their grievances related to revenue records, and issued on-the-spot directions for their redressal. Similar digitisation reviews were conducted in other tehsils of the district, where Additional Deputy Commissioners, Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, and other concerned officers, along with revenue teams, were present to oversee the progress and address public concerns.

DC Reasi reviews Food Safety Enforcement measures

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik today chaired a meeting of the District Level Advisory Committee on Safe Food and Healthy Diets to review the implementation of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. ADDC, Sukhdev Singh Samyal, PO POSHAN, GM DIC, Dy SP (HQ) Vishal Jamwal and other concerned officers were present in the meeting. The meeting held detailed deliberations on strengthening enforcement mechanisms and ensuring strict compliance with the provisions of the Act. Enforcement Officers apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the



actions taken against violators, including penalties imposed on erring traders, regular inspections conducted, food samples lifted for laboratory testing and prosecutions launched against defaulters under various provisions of the Act. The Deputy Commissioner underlined the importance of joint inspections by the enforcement departments and random sampling of food items to effectively deter violations and send a strong message to defaulters.

SSP Doda reviews security ahead of Republic Day

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DODA: In preparation for the forthcoming Republic Day-2026 celebrations, Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda, Sandeep Mehta, chaired a meeting with Incharges of Special Police Pickets (SPPs) and Minority Police Pickets (MPPs) of the District to review the security preparedness and ensure smooth coordination during the national event. During the meeting, the SSP Doda emphasized the importance of generating Actionable Inputs and having close coordination among the SPPs and MPPs to maintain law and order and ensure a peaceful and secure atmosphere during the Republic Day celebrations. He directed the officers to remain extra vigilant, alert,



SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta chairing a security reviewing meeting ahead of Republic Day-2026 celebrations.

proactive, and responsive, particularly with regard to operational readiness, handling of law and order situations, and timely action on sensitive matters. The SSP highlighted the need for effective communication, intelligence sharing, and strict adherence to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to sup-

port policing efforts on the ground. He also instructed the officers to remain available and responsive. The officers present in the meeting assured full cooperation and commitment towards ensuring peaceful and incident-free Republic Day celebrations in the district. Mehta also chaired a meeting with all Bank Managers of District Doda to review existing security arrangements, strengthen coordination, and enhance safety measures for banking operations and customers. During the meeting, the SSP Doda emphasized the need for close coordination between banks and the police to prevent financial crimes, frauds, and other security-related incidents. He stressed the importance of timely sharing of information regarding suspicious transactions, cyber frauds, and any emerging security concerns. The SSP advised bank authorities to ensure proper functioning of CCTV surveillance systems, alarm mechanisms, and deployment of security guards as per prescribed norms. He also high-

Vande Mataram Phase-II celebration: Grand rally organized at Samba

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SAMBA: As part of the nationwide commemoration of 150 years of "Vande Mataram", a grand rally was organized today at Samba under the Phase-II of the anniversary celebrations. The rally was flagged off by the District Magistrate, Ayushi Sudan from Rani Suchet Singh Stadium. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of the government and private schools, who marched with patriotic fervour and discipline. The rally culminated at the historic Samba Fort, symbolizing the region's rich cultural and historical legacy. The students displayed banners and raised slogans reflecting national unity, patriotism and respect for the motherland. Senior officers from the district administration were present on the occasion to encourage and support the participants. Prominent among them was Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jagdish Singh alongwith district and departmental officers. The event was organized smoothly under the supervision of the district administration with all necessary arrangements and security measures in place. The rally aimed to instill a sense of patriotism and national pride among the younger generation while honoring the legacy and spirit of Vande Mataram.

MoU signed for revival of Gurukul Tradition at Shri Narsingh Dev Mandir Ghagwal

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SAMBA: In a landmark initiative to revive India's ancient Gurukul tradition and preserve the region's rich cultural heritage, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed today between the Shri Narsingh Dham Mandir Management Committee, Ghagwal and Churamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Basohli for the establishment of "Shri Narsingh Dev Sanskrit Gurukul" within the premises of historic temple. The initiative seeks to restore the educational legacy of the over 1,700-year-old Shri Narsingh Dev Mandir, which according to local folklore and historical traditions, functioned in ancient times as a prominent centre of Vedic learning under the guru-shishya parampara, imparting education in Vedic scriptures, Sanskrit grammar, philosophy and moral sciences.



While the temple has remained a major spiritual centre hosting large congregations during festivals such as Shri Krishna Janmashtami Mela, Rathkhada Mela and Narasimha Jayanti, its educational role gradually diminished over the centuries due to socio-historical changes. The proposed Gurukul, being established in collaboration with Churamani Sanskrit Sansthan-a reputed residential Sanskrit institution affiliated with Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi-will provide residential Vedic-cum-modern education, integrating traditional knowledge systems with contemporary educational frameworks in alignment with the National Education Policy 2020. The institution will initially function under a two to three-year hand-holding phase before evolving into an independent Sanskrit educational centre, with the first academic session proposed to commence in March-April 2026. The MoU was signed by K.S. Bali, SDM Ghagwal and Dr. Soumya Ranjan, Principal, Churamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Basohli in the presence of Shakti Kumar Pathak, Director

ACB J&K and Chief Trustee, Churamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Ayushi Sudan, DC Samba and Chairperson of the Shri Narsingh Dham Mandir Management Committee, Jagdish Singh, ADC Samba, Suresh Kumar Falli, DDC Ghagwal, Rashpal Verma, Vijay Tagotra, district officers, prominent citizens and temple volunteers from Ghagwal. This historic collaboration marks a significant step towards rekindling the temple's ancient role as a beacon of learning while ensuring the continuity of India's timeless educational traditions for future generations.

CMO Poonch conducts surprise inspection of District Hospital

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POONCH: Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Poonch, Dr. Parvaiz Ahmed Khan, today carried out a surprise inspection of the Government District Hospital, Poonch, to assess healthcare services and patient care. During his visit, Dr. Khan inspected all wards and key hospital facilities, including the Dialysis Unit, CT Scan, Ultrasound, Operation Theater, Laboratory, NRC, Pharmacy, X-ray unit, and the Ayushman Bharat counter, along with the Out-Patient Department (OPD). He interacted with doctors and staff, giving on-the-spot directions to ensure cleanliness, proper sanitation, timely OPD services, and friendly patient care. Dr. Khan also instructed the medical superintendent to strictly follow government timings and ensure that patients' rights are maintained as per standard operating procedures



(SOPs). During the visit, the CMO emphasized the importance of efficient hospital management, prompt medical attention, and compassionate care, especially for emergency cases and critical patients. He also highlighted the need for regular maintenance of medical equipment to avoid any disruption in healthcare services. Dr. Khan further directed the staff to focus on public awareness programs and initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat schemes, ensuring that the community fully benefits from government health services. He appreciated the efforts of the hospital staff but stressed that continuous improvement in service quality is necessary to meet patient expectations. Hospital staff assured the CMO that all directions would be implemented promptly, aiming to strengthen healthcare delivery and improve overall patient satisfaction in the district.

GDC Nowshera commemorates 150 years of National Pride-Vande Mataram



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NOWSHERA: To commemorate 150 years of national pride associated with Vande Mataram, the college organised a Cleanliness Drive followed by Mass Singing of Vande Mataram on 20th January, 2026. The programme aimed to blend the ideals of cleanliness, unity, and patriotism, inspiring students to contribute positively to nation-building under the guidance and supervision of our worthy Principal Dr. Farooq Ahmed.

The event began with a cleanliness drive in the college campus and surrounding areas, where students, faculty members, and non-teaching staff participated enthusiastically. The drive highlighted the importance of hygiene, environmental responsibility, and collective effort in maintaining a clean and healthy society. Following the cleanliness drive, a mass singing of Vande Mataram was held. The powerful and harmonious rendition filled the campus with a spirit of unity, devotion, and national pride, reminding everyone of the historic significance of the song in India's freedom movement. The programme successfully instilled a sense of discipline, civic responsibility, and patriotic fervour among the participants, making the celebration of 150 years of Vande Mataram both meaningful and impactful. The staff and the students have participated in the event with zeal and zest.

Road safety awareness rally organised by GDC Kathua

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KATHUA: As part of the ongoing Road Safety Awareness Month, the Road Safety Club of Government Degree College Kathua, in collaboration with NCC and NSS units, organised a Road Safety Awareness Rally under the theme "Sadak Suraksha - Jeevan Raksha". The rally aimed at sensitising students and the general public about the importance of following traffic rules and adopting safe practices while on the road. Students of the college, holding informative placards and raising impactful slogans, marched through the college campus and adjoining areas of the city, including the vicinity of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kathua. Through their disciplined procession and messages, the participants effectively spread awareness about wearing helmets and seat belts, avoiding over-speeding and mobile phone usage while driving, and respecting traffic signals to ensure safety for all.



GDC Kathua students and faculty members during a road safety awareness rally.

Before flagging off the rally, the Principal of the College, Dr. Manohar Lal, addressed the students and emphasised the significance of road safety in daily life. He highlighted that road accidents are largely preventable if individuals strictly adhere to traffic rules and act responsibly. He urged students to become ambassadors of road safety by practising and promoting safe driving behaviour in society. Dr. Manohar Lal also appreciated the sincere efforts and coordinated teamwork of the Road Safety Club, NCC ANOs, and NSS Programme Officers Dr. Pinkey and Lt. (Dr.) Daya Ram, who played a key role in planning and executing the rally. Senior faculty members Prof. Sanjay Karupia, Prof. Neelam Bhagat, Prof. Rakesh Singh, Prof. Jagdish Kumar, Dr. R. K. Manhas and Dr.

Ram Singh were present on the occasion and encouraged the students for their enthusiastic participation and commitment towards social responsibility. The members of the Road Safety Committee, including Prof. Ram Krishan, Sh. Sandeep Sharma, Dr. Chandan Sharma, Dr. Nishtha Sharma, Prof. Sanjay Choudhary, and Dr. Meenakshi, worked actively and participated in the rally, contributing significantly to the overall success of the event. The rally concluded with a strong message reinforcing the importance of road safety as a shared responsibility, leaving a lasting impact on both students and the public.

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