

## Slathia inaugurates Fun Fair Mela at Samba



Senior BJP leader S.S Slathia inaugurating Mela at Samba.

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SAMBA: A fun fair Mela has been organised on Friday at Sanerki Bagalamukhi Temple in Samba which was inaugurated by former Minister and Senior BJP leader Surjit Singh Slathia, along with Municipal Corporation Chairman Pawan Kohli was also present.

According to a report, For the first time, a fun fair Mela has been organized for children at Sanerki Bagalamukhi Mata Temple in Samba, which has started from today. In the event, special focus has been laid on the entertainment of children and kids, while quality food items at food stalls at the fun fair

Mela.

For the children, they said, special joyrides including joint wheel, Columbus ship, break dance, solombo, catter pillar, children rides, fun games, have been installed.

While talking with media persons Former Minister Surjit Singh Slathia said that for the first time in the ground of Sanerki Mata Bagalamukhi temple of Samba, a fun fair Mela has been organized for children, which has been organized by Sahil Verma Traders, who have already organized fun fairs mela at many places in Samba district.

Sahil Verma, the organiser of Fun Fair Mela, has appealed to the people of District Samba to visit the Fun Fair with their children.

## BJP wants to delay assembly elections by pre-poning PRI elections: Ravinder

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SUNDERBANI: Congress has demanded immediate assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, alleging that BJP is planning to delay the same under the garb of PRI elections by pre-poning them.

Addressing Congress workers here today who had assembled to celebrate the victory of the party in Himachal Pradesh, JKPC Senior Leader and Former MLC Ravinder Sharma said that congress is ready for early assembly elections to restore the much awaited democracy in J & K , but apprehended that BJP might delay the same by pre-poning panchayat and local bodies elections, which have around an year to complete

the term. The administration has already started preparations as per field reports and the unexpected defeat of BJP in Himachal would be added factor, he added.

The Congress workers held celebrations at Sunderbani and Nowshera today over the victory of the party in Himachal Pradesh assembly elections.

Congress workers of Block Sunderbani and Nowshera held seprate celebrations under the leadership of Senior Congress Leader and former MLC Ravinder Sharma which was attended by the Block Presidents and other local functionaries and Youth Congress activists.

The workers distributed sweets and raised slogans of

Gonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, AICC President Malika Arjun Kharge and Priyanka Gandhi and congratulated the leadership and people of Himachal Pradesh.

Ravinder Sharma expressed gratitude to the people of Himachal Pradesh and congratulated the party workers there for working hard to defeat BJP. He appreciated the central leadership for the coordinated efforts to win the elections against huge odds including in the by elections in different states.

He said that BJP had secret understanding with certain parties to divide the opposition votes in Gujrat and created media hype to

confuse the voters for indirect gains but the congress has more than 27 percent vote share in Gujrat too.

He asked the workers to understand the pulse of people who want change as the masses are fed up with the anti poor and anti youth policies of Modi government which has gifted unprecedented price hike and record unemployment besides corruption in recruitments. He said congress will emerge victorious in J & K and form the government as and when elections are held, demanding early assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir without delay.

NC Sharma, Tirth Ram Sharma, Sdr Ajit Singh, Ashok Kumar, Chuni Lal

Sharma, Sarbjeet, Dr Ved Parkash Sudan, Om Parkash, Ashwani Kumar, Raj Kumar Raina, Sham Lal, Novat Ram, Capt Joginder Singh, Govind Sudan, Aman Kumar, (YC) Amarnath were prominent in Sunderbani while in Nowshera celebrations were led Vijay Bakshi Councillor, General Secretary District Congress , Advocate Gourav Parasher Spokesperson, Daleep Heer, Suresh Kumar, Rajinder Singh, Nikhil Heer and others.

## GDC Bishnah organises series of events under AKAM

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BISHNAH: GDC Bishnah with a aim of Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) organized the series of programmes to invoke the spirit of patriotism among the students. The campaign was started with a set format of activity schedule comprises of academic and cultural. The programme was inaugurated with the lighting of the traditional lamp followed by the pinning ceremony of Tiranga Flag badges. Head of the institution , Principal, teachers and the participants to create the ambience of patriot fervor where the students expressed their feelings through their art. The first activity was presented by Language promotion club in collaboration with Dogri Department. The patriotic poetry recitation programme was organized where the students from Dogri department recited nation spiritual poems with great enthusiasm. The principal appreciated this exuberant feeling of students and encouraged them to continue this spirit being the future of Nation.

## CEO SMVDSB jointly reviews security & operational preparedness ahead of New-year

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KATRA: To assess security and operational preparedness of Shrine area for hassle-free pilgrimage prior to onset of New Year-2023, which is expecting to draw pilgrims in large number from various parts of the country and abroad to abode of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi ji, Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, presided over a joint meeting with security agencies to review security and operational preparedness today at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra.

The meeting was attended by Mohd Suleman Choudhary DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range, Navneet Singh, Addl. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Amit Gupta SSP Reasi, Vishwajeet Singh, Dy. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Commandant CRPF, SDPO Katra, Dy. SP Bhawan and officers from Army, IB, CID, SMVDSB and other intelligence agencies.

CEO underscored that with the determined efforts of the Shrine Board and blessings of the Divine,



Anshul Garg, CEO SMVDSB chairing a meeting at Katra.

yatra to the holy shrine has tremendously increased as compared to the previous two years which has been possible due to the all round efforts of all the stakeholders. He said that we expect a good turnout of pilgrims during upcoming winter vacations and onset of New Year-2023 and laid emphasis for operational preparedness with full proof security of the visiting pilgrims.

CEO urged for simulating exercises jointly to deal with crowd management well for effective Yatra management on ground on the eve of New Year. To review each and every security aspect of the Shrine area enroute

besides, safety and security of pilgrims expected to visit in huge volume on New Year, he emphasized to conduct joint drills well in advance and plug any gaps. A slew of directives were issued to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Bhawan for physical and systematic improvements wherever required at Bhawan and allied areas after critical examination.

The Chief Executive Officer stressed upon all the stakeholders for action on diverse fronts for hassle free pilgrimage on New Year including issuance and verification of RFID cards, effective crowd manage-

ment, augmentation of holding areas, working out plans for decongestion of the entire track, particularly the Bhawan area, separation of entry, exit routes at Bhawan and all time surveillance through dedicated CCTV dedicated network of over 500 cameras.

In the meeting, DIG highlighted major challenges for the deployed security forces in coming days for managing the expected influx of pilgrims on New Year. He briefed that additional forces as per request shall be deployed in and around Katra and on the track enroute Bhawan in coordination with other security agencies to ensure fool-proof security and effective Yatra management.

SSP Reasi presented a detailed security grid in place and discussed various security measures going to be placed on the eve of New Year enroute to Holy Shrine, besides deployment of QRTs (quick response teams) and a multi-tier security grid comprising police, CRPF and other paramilitary forces.

## JKSAC for de-freezing DPs' share of Assembly seats



JKSAC members during a meeting at Sunderbani.

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SUNDERBANI: Jammu Kashmir Sharnarathi Action Committee (JKSAC) in its meeting held at Sunderbani, has made an appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to consider de-freezing of DP's share of eight Assembly Seats in the ensuing parliament session. The participants also appealed to Union MOS in PMO Dr. Jatinder Singh, Lt. Governor Manoj K. Sinha, Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP and other high profile leaders of BJP to impress upon the Central

Govt. to present a bill to de-freeze DP's share of seats proportionate to their population.

JKSAC President Gurdev Singh also said that after abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A, Jammu and Kashmir is fully integrated with India and now it is constitutional obligations of the Govt. to de-freeze the DP's share of Assembly Seats adding that it is the most appropriate time for the Govt. to present a bill in the parliament to deliver long awaited justice to DP's who are claiming since decades.

Gurdev Singh reminded that constituent Assembly was convened in 1951 and delineated 100 seats for J&K. The election then was held for 75 seats only and DP's share of seats numbering 24/25 was reserved and kept vacant. He said that strength of Assembly Seats remained same 100 only when an Act was passed in 1988 and the seats of J&K Assembly were increased from 100 to 111 in 1995 after making an amendment. JKSAC raised their voice forcefully again for de-freezing of their seats but in the absence of political support the DP's were denied their legitimate right.

JKSC now urges Central Govt. to consider their legitimate constitutional right of representation after de-freezing their share of seats before election in UT of J&K as the same has already been recommended by JPC to Home affairs in its Report No. 183.

## DC Doda inspects ongoing work, 'Partial Breakthrough' at Khellani tunnel



DC Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan during visit to Khellani Tunnel.

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan on Friday visited the construction site of Khellani tunnel to have a firsthand appraisal of the work progress and observed the West Portal partial breakthrough in the tunnel.

The DC was accompanied by SSP, Abdul Qayoom, and GM NHIDCL, N. Gill. At the site, he reviewed the ongoing work on the tunnel and was briefed about the progress made so far. He was informed that both the tubes of the tunnel are expected to be completed by March 2023. It was further informed that the tunnel tube has 1.5 KM length from one side. The DC emphasized on safety of the workers, besides quality & timely completion of the ambitious project. The tunnel is an important part of the prestigious alternate National Highway 244 which shall considerably reduce the travel distance and the time while giving a comfortable drive towards the capital cities. The alternate NH 244 will also benefit social and economic development of the region apart from boosting the tourism in the District.

## NDRF conducts Mock Drill on earthquake, landslide & fire-incident at Doda



NDRF men carrying out mock drill at Doda.

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DODA: On the second day of two Day awareness programme, 13TH Bn NDRF

conducted Mock Drill on Earthquakes, Landslides and fire incidents under the supervision of District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Vishesh Paul Mahajan, today, at Sports Stadium.

The Mock Drill was attended by officers of NDRF, SDRF, Police, Civil Administration, Students, Media persons and members of different NGOs.

The Mock Drill was aimed at to sensitise stakeholders about the rescue preparedness at the time of an earthquake, landslide, and fire incident.

The expert from NDRF and SDRF gave demonstration of rescue operation and precautionary measures while handling the injured. Equipments used during rescue operation were also deployed and demonstrated during the Drill.

Javed Iqbal, Assistant Commandant NDRF, while speaking on the occasion,

stressed on the need to maintain coordination among the stakeholders during a disaster to reduce response time for rescue measures as District Doda fall under IV and V earthquake seismic zones.

Chairman DDMA (DC) Doda stressed on the authorities to introduce latest technology for real-time communication, disaster

assessment, disaster response and rescue operation. He asked the concerned to make use of high tech Drone for assessment, and dropping medical and other aid in case of any natural or manmade disaster. He appreciated the team of 13th Bn NDRF for organizing a wonderful and informative mock drill in the district.

## JU's SHTM organises educational trip, attends Mahayagya

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REASI: School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, University of Jammu organized an educational day trip to Pannu, Reasi for the students of MBA (HT) and BBA (HM) under the supervision of Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director-SHTM.

The students attended Ati Vishnu Mahayagayawhich was arranged by Sant Sri Bal Yogeshwar Das Ji Maharaj to pay homage to the great martyrs who have sacrificed their lives in the service of the country. The families of the martyrs

also attended this Mahayagya. The students of SHTM sought the blessings of Sant Sri Bal Yogeshwar Das Ji Maharaj and also visited all the 108 Havan-Kundas where the pictures of Martyrs were installed. Prof. Parikshat detailed that the visit to religious sites is part of the religious tourism program of SHTM under which the students are able to understand the importance of religious tourism and build up innovative strategies to promote religious tourism.

The students also got the

opportunity to witness Armed Forces Flag Day celebration at Pannu, Reasi. This day is observed to honour the martyrs and men in uniform who valiantly fought and continue to fight for our country's honour. The students actively participated in the various activities organized at the site and interacted with Sh. Pankaj Modi, younger brother of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi ji. Dr. Priyanka Sharma was the teacher in-charge along with Mr. Shubam Gupta and Mr. Ranjeet Singh.

## Progress of Education sector projects taken up under District Capex Budget, other schemes reviewed in Rajouri

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Friday reviewed the progress of the Education Sector projects taken up under District Capex Budget and other schemes.

During the meeting, the DDC took a detailed review of the physical and financial status of the works taken up under the District Capex Budget, BAPD and SSY. The concerned officers apprised the meeting about to date status in this regard.

Reviewing the progress of works under District Capex Budget 2022-23, it was informed that out of 58 works as many as 19 works are complete. The DDC reviewed the status of each project and directed the officers to maintain synergy to complete the works well in time.

Regarding construction of Smart class Rooms, the meet-



DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

ing was apprised that out of 20 SCRs, 19 have been completed, while one work approved under BAPD is also complete in all respects.

About the Education Sector under SSY projects, it was informed that out of 7 proposed works, the tenders for 05 works have been allotted.

The DDC asked the concerned officers to expedite the progress on the projects to complete the same within the already set deadlines.

He also laid emphasis on close monitoring of the developmental works for maintaining quality and made it clear that no laxity would be toler-

ated in this regard.

The DDC also directed the concerned officers to resolve the bottlenecks hampering the developmental projects timely to ensure smooth execution of works.

Officers who attended the meeting were CEO Education, Shaillash Kumari; Principal GMGHSS Rajouri, Abdul Raof Dar; ExEn PWD(R&B) Rajouri, Maqbool Hussain; ExEn PWD(R&B) Nowshera, Vikram Singh; ExEn REW, Zahir Khan and AD Planning, Bansil Lal and BDO Rajouri, Chander Kant Bhagat.

## DC Kathua chairs Aadhaar Monitoring Committee meet

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KATHUA: To finalize the action plan for saturation of Aadhaar cards and availability of UIDAI Centres, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey on Friday chaired a meeting of District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee at DC Office Complex here.

Senior Superintendent of Police SP, PO ICDS, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, DSEO besides other Committee members and representatives of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) were present in the meeting. On the occasion, the DC held a threadbare deliberation about a mechanism to be adopted for Aadhaar saturation in all age groups and mandatory biometric update of children in the district.

The concerned officers informed the chair that the Aadhaar Enrollment process stands at 78% besides briefed him about the status of Aadhaar Seva Kendras operating in the district. The DC asked the stakeholder



departments/ agencies to motivate the residents to enroll children below 5 years for Aadhaar and to get Mandatory Biometric updates (MBU) done on attaining the age of 5 years and 15 years.

The DC called upon all concerned departments to saturate the remaining Aadhaar Enrollment Process in the district besides launching mass awareness campaigns in their jurisdictions to cover all population under Aadhaar enrolment. He directed DIO Kathua to undertake aggressive IEC campaigns through print and social media.

While discussing the rejection incidents, the DC direct-

ed CEO, CMO, PO ICDS, CSCs to sensitize the operators handling Aadhaar data updating to be cautious while making entries and ensure the data entered is accurate and up to date.

The DC called for making coordinated efforts to cover the uncovered populace as it will facilitate the public to have access to Aadhaar linked services. He directed PO ICDS, CEO, CMO to hold special camps for the enrollment of left out population in the district.

It was given out in the meeting that a dedicated Toll Free Number 1947 can be used to check the status of Aadhaar and to update the biometric and demographic details. It was also informed that UIDAI has put in place a mechanism to avoid any potential fraud or impersonation and to confirm the genuineness of Aadhaar through mAadhaar app or by visiting the official website <https://resident.uidai.gov.in/verify> and scanning the QR code available on all forms of Aadhaar.

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