

Slathia inaugurates Fun Fair Mela at Samba



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

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For the children, they said, special joyrides including joint wheel, Columbus ship, break dance, solombo, catte 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.

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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.

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



Anshul Garg, CEO SMVDSB chairing a meeting at Katra.

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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,

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 management,

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.

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.

JKSAC for de-freezing DPs' share of Assembly seats



JKSAC members during a meeting at Sunderbani.

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SUNDERBANI: Jammu Kashmir Sharnarthi 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 DPs 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 DPs 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 DPs 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 DPs were denied their legitimate right.

JKSAC 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.

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 sensitising stakeholders about the rescue preparedness at the time of an earthquake, landslide, and fire incident. The families of the martyrs

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.

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

also attended this Mahayagya.

The students of SHTM sought the blessings of Sant Sri Bal Yogi Das Ji Maharaj and also visited all the 108 Havan-Kundas where the pictures of Martyrs were installed.

Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director-SHTM 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 Pauni, 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 Honble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi ji. Dr. Priyanka Sharma was the teacher in-charge along with Mr. Shubam Gupta and Mr. Ranjeet Singh.

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

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

Sharma, Sarbjit, Dr Ved Parkash Sudan, Om Parkash, Ashwani Kumar, Raj Kumar Raina, Sham Lal, Novat Ram, Capt. Joginder Singh, Govind Sudan, Aman Kumar, 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 under the aam 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 patriotic 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.

Army dedicates three toilet complex for GMS Londi



Army officials along with school faculty.

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KATHUA: Under Operation Sadbhavna, Mission First Brigade constructed three toilets in Government Middle School Londi in Sub Division Hiranagar of Kathua District, which were handed over to the school administration. Due to non-availability of toilet facilities in the Government Middle School Londi, the students used to face a lot of trouble. In view of this problem, the army has constructed three toilets in the school. The Army constructed three toilets under Operation Sadbhavna and handed them over to the headmaster of the school, Ram Prasad.

Headmaster Ram Prasad said that the army has been coming forward to provide all kinds of help to them. Additional rooms were constructed in many schools for the students. Along with conducting computer courses, students were also provided with study materials, shoes, uniforms and bags. DDC Hiranagar Abhinandan Sharma, BDC Chairman Ram Lal Kaliya, Sarpanch Devraj, ZEO Desraj and army officers along with school staff and school children were also present.

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



DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

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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 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-

ing was apprised that out of 20 SCRs, 19 have been completed, while one work approved under BADP 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 tolerated 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, Shailash Kumar; Principal GMGHISS 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, Bansi 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 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 m Aadhaar 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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