

## Vibrant Winter Festival: Bhadarwah records more than 1 lakh tourists till day-4

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BHADARWAH: More than one lakh tourists thronged JK's Bhadarwah till 4th day of Vibrant Bhaderwah Winter Festival, while Bhaderwah's snow filled Guldanda meadow located at the height of 11000 ft above sea level becomes most visited tourist place in India during December, CEO BDA Bal Krishan informed.

With an aim to make Bhaderwah round the year tourist destination, Bhaderwah Development Authority (BDA), Tourism Department and District Administration organised mega 'Vibrant Bhaderwah Winter Festival' in different locations of Bhaderwah, which entered in 4th day on Saturday.

Bhaderwah's Guldanda received huge number of tourists since yesterday as there was 2 days event on December 29 & 30 under



Tourists enjoying in snow at Guldanda.

Vibrant Bhaderwah Winter Festival. Huge number of tourists enjoyed in the lapse of snow meadow of Guldanda and they were excited about snow there.

Dy Director Abdul Jabbar, CEO BDA Bal Krishan, ADC Bhaderwah Dilnir Choudhary, BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf and others were present at Guldanda on 4th day of the festival.

Besides several snow events and games, ATB Rides, Snow Cycling,

Sledging, Skiing and different food stalls were installed by locals followed by a musical event was also organized today, in which several renowned singers including Suhaib Kandoo, Tungeer Ali, Zulekha Fareed and others participated.

While sharing details, CEO BDA Bal Krishan said that it's a great achievement for tourism sector in Bhaderwah as more than 1 lac tourists visited different places of Bhaderwah till 4th day of Vibrant Bhaderwah

Winter Festival.

He informed that according to data, the Guldanda meadow of Bhaderwah becomes most visited snow filled tourist destination of India in December month, which is a good omen for future of Bhaderwah as round the year tourist destination.

"With the huge influx of tourists in December, we can say that Bhaderwah is round the year tourist destination of Jammu Division," CEO informed.

He thanked LG Manoj Sinha, Secretary Tourism, Director Tourism Jammu and DC Doda for the grand initiative to boost winter tourism in Bhaderwah.

It is notable that there will be a grand musical event on December 31st to welcome new year, in which famous Punjabi singer Kaka ji will perform at New Bus Stand Kotli Bhaderwah.

## Remote Gursai village witnesses first ever public Darbar; Secretary Mining assesses public grievances

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POONCH: Gursai, a remote village located in Mendar tehsil of Poonch district on Saturday witnessed first ever public darbar with local inhabitants hailing the present dispensation for its firm commitment towards taking the governance at door steps of every nook and corner of the Union Territory.

Secretary, Mining, Dr. Rashmi Singh, who conducted an extensive visit of Poonch, chaired this mega public darbar held at Government Higher Secondary School, Mori Gursai here.

Secretary along with PRIs and Deputy Commissioner, inspected stalls set up by various government departments showcasing schemes related to agriculture, horticulture, health, animal husbandry, social welfare, handicraft, handloom and other wings.

The event commenced with



Secretary, Mining, Dr. Rashmi Singh chairing public Darbar.

observance of a two minute silence to honor the bravery and sacrifice of the army soldiers who lost their lives during a militant attack in Surankote.

During the event, District Development Council members, PRIs, and local residents raised a range of concerns pertaining to their respective areas. The issues discussed included construction of Danna Shahstar University and College link road and a bypass road from Potha to Gursai, mendhar to

Kasabari road via behra, mora dhara road, Primary Health Center and AYUSH center in Gursai, improved electricity supply, scientific study of water resources for Jal Jeevan Mission, water scarcity in schools, provision of playgrounds for schools, mitigation of monkey menace, enhanced banking and ATM services in Gursai, broadband connectivity and upgradation of various other roads.

On the occasion, members of the District Development

Council (Mendhar), BDC Chairperson, PRIs, officers from district administration and general public were present.

After listening to public grievances, Dr. Rashmi Singh assured them that their legitimate concerns would be addressed promptly. She issued instructions to the concerned officers to prioritize and resolve the issues raised during the darbar within a specific timeline.

To tackle the Water scarcity issue, Secretary directed Geology and Mining, Department to collaborate with the Ground Water and Jal Shakti Departments to conduct a survey and assess the feasibility of water resources in the region.

Dr. Rashmi Singh emphasized that the primary objective of conducting the Public Darbar was to bridge the communication gap between the administration and the people.

## District-level NCORD Committee meeting held in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Additional District Development Commissioner, Udhampur, Ghan Sham Singh on Saturday presided over district-level Narco Coordination (NCORD) committee meeting here in the Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex.

In attendance were Senior Superintendent of Police, Joginder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Assistant Commissioner Development Dr. Ranjeet Singh Kotwal, and other officers from relevant departments.

During the meeting, the ADDC emphasized the imperative of comprehensive awareness programs aimed at schools, colleges, and youth, stressing the involvement of parents.

Seeking detailed information on measures taken to control the drug menace, he directed the concerned to implement a tracking mechanism system and urged the ACD to conduct sensitization programs across different blocks.

The ADDC called upon officers to efficiently utilize all available resources to achieve the collective goal.

Discussions covered various aspects of combating drug addiction, including Nasha Mukht Panchayats, identification of hotspots, freezing and attaching property, monitoring victims' accounts, establishing drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centers, implementing tracking mechanisms, and curbing the cultivation of illicit poppy and cannabis in the district.

## DC Rajouri reviews functioning of Revenue Department; approves change of land use case

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal asked the Revenue Department to enhance the efficiency and accessibility of services offered by the Department while chairing a crucial meeting here today. The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria and Tehsildars concerned.

The focus of the meeting was on the functioning of the Revenue Department with a particular emphasis on modernization and the adoption of advanced technology to streamline operations. One of the primary topics of discussion was the digitization of land records. In this regard, the meeting was informed that the process of digitizing land records has been successfully completed,



Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

marking a significant milestone in making land-related information more accessible and transparent to the public.

The meeting also provided a platform to assess the progress made in providing online revenue services. The officers reported that a multitude of services offered by the Revenue Department are now accessible online, making it easier for the public to avail themselves of these essential services. This transition to online services not

only enhances convenience but also promotes transparency and accountability in the operations of the department.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal expressed his satisfaction over the progress made thus far and emphasized the dedication of the department to continue pursuing excellence in its services. He recognized the collaborative efforts of all officers and stakeholders who have contributed to these significant achievements.

## Director AYUSH reviews functioning of healthcare units in Kathua

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KATHUA: The functioning of AYUSH centres in District Kathua was reviewed by Director Ayush J&K UT, Dr. Mohan Singh here at a meeting held in the Conference hall of GMC & AH Kathua.

The Director was welcomed by Principal GMC & AH Kathua, Dr. Surinder Kumar Attari and District Ayush Officer Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Kumar.

The Director reviewed work progress on Ayush Health and Wellness Centres and Ayush Units of District Kathua. He emphasized that every AHWC must ensure entry of Data on daily and Monthly basis on the AB-HWC portal of the Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India.

The Director reviewed the progress of ongoing infra-



Director Ayush J&K UT, Dr. Mohan Singh chairing a meeting.

structural strengthening projects of Ayush Health and Wellness Centres, 50-bedded Integrated District Ayush Hospital, Mandli, Billawar. He emphasized upon implementation of various Ayush Public Health Programs so that the strength of Ayush system of health promotion, prevention and management of diseases can reach the general public. He also highlighted

that every AHWC must ensure delivery of Health Care as per NABH standards. He also reviewed the status of Accreditation of 8 AHWCs of District Kathua with standards of NABH.

Later, he also paid a visit to Mahatma Gandhi Hospital near Mukherjee Chowk where Homeopathic Hospital is functioning on makeshift arrangement basis. He directed the staff

to increase footfall of the patients besides listening to the grievances of staff. He also interacted with the patients visiting Homeopathic Hospital and Ayush Unit District Kathua.

Additional Secretary Health and Medical Education Chand Kishore Sharma, Assistant Director Unani Srinagar, Dr. Sujad Hussain Shuja, Dr. Waheed from State Medicinal Plant Board, Dr. B.R. Dubb Nodal Officer Homeopathic Hospital Kathua and other officers from administration of Directorate of Ayush were prominently present.

State program Manager, National Ayush Mission J&K Imran Khan sensitized the Medical Officers about AB-HWC, Teleconsultation, DBT, HPR, JK Attendance Portals and AHWC guidelines.

## Director ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana visits KVK Reasi

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REASI: Director, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI)-Zone-I, Ludhiana, Dr. Parvender Sheoran visited here at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J). He interacted with the farmers and inspected KVK instructional farm, demonstration units including hydroponics unit, Azolla Unit, Nano Kitchen Garden, Turmeric Unit, Vermicompost Unit, hatchery unit etc. and reviewed the overall functioning of the KVK.

During his visit, he had a healthy interaction with the farmers and scientists of KVK, Reasi and discussed the on-campus and off-campus



Dr. Parvender Sheoran, Director ICAR-ATARI, Zone-I visiting the farmers stalls at KVK Reasi.

activities of KVK. He discussed on the efficient and innovative strategies to enhance the farm income and employment among the farmers. While addressing the farmers he laid emphasis on the adoption of innovative technologies and discussed on the promotion of drone technology among the women Self Help Groups (SHGs) members. He also discussed on the efficient marketing management and stressed on the Farmers Producer

Organisations (FPOs) for more farm returns. He suggested the farmers to grow medicinal and aromatic plants, turmeric, ginger and floral crops in monkey affected areas of the distt. He also suggested the establishment of Integrated Farming Systems (IFS) in the hilly areas for more farm returns. He appreciated the efforts of KVK, Reasi for the welfare of the farming community. He assured every possible support to the farmers and

motivated the scientists for making strenuous efforts for the dissemination of innovations at farmers' field. Earlier Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr. Scientist and Head, KVK Reasi while welcoming the esteemed dignitary gave a detailed view about the major achievements of KVK.

The proceedings of the programme were carried by Dr. Lobzang Stanzen. Dr. Lalit Upadhyay, Dr. Manddeep Singh Azad, Dr. Sanjay Kaushal, Dr. Lobzang Stanzen, Dr. Arvinder Kumar, Jagdish Kumar, Manohar Lal, Preeti Choudhary, Mohd. Iqbal and others were also present during the programme. KVK Head, Dr. Banarsi Lal thanked Director ATARI for visiting the KVK and providing the necessary guidelines and encouragement. The programme was concluded by Dr. Lalit Upadhyay with formal vote of thanks.

## GCW Kathua organises New Year cultural programme

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KATHUA: To say goodbye to 2023 and welcome 2024, Student Welfare Committee of GDCW Kathua organised cultural programme in the college campus. Function started with the lighting of lamp by the Chief guest, Dr. Savi Behl, Principal of the college and followed by a group song presented by faculty members.

Chief guest in her address, congratulated and appreciated DSW for



Faculty members during the event at Kathua.

taking this initiative to organise such a beautiful programme. She gave blessings and good wishes to all faculty members for New year and encouraged the students to take part in these activities for all round development of the personality.

Proceedings of the program were carried by Dr. Amita Dua and formal vote of thanks was pre-

sented by DSW, Dr. Rachna Devi. Senior faculty members Dr. Inderjeet kour, Dr. Babita Mahajan were also present in the function.

Dr. Renu, Dr. Mukesh Kumari, Dr. Deepti Salotra, Dr. Surekha Rani, Dr. Ajay, Dr. Ritu Kumar, Dr. Roshan Lal and all the teaching non teaching staff members were present in the function.

## GDC Ramgarh organises computer workshop for Punjabi Department students

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SAMBA: The Department of Punjabi, Government Degree College, Ramgarh, organised a three day skill workshop for the students of Punjabi on "Computer Typing in Punjabi Language", under the guidance and supervision of the college Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra. The skill based workshop on Computer Typing in Punjabi Language started on 28th of December and culminated successfully today with the distribution of Certificates to the students on completion of the course.

At the outset, the Principal applauded the efforts by Dr. Snobar, HOD, Department of Punjabi, for such an initiative with the motive of upgrading the skills of the students in regional language. She added that this skill course in Computer Typing in Punjabi Language shall provide immense opportuni-

ty to the students to use this skill for personal growth and as a professional qualification.

The aim of the workshop was to help students in acquiring a new skill which shall boost their confidence and further help in making them self-reliant. The workshop started with the introductory lecture by Dr. Snobar on the relevance and applicability of learning a skill in Punjabi language as a career opportunity. She informed the students that learning this skill will benefit them in multiple ways. They can also earn while they learn.

The faculty members who were present in the workshop are Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Dr. Snobar, Prof. Bram Dutt, Dr. Shivali Choudhary, Ms. Priya Sharma, Dr. Imtiyaz Ahmed, Dr. Paramjeet Kour, Dr. Ekta Rani, Fayaz Ahmed, Sonali Dutta, Akansha, Anil Kumar, Ram Murti, and Sunil Kumar.

## PTTI Vijaypur organizes lecture on online financial frauds

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VIJAYPUR: Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI), Vijaypur organized a lecture for Police personnel and trainees on the topic "Online Financial Frauds". Prof. Vinod Sharma of MCA Department of Jammu University delivered an impressive lecture on various online frauds viz. OTP Fraud, fraud using remote access mobile app, UPI fraud, Refund fraud, OLX fraud using digital documents, fraud using fake SMS, SIM swap fraud, QR code scam, etc. and highlighted the importance of proper understanding of various online frauds. He suggested various security tips and tricks to prevent such threats and advised the participants not to share any sensitive information viz OTP, Bank Details & passwords etc. on mobile.

While speaking on the occasion, Shiv Kumar IPS, SSP, Principal PTTI



Shiv Kumar, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur honouring Prof. Vinod Sharma of MCA Department, JU.

Vijaypur told that such lectures are being organized to make aware Police personnel about modalities being adopted by Cyber scammers and to look out for steps to be taken for its prevention. Principal PTTI Vijaypur thanked Prof. Vinod Sharma for sparing his precious time to make aware staff and trainees of the Institute.

Among others, Kuldeep

Raj, Dy.SP (Indoor/Tech), Khushwant Singh, Dy.SP (Admn.), Insp. Surinder Singh (CDI), Insp. Ram Lal (CLI), Insp. Himanshu Dutta (CTI), Insp. Mulkh Raj, Insp. Vivek Kalsotra, Insp. Ashish Darmat, Insp. Kapil Raina, Insp. Bhopinder Singh, SI Sulinder Singh, SI Amolak Singh, Narinder Kumar and others were present on the occasion.

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