

SMVDSB organises refresher course for Pujaris

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KATRA: With a view to sharpen the skills and to build up updated capacities in conducting religious rituals/ practices and other ceremonies of Pujaris of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), a 10 days well designed refresher course for Pujaris commenced today at Bhawan which will conclude on 25th February 2022.

Noteworthy that, besides carrying out Puja at Holy Cave Shrine, these Pujaris are entrusted with imparting religious instructions & information to the pilgrims.

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Pujaris attending refresher course being organised by SMVDSB at Katra.

The refresher course shall cover 30 Pujaris in two batches of 15 Pujaris each with focus on the specific rituals, mantras & practices that a Pujari needs to master besides, highly specific and professional approach about their Puja Vidhi.

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Ramesh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer said that these continuous learning and refresher programs not only improve the energy level of the participants but also

creates a resonating effect on the fellow employees who shall be trained.

Dr. Sunil Sharma, Joint Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB while deliberating on various aspects of the refresher course hoped that this will reinforce and upgrade participants' existing knowledge and religious skills.

The experts included Professor Rajaneesh Kumar Shukla, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriy Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra; Prof. Madan Mohan Jha, Director, Central Sanskrit University, Kot Bhawal, Jammu; Prof. Vyas Mishra, Varanasi; Acharya Shri Abhishek Upadhyay, Principal, Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Basohli, Kathua; Dr. Manikan Mishra, Varanasi; Acharya Vageesh Swaroop, Varanasi; Dr. Lekhraj Upadhyay, Varanasi; Prof. Ramraj Upadhyaya, Delhi; Dr. Ashwani Pandey, UP; Acharya Mehendra Upadhyay, Vishwasthali and Acharya Rakesh Sharma, Vishwasthali.

Poonch Admn mulls major crackdown to curb illegal mining

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POONCH: District Administration Poonch on Wednesday decided to launch a major crackdown against illegal mining and Stone Crushers running on state land and in violation of prescribed norms. Deputy Commissioner Inder Jeet has directed the District Mineral Officer to lodge FIR against persons found indulging in illegal extraction of minor minerals and to install boards at prominent places to notify rates of minor minerals. Chairing a meeting of the Multi Departmental District Level Task Force in his office chamber here today, he directed to evict stone crushers built on state land and said sealing of those running without GST bill.

The meeting also discussed the implementation of notified rate of minor mineral and E-Auction of minor mineral blocks in the district.

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President YNC, Pyare Lal, Pardeep Bali, Tanveer Ahmed Kichloo District President Kishtwar, Sajjad Shaheen, District President Ramban discussed the organizational issues. The delegations which called on Dr Farooq Abdullah included Sunil Verma District President Udhampur along with other office bearers, Naresh Bittu District President Jammu Rural B along with office bearers, Sudagar Chand Gupta District President Samba alongwith Block Presidents and Youth leaders headed by Sandeep Singh Central Zone President YNC, Tejinder Singh District President Jammu YNC.

Those who joined the NC included Ajay Sharma Sarpanch, Rajneesh Sharma Panch, Kuldeep Kumar Naib Sarpanch and Mohd Iqbal from Udhampur. Other present include Arif Mir, Ashiq Ali, Inayatullah District President OBC Cell Udhampur, Ch. Mohd Gani District President ST Cell, Block President Ashok Kour Ex-MLC, Swaran Lata Ex-MLA, Ajaz Jan Provincial

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