JKAPP organises grand Prabhat Pheri on Ramnavmi



Dignitaries during the Prabhat Pheri at Katra.

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KATRA: A grand Prabhat Pheri was organized by Jammu And Kashmir Association of Prabhat Pheri (JKAPP) in cooperation with district administration ,CRPF Battalion Katra. Municipal Committee Katra and Public Katra on the eve of Ramnavmi. The function concluded amidst chanting of Bhajans& beating of drums at ticipated bus stand Katra.

Chairman VimalIndu Municipal Committee Katra and Guests of Honour Ex.

MLA Baldev Raj Sharma Gopal Dutt BMO Katra and Shiv Kumar Sharma Former Joint Secretary J&K Sports Council flagged off the Prabhat Pheri by cutting the red ribbon and breaking the green coconut at Bus Stand Katra from where colorful procession started in which devotees from various places & a large number of locals par-

Today's attractions were Jhankis of Maa Kaali, Maa Luxmi, Maa Sarswati and Radha Krishan along with Gopis showcased by Sneha and

Agriculture Deptt organises one-day awareness camp for women SHGs



Agri official educating women farmers

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RAMBAN: As part of the ongoing nationwide Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsay and to mark the International Year of Millets 2023, the Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers' Welfare organised a one-day awareness camp for women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) at panchayat Kanga in Block Gandhri. The camp was attended by 50 women farmers and some prominent men farmers. Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer, Sudhir Agriculture Manhas. Extension Officer Jagdish Bali and Junior Agriculture Extension Officer, Munish

Gupta educated the women, including local Sarpanch, Shakeela Begum, about the nutritional and economic importance of various types of millets and their cultivation. They also informed them about the material support and technical guidance provided by the department. Each member of the women's SHG was given 2 kg of millet (bajra) and 2kg of turmeric (haldi) on a 50% subsidy to motivate them to cultivate these crops. The women appreciated the role of the Agriculture Department in uplifting the farming community, especially women.

group. Pilgrim groups from other states also joined the prabhatpheri and they chanted the jaikaras of maavaishnodevi and danced to the beats of

drum all along the route. While speaking on the occasion chief guest VimalIndu greeted all residents of Katra town and visiting pilgrims with Ramnavmi wishes.

Guest of Honour Baldev Raj Sharma said that Prabhat Pheri organized on Ramnavmi is a form of devotion towards the holy diety & organizing Prabhat Pheri at Katra will definitely please Maa Vaishnodevi. Sr. citizen Forum led by Rattan Chand participated in the Prabhat Pheri in large numbers.

Ladies group led by Renu Chib and Kavita Sanmotra participated in the procession. CRPF 6th Batallion personnel welcomed the procession at darshanideodi and served variety of Prashad to participants. President Raj Kumar Padha along with association members thanked crpf commandant ShYaad Ram Bunker for their kind hospitality. **ABVP** holds SEC meeting

SUNDERBANI:

Radhakrishnan

Bhartiva Vidvarthi Parishad

Jammu Kashmir holds State

Executive Council Meeting at

Sunderbani on Thursday in

which Karyakartas from

every district were present

and discussed regarding the

upcoming events in details

and discuss the further plan

In this two day meeting

ABVP National Secretary

Gulam Mustafa Ali, National

Joint Organizing Secretary

Prafulla Akant and North

Zone Organizing Secretary

Vijay Pratap ji were mainly

present and review the previ-

ous organisational work and

prepare a road map for the

upcoming organisationl work

and give detailed information

about the upcoming events.

In this meeting representa-

tive from all districts decided

the dates and places of the

upcoming meetings, work-

shops and events. This meet-

of their district work.

Temple

GDC Bani organises awareness programme on "The Stay Safe Online Campaign" STATE TIMES NEWS

BANI: The G20 Club of

GDC Bani organised one day awareness program on the tittle "The Stay Safe Online Campaign" to commemorate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Thursday. The programme was con-

ducted under the patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Kohli. The event was coordinator by Prof. Sanjeev Verma (Nodal Officer G-20 Club), Dr. Ram Krishan (NSS PO) and Dr. Sajad Ahmed (HOD Political Science). The Members of G-20 Club of GDC Bani Visited the village Bani and performed Door to Door campaign to aware the common masses about the online frauds and other threats related to internet / social media usage that are ocuring now a days.The Principal appreciated and encouraged the effort of G-20 Club of GDC Bani and directed them to organize such kind of events / seminars in future also.

VC JU felicitates Dr Manhas for outstanding contribution in Computer Science

BHADARWAH: Chancellor University of Jammu Prof. Umesh Rai felicitated Dr Jatinder Manhas Head Computer Bhaderwah Campus for his outstanding contribution

Computer Science. The Vice Chancellor encouraged Dr Jatinder Manhas to carry on world class research in the domain of AI.

Prof. Rahul Gupta Dean Mathematical Rector Sciences & Bhaderwah Campus and Prof. Pawnesh Abrol, Head MCA was present on the occasion.

Dr. Jatinder Manhas, Head Computer science Bhaderwah Camp recently visited Lulea University of Technology Sweden to attend advance training to study brain Signal (EEG) in the field of Human Emotion Intelligence using Artificial Intelligence based tech-

conducted on High computing platform equipped with DGX machines at EISALAB research group of LTU. The visit executed to enhance and refine research capabilities in this domain and to introduce advance research areas in the University of Jammu and to extend research boundaries of the University of Jammu at international Platform.

During his visit Dr Manhas gained in depth knowledge of the equipment and machinery to be procured and installed in the research lab of the university of Jammu for the scholars working in this domain to create state of the art infrastructure for better analytics and computer vision.

Dr Jatinder Manhas also explored the possibility of future collaborations with Lulea University of technology Sweden in the area of human emotional intelligence to enhance institutional reach to other Universities working in this domain and to create a joint workforce in the field of artificial intelligence keeping in view the future prospects of this ever changing field of

Computer Sciences & IT. Various research area in computer vision have been identified and the process for entering into MOU with LTU Sweden were also explored related to scholars exchange, joint publications and organizing joint training programmes and conferences.

Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof. Marcus assures all possible help in near future and shall also act as mentor in creating artificial intelligence based advance labs at University of Jammu.

He also assures providing physical as well as virtual access to High Computing Environment installed at LTU Sweden that equipped with DGX machines for big data

The research visit was supported by the University of Jammu. Department of computer science, electrical and engineering space authorized Dr. Jatinder Manhas as Research Fellow at LTU Sweden for

Poonch Admn seals 7 e-service providers for overcharging

POONCH: Acting on complaints of overcharging by private digital service providers, the district administration sealed seven establishments dealing with government e-services.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Inder Jeet, a team of officers led by Naib Tehsildar Poonch, Maroof Khan and Naib Tehsildar Bandichichiyan, Randhir Singh under the supervision of Tehsildar Haveli, Anjum Khan Khattak conducted surprise inspections and sealed those found overcharg-

The government has prescribed a rate list for all government e-services for the welfare of the general public. Deputy Commissioner Poonch advised all e-service providers to adhere to prescribed rates to avoid adverse action from the administration. The frequency of market inspections will be increased in the coming days.

In a separate market checking drive during Holy Navratri and Ramzan, a team of officers from Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department Poonch headed by Assistant Director (FCS&CA), Ranjit Singh along with Food Safety, Legal Metrology and other officials conducted rigorous market checking of various food business units. A fine of Rs 4700 was imposed for violations such as non-display of rate lists and over-

Deputy Commissioner Poonch formed a



Officers team during on inspection.

Navaratri and Ramadan. On the occasion, the team warned food business operators not to violate food safety regulations and maintain sanitary conditions. Failure to do so would result in hefty fines.

Assistant Director (FCS&CA) Poonch stressed the importance of selling safe and quality food items adhering to standards prescribed by FSSAI, BIS and other national regulators. The drive is being carried out to ensure all food safety standards are followed.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch instructed officers to tighten the noose around erring shops and establishments and make market checking more regular to ensure quality products throughout the year. He also urged the public to report any violations for strict action against violators.

Ensure all basic amenities to people during ongoing Ramadan: Saroori



interacting with locals at Kishtwar.

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KISHTWAR: Vice Chairman DPAP (Azad Party), Ghulam Mohammad Saroori urged the Lieutenant Governor administration to ensure all basic amenities to the people during the ongoing month of Ramadan, saving District administrations should ensure price stability of essential commodities.

Saroori while meeting with several deputation in the Chatroo area, saying special care should be taken to ensure an uninterrupted power supply, especially during Sehri, Iftaar, and Taraweeh.

He urged the authorities of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (CA&PD) to ensure availability and essential commodities including rice, atta at their sale centres where still two months ration is vet to be distributed among consumers in various sale depots of Chatroo belt. He also urged them to intensify market checking and ensure that consumers are not cheated by black marketers and profiteers.

Saroori said that the administration should ensure adequate drinking water and medicare facilities for the holy month of Ramzan. He said that a fool-proof mechanism should be put in place to provide better amenities to people during Ramadan. He also urged the authorities to ensure proper cleanliness, sanitation and other related facilities in Kishtwar, Doda districts and other areas & especially in and around mosques and shrines.

Saroori further urged to depute area specific flving squads in various markets to ensure price stability, besides that DC Kishtwar should make public the specific phone numbers where the common masses can lodge their complaint against any irregularity, black marketing or price rise.

passed. Under this resolution Abvp has demanded The Public University Bill should be withdrawn with immediate effect. Jk PSC should follow UGC norms while recruiting assistant professors in the college cadre and the amendment should be withdrawn. For the full implementation of the National Education Policy-2020, the infrastructure should be developed without delay and Elections of student union should be conducted in Jammu and Kashmir. Demands to complete the work of restructuring the curriculum immediately. There should be transparency in the process of govappointments ernment (JKSSB & JKPSC). In pursuance of the National Education Policy (NEP-

ing was conducted in Seven

sessions. In this meeting res-

olution related to Current

educational scenario of

Jammu Kashmir was also

and culture, UGC has issued "Guidelines for introducing curriculum based on Indian heritage and culture like Universal Human Values, Vedic Mathematics". These courses should also be started in higher educational institutions of Jammu and Kashmir. In the concluding session the State Secretary Akshi Billowria announced the dates and places of different upcoming meetings and workshops . She said a healthy and fruitful discussion took place in this meeting and many targets were taken by different districts in this meeting. National Joint Organizing Secretary Prafulla Akant discussed about campus working and various Ayam and Gatividhi work of organisation and deeply tells about the organisational structural work and on ABVP Amrit Mahotsav and show the path to the

committee last week to curb hoarding and profiteering in Poonch markets during

DC inaugurates New Smart Science Labs at GHSS Girls Kishtwar



DC Dr Devansh Yadav inaugurating school lab at Kishtwar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS KISHTWAR: Government Model Higher Secondary School for Girls Kishtwar has been upgraded with new Smart Science Laboratories under District Capex 2022-23. The inauguration was done by Deputy Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav in presence of Chief Education Officer Kishtwar, Sudarshan Sharma today. The school authorities expressed their appreciation for the district administration's initiative, which marks a significant milestone in the education

launch, the school is well on its way to becoming a Model School in Kishtwar. The addition of a Reading Hub along with smart science labs and upgraded infrastructure highlights the school's commitment to providing a well-rounded and

sector of Kishtwar district.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr

Yaday said that with the latest

quality education to its students. Moreover, with the upcoming launch of an indoor sports stadium, the school is taking significant steps towards fostering physical fitness and sports education among its students.

During his visit, Dr Yadav held a meeting with the school staff and executive agencies, including ExEn, AEE R&B and others to discuss various aspects related to the development and improvement of the school infrastructure and facili-

Dr Yadav emphasised the need for providing quality education and modern facilities to the students. He expressed his happiness over the inauguration of Smart Science labs in the school, which will provide students with a better learning environment and help them

excel in their studies. The DC interacted with the CEO, Sudarshan Kumar Sharma and Incharge Principal KL Sharma to discuss the various challenges faced by the school and find

ways to overcome them. Executive Engineer R&B, Rabinder Kumar: DIO. Kuldeep Kumar and other senior officials were also present at the occasion.

KVK Reasi promotes organic strawberry farming the demand of organic fruits is increasing

2020) that emphasizes on

REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting and educating the farmers on the organic cultivation of strawberry in Reasi distt. of J&K. KVK, Reasi has laid the Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) of strawberry ground Chandler variety at the farmers' fields and all the technical guidelines regarding the organic cultivation of strawberry are provided to the farmers.

According to Sr. Scientist & Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal KVK, Reasi KVK, Reasi is stressing on organic farming and upgrading the knowledge of the farmers on organic cultivation of strawberry through which the farmers are able to produce the chemical free fresh strawberry. He said that KVK is making strenuous efforts to enhance the income and employment among the farmers by the introduction of new ventures in the district and farmers are regularly guided regarding the new innovations in agriculture. He narrated that Reasi district of J&K has the potential for organic strawberry production and farmers can improve their livelihood by its commercial cultivation. He said that now the people are becoming more health conscious and thus

day-by-day. He informed that strawberry is rich in proteins, calcium, phosphorus, potassium and vitamins such as A, B1, B2 and C and is considered as the natural source of antioxidants. He narrated that KVK scientists are upgrading the knowledge of the farmers on natural and organic farming and imparting skills on the preparation of organic formulations such as Jeevamrit, Beejamrit, Panchgavya etc. sc that farmers can produce safe and healthy fruit by reducing the cost of cultivation. He further said that KVK is also promoting the use of mulching material (polymulching and straw mulching) in strawberry cultivation so that the moisture, weed management and quality of fruits can be improved. He expressed that better quality of fruits can help to find more marketing channels and thus the farmers can generate more farm income and employment. He informed that by observing the success of some strawberry growers in the areas, many new farmers of the area are showing the keen interest towards the cultivation organic strawberry and they are ready to adopt the technologies demonstrated by KVK. Reasi. He added that KVK scientists are acquainting the farmers on the organic practices of disease and insect-pest management in strawberry crop.

Two-day training on newborn care concludes

■ STATE TIMES NEWS DODA: TheDistrict Health Society Doda organised a two-day district level training of Navjaat Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (NSSK) for Medical Officers and Staff Nurses $^{\mathrm{at}}$ District Training Centre Khellani in Doda District which concluded today. The training session was inaugurated by CMO Doda, Dr Ab Hamid Zargar

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CMO Doda, Dr Ab Hamid Zargar inaugurating training session.

The objective of the training was to train health professionals in basic newborn care and resuscitation at every delivery point and equip them with the knowledge and skills required to handle neonatal cases efficiently. Guest Speaker and Trainer, Dr Mohammad Rafiq Lone Pediatrics) imparted basic education about the NSSK

programme. Dr Lone cited that twothirds of infant mortality is due to neonatal mortality and saving the life of a neonate a minute after birth is critical. He mentioned that sepsis, premature births and hypothermia are some major causes of infant mortality.

CMO Doda, Dr AH Zargar addressed the participants and briefed them about the purpose of the training session. He encouraged them to take advantage of it and said that it would help fill gaps, refresh knowledge and address major causes of neonatal mortality.

The training was managed and coordinated by DPM NHM, Jahangir Mehta with Rishi Kumar Pandita, Ashima Kotwal (DAM) and CK Shan (DMEO) also present. Around 30-35 participants including Medical Officers and Staff Nurses from Medical Block attended the training programme.

Nowshera Forest Division promotes self-employment with beauty parlour kits, fruit plant distribution

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RAJOURI: Nowshera Forest Division organised a large function at Sunderbani and Nowshera to distribute beauty parlour kits and fruit plants today. The Chief Guest was District Development Council (DDC) Member Sunderbani, Rajinder Sharma and the Guest of Honour was Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera, Neelima Shah.

The programme was attended by Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members, members of Municipal Committee Sunderbani, students, beneficiaries and a large number of locals.

Neelima Shah spoke about the various employment generation activities undertaken by the Forest Department under the Green India Mission to self-employment among locals. The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Forest



DDC Member Sunderbani, Rajinder Sharma and others during the programme at Sunderbani.

Department is working towards livelihood options and exploring employment generation involving youth and women, especially in the Chir Zone ecosystem of J&K Union Territory.

Rajinder Sharma emphasised that self-employment is essential to attain the goal of a self-dependent nation and empower downtrodden and poor communities in rural India. Range Forest Officer Sunderbani, Rakesh Verma

expressed gratitude to those who attended the programme and stressed that such activities help develop coordination between Department and local people for better conservation and protection of forests.

The event was coordinated by Block Forest Officers, Rajinder Dev Sharma, Rangeel Singh, Devak Ved Parkash and Deedar Singh with active support from Beat Guard Sunderbani Ishan Raina.