

Hola Mohalla celebrated with grandeur in Poonch



DGPC members during the event at Poonch.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: The District Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee (DGPC) Poonch on Saturday organized a grand Nagar Kirtan in connection with the festival of Hola Mohalla. The vibrant procession, also known as Shobha Yatra, commenced from Gurudwara Singh Sabha and passed through Durani Bazar, Amar Market, Bus Stand, and Nakha Wali Road, before culminating back at Gurudwara Singh Sabha. The celebration was marked by enthusiastic participation from the Sikh community, with thousands of devotees joining the procession. Sikh youths, in keeping with tradition, sprinkled water on each other as a symbol of joy and unity.

They also displayed their exceptional martial skills, performing sword-fighting techniques, Gatka (traditional Sikh martial art), and Bala (combat formations) at various points along the route, including a special performance at College Ground Poonch. Speaking on the occasion, Harcharan Singh, Secretary of DGPC Poonch, expressed his gratitude to the Sikh community for their active participation. He stated, "Today, we organized this Nagar Kirtan and Hola Mohalla procession with great devotion. It is heartening to see thousands of Sikhs coming together to celebrate this historic and spiritual occasion. The spirit of Hola Mohalla lies in showcasing courage, brotherhood, and devotion, and we are proud to uphold this tradition."

He stated, "Today, we organized this Nagar Kirtan and Hola Mohalla procession with great devotion. It is heartening to see thousands of Sikhs coming together to celebrate this historic and spiritual occasion. The spirit of Hola Mohalla lies in showcasing courage, brotherhood, and devotion, and we are proud to uphold this tradition."

NC Govt committed for equitable development of UT: Manoj

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: A meeting of National Conference was held at Rest House Billawar, under the leadership of Manoj Kumar Gupta. A large numbers of people of different Panchayats attended the meeting. A deputation of Tractor Trolley Union led by its president Anchal Singh meet Manoj and handed over a memorandum regarding theri burning issues. Another Trimblly Deotha resident also met NC leader and apprised him about condition of Kishanpur to Katli road. People of Kumbila demanded



NC leader Manoj Kumar Gupta along with others during the meeting at Billawar.

ration supply every first week of the month as department provide the same in the last dates of the month. A demand of repairing of bus

stand Billawar road to ADC Office was also raised by the people. NC leader Manoj patiently heard the issues raised by the

Punjab Patient chooses SMVDNSH Katra for complex knee replacement surgery

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital (SMVDNSH) Katra, performed a complex bilateral total knee replacement on a 69-year-old patient from Punjab.

Kanta Rani, a resident of Taragarh, Dinanagar, Punjab, had been suffering from advanced osteoarthritis and severe knee deformities for over a decade, making walking extremely difficult.

After multiple unsatisfactory consultations in Punjab, she and her family chose Dr. Vikas Padha, Senior Consultant, Orthopaedics & Joint Replacement, at SMVDNSH ospital, where she underwent a bilateral knee replacement in one sitting. "It was a challenging surgery due to the severity of deformities, but with our advanced infrastructure and expert team, we achieved full correction," said Dr. Padha. The patient walked the next day and was discharged on the fifth day in stable condition. Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Executive Director, SMVDIME, highlighted the hospital's growth: "The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has played a pivotal role in developing this hos-



pital into a premier healthcare institution, ensuring that patients from J&K and beyond receive world-class treatment close to home. The increasing number of patients choosing Katra over metro cities is a testament to its excellence." Dr. M. M. Mathavan, Facility Director, SMVDNSH hospital, emphasized the hospital's growing reputation: "Earlier, patients from J&K would travel to Punjab and Delhi for such surgeries. Now, we see the trend reversing, proving that our hospital has become a trusted name in complex joint replacements." With over 500 successful complex joint replacements, Dr. Padha has earned the 'Pillars of India' Award from the Punjab Government for his contributions to orthopaedics.

Expressing gratitude, Kanta Rani shared, "The facilities here match top hospitals in Delhi. The doctors and staff provided exceptional care, and I'm glad I chose this hospital for my surgery."

MLA Rajouri reviews functioning of health sector

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Rajouri, Iftikhar Ahmed, on Saturday conducted a comprehensive review of the functioning of the Health Department during a meeting held at the Conference Hall of PWD Dak Bungalow.

During the meeting, the MLA assessed the status of various healthcare services, including inpatient and outpatient departments (IPD, OPD), major and minor surgeries, institutional deliveries, laboratory tests, ultrasounds, X-rays, ECGs, blood transfusions, CT scans, and cataract surgeries.

He took stock of the newly constructed 180-bedded additional building at GMC&AH and directed the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) to ensure its timely handover to the Health Department. To address the issue of staff shortages, he called for a rationalized deployment of personnel to enhance service delivery.

Emphasizing the significance of voluntary blood donation, the MLA instructed the Health Department to launch mass awareness campaigns and organize blood donation camps in Doongi, Dhangri,



MLA Rajouri, Iftikhar Ahmed chairing a meeting.

Chowdary Nar, and Kotedhera after Ramadan. He also reviewed the functioning of Jan Aushadhi Kendras and directed for proper visibility of available medicines to facilitate patients.

Key infrastructure issues were also discussed, including the handover of newly constructed hostels for resident doctors, installation of public toilets within hospital premises, demarcation of hospital land, and installation of solar street lights. The MLA also announced an allocation of Rs 50 lakh for the construction of a Sarai to provide accommodation facilities for attendants of patients visiting the hospital.

Later, the MLA chaired a meeting of the Rogi Kalyan Samiti, wherein he reviewed the functioning of Primary

Health Centres (PHCs) and directed officials to take effective measures to enhance healthcare services at the grassroots level.

Commending the Health Department for its prompt response to the Badhaal incident, the MLA reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening the healthcare sector. He urged the officials to work with dedication and ensure seamless healthcare services for the people of Rajouri.

The meeting was attended by Principal GMC Rajouri, Amarjeet Singh; Chief Medical Officer Dr. Manohar Rana; Medical Superintendent GMC&AH, Dr. Shamim Ahmed; Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan; Block Medical Officers; Heads of Departments, and other concerned staff members.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR									
JAMMU & KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD									
CPO Chowk Panjtirthi, Jammu/Zamzam Complex Rambagh Srinagar.									
www.jkssb.nic.in									
Notice					Q39	C	B	C	A
Subject: Written Examination for the post of Lab Assistant, Culture Department held on 13.03.2025 - Provisional Answer key regarding.					Q40	C	D	A	A
					Q41	D	C	B	D
					Q42	A	B	B	A
					Q43	C	A	B	A
					Q44	C	B	C	D
					Q45	B	D	B	D
					Q46	C	C	B	D
					Q47	B	B	A	A
					Q48	D	B	B	A
					Q49	B	C	B	B
The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted the Written Examination for the post of Lab Assistant, Culture Department advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2020, under Item No. 61 on 13th March, 2025.					Q50	C	D	B	B
					Q51	B	C	A	B
					Q52	A	B	B	D
					Q53	B	D	A	B
					Q54	A	B	B	D
					Q55	A	A	A	B
					Q56	A	A	B	D
					Q57	B	A	D	B
					Q58	A	A	B	D
					Q59	D	C	B	D
The Provisional Answer Key of the question paper (Series A, B, C, D) for the above said examination is provided at Annexure "A" to this notice for the information of the candidates.					Q60	B	C	D	A
					Q61	C	A	C	D
					Q62	A	B	A	A
					Q63	B	B	A	A
					Q64	C	B	C	A
					Q65	A	B	B	B
					Q66	C	A	D	B
					Q67	C	A	B	A
					Q68	A	B	A	B
					Q69	B	C	A	C
Any candidate having objection(s) to the answer key, may submit his/her objection(s)/representation(s) in respect of such question(s) on prescribed format/proforma annexed herewith as Annexure "B" along with the documentary proof/evidence substantiating the claim (hard copies only) and a fee of *200/- (in the form of demand draft) per question (refundable in case of genuine/correct representation/objection) in favour of the Accounts Officer, J&K Services Selection Board.					Q70	D	A	A	C
					Q71	C	B	D	D
					Q72	B	B	A	A
					Q73	A	B	A	C
					Q74	B	C	D	C
					Q75	D	B	D	B
					Q76	C	B	D	C
					Q77	B	A	A	B
					Q78	B	B	A	D
					Q79	C	B	B	B
In case, the objection is found correct, the Answer Key will be revised accordingly in respect of all candidates. No candidate will be informed about the acceptance/non-acceptance of his/her objection individually.					Q80	D	B	B	C
					Q81	C	A	B	B
					Q82	B	B	D	A
					Q83	D	A	B	B
					Q84	B	B	D	A
					Q85	A	A	B	A
					Q86	A	B	D	A
					Q87	A	D	B	B
					Q88	A	B	D	A
					Q89	C	B	D	D
The objections/representations can be submitted in offline mode only, in the office of JKSSB, CPO Chowk, Panjtirthi, Jammu/JKSSB, Zamzam Building, Rambagh, Srinagar on three working days starting from 17.03.2025, during office hours only. The Board shall not entertain any such representations/objections after the expiry of the stipulated period or through any other mode.					Q90	C	D	A	B
					Q91	A	C	D	C
					Q92	B	A	A	A
					Q93	B	A	A	B
					Q94	B	C	A	C
					Q95	B	B	B	A
					Q96	A	D	B	C
					Q97	A	B	A	C
					Q98	B	A	B	A
					Q99	C	A	C	B
No.: JKSSB-COEEXAM(UT)11/2025-03 (7655961) Sd/- Dated: 13.03.2025 (Reyaz Ahmad Malik) JKAS DIP/J-11105/24 Controller of Examinations Dated:15.03.2025 J&K Services Selection Board					Q100	A	A	C	D
					Q101	B	D	D	C
					Q102	B	A	A	B
					Q103	B	A	C	A
					Q104	C	D	C	B
					Q105	B	D	B	D
					Q106	B	D	C	C
					Q107	A	A	B	B
					Q108	B	A	D	B
					Q109	B	B	B	C
ANNEXURE- "A"					Q110	B	B	C	D
					Q111	A	B	B	C
					Q112	B	D	A	B
					Q113	A	B	B	D
					Q114	B	D	A	B
					Q115	A	B	A	A
					Q116	B	D	A	A
					Q117	D	B	B	A
					Q118	B	D	A	A
					Q119	B	D	D	C
Provisional Answer Key of the Written Examination for the post of Lab Assistant Culture Department conducted on 13.03.2025.					Q120	D	A	B	C
Text Booklet Question No.									
Series A									
Series B									
Series C									
Series D									

Holi festival celebrated at Poonch



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: The festival of colours Holi celebrate at Poonch by Shri Sanatan Dharm Sabha Zila Poonch. The holy procession started from Shri Gita Bhawan Poonch passed through main bazar Dak Bunglow Bus Stand Tandon Market Bakshi market Qila Bazar and reached at Shri Radhey Shyam Temple Dungas and a programme of Maha Aarati performed. The Mandir commett make arrangement of breakfast and Prasad. The procession conclude at Shri Gita Bhawan Poonch. This festival celebrated in on Falgun purnima every year. DDC Poonch Vikas Kundal, SSP Poonch Shafakat Hussain and some other officers also take part in this programme. The President of Shri Sanatan Dharm Sabha Poonch Khaterpal Sharma thanked to all the participants. The prominents those who participated are vice president Satish Kumar, Amresh Kumar, Devinder Kesar, Advocate Sanjeev Kumar, Rohit Puri, Rajesh Kumar, Harish Kumar.

Suresh Sharma inaugurates 63 KVA Transformer in Chowki Choura

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: In a significant step towards improving power infrastructure, BJP leader and District Development Council (DDC) member Suresh Sharma inaugurated a 63 KVA transformer in Beyal Mohalla, Panchayat Choura, Block Chowki Choura. Installed at a cost of Rs 6.50 lakh, this transformer fulfills a long-pending demand of the local residents, who had been struggling with frequent low-voltage issues.

During a Janta Darbar held in the Panchayat, the residents had voiced their

grievances regarding the electricity supply. Acknowledging their concerns, Suresh Sharma took immediate action, securing approval for the transformer from the District Development Council fund.

With its installation and inauguration today, the people of Beyal Mohalla can now expect a stable and improved power supply.

Suresh reaffirmed his commitment to holistic development, ensuring that every demand of the people is met.

He credited these developments to the

visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, under whose governance the people of Jammu and Kashmir are reaping the benefits of numerous welfare schemes.

The event was attended by Tehsildar Chowki Choura Parmod Kumar, Naib Tehsildar Narendra Kumar, PDD Engineer Iqbal, former Sarpanch Ramesh Lal, Ritu Devi, Subhash Chandra, Vijay Kumar, Om Prakash, Sitaram, along with officials from the concerned department and several prominent dignitaries.



SMVDU Scholar completes GIAN Course on Postcolonial Ecocriticism

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA: Chakshu Gupta, a research scholar at the School of Languages & Literature, pursuing her PhD under the mentorship of Dr. Isha Malhotra, has completed GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks) course on Postcolonial Ecocriticism: Global Writings and Critical Natures at Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur. The week-long course, held from March 3 to March 8, 2025, was organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences under the leadership of Prof. N. P. Padhy, Director, MNIT Jaipur. The course featured international expert Prof. Alan G. Johnson from the Department of English and Philosophy, Idaho State University, USA. The coordination was managed by Dr. Preeti Bhatt, Head and Associate Professor; and Dr. Nidhi Bansal, Assistant Professor; from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, MNIT Jaipur. Bringing together scholars from leading institutions of India, the course delved into the intersection of postcolonial literary studies and ecocriticism, focusing on literature's engagement with environmental concerns. The program consisted of 18 insightful sessions spanning six days, offering a comprehensive exploration of the relationship between literature, environmental consciousness, and ecocritical tropes. By successfully completing this prestigious course, the SMVDU scholar has further strengthened the university's academic standing in interdisciplinary research, reinforcing its commitment to fostering intellectual growth and global scholarly engagement.

Poonch Police pays tribute to Martyred DySP Manjit Singh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: SSP Poonch Shafket Hussain along with Neeraj Sharma, DySP Headquarters Poonch, DySP DAR Khaliq Hussain, and all



SSP Poonch Shafket Hussain and others during the programme.

ranks of officers and officials, paid rich floral tributes to Martyred DySP Manjit Singh on his 23rd martyrdom anniversary. The commemoration took place at DPO Poonch and Bus Stand Poonch, the site of his supreme sacrifice.

Manjit Singh was a brave and dedicated officer who laid down his life in an encounter near Hotel Anand, Poonch, on 14th March 2003 while protecting the Muharram-Ul-Haram procession and serving the nation.

Poonch Police and the nation will continue to honor his supreme sacrifice and unwavering commitment every year, ensuring that his bravery and service remain an inspiration for generations to come.

DISCLAIMER
"STATE TIMES" does not take responsibility for the contents of the advertisements (Display/Classified) carried in this newspaper. The paper does not endorse the same. Readers are requested to verify the contents on their own before acting there upon."