

# 648th Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Ravidas celebrated with devotion



Religious sermons being delivered during the programme at Khour.

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**KHOUR:** The Shri Guru Ravidas Sabha Khour celebrated the 648th Prakash Utsav of Sant Shiromani Shri Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj with great devotion and fervour at the Gurudwara Shri Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj in Khour.

The event witnessed the participation of a large number of devotees and prominent personalities from the region.

Darshan Loach, Director Finance, graced the occasion as the chief guest. While addressing the gathering, he

emphasized the importance of unity and education, reflecting on the timeless teachings of Shri Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj.

Stressing the significance of community development, Loach announced a generous donation of Rs 50,000 to establish a library in the Gurudwara premises, promoting education among the community.

Pathi Santosh Ji delivered spiritual sermons, inspiring the Sangat to follow the principles of unity, compassion, and education as taught by Guru Ji. Sham Lal Basson, President of the All J&K

Dalit Chetna Manch and ex-corporator, highlighted the relevance of Guru Ji's teachings in addressing modern-day challenges like drug addiction.

Quoting Guru Ji's words, "Ravidas Madira Kya Pijiye, Jo Chadha Chadhe Utraye. Naam Maharas Pijiye Jo Chadhe Nahi Utraye," he encouraged the audience to seek spiritual enlightenment and stressed the transformative power of education.

The event also saw speeches from distinguished guests, including Er. Ramesh Bhasin, Convenor of the All J&K

Guru Ravi Dass Sabha (Regd.), Prof. Chaman Lal Shivgotra, Darshan Lal Kalsotra (Chairman Election Board), and Er. Surinder Deygoda (Retired Xen). Students who performed bhajans and delivered speeches were honored for their contributions.

A special appeal was made by Er. R.C. Bhasin, Convenor, to branch presidents and prominent members to attend the General Body Meeting of All J&K Guru Ravi Dass Sabha (Regd.), scheduled for March 23, 2023, at Krishna Nagar, Jammu.

The celebrations concluded with the honoring of various dignitaries and contributors, including Darshan Loach, Er. R.C. Bhasin, Des Raj Sangral, Pt Ashok Kumar, Girdari Lal retd ZEO, Ramesh Chander, Raj Kumar, Bansi Lal Babu Ram, Madan Lal, Jagatter Lal, Pawan Kumar, Mohan Lal, Ganesh Dass, Kali Dass, Ramesh Chander and other prominent personalities. Ladies sewadars played an integral role in managing the Sangat and serving langar during the event.

Vikram Singh, President of Shri Guru Ravidas Sabha Khour, extended a heartfelt vote of thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the event. Ravi Kumar, General Secretary, efficiently conducted the stage proceedings.

The celebration was a true reflection of the values and teachings of Shri Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj, inspiring devotees to embrace unity, education, and social harmony in their lives.

# Bajrang Dal, VHP pay homage to Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev



Tributes being paid to freedom fighters at Poonch.

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**POONCH:** To commemorate Shaheed Diwas, Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) organized a tribute program in the border district of Poonch to honour the supreme sacrifice of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev.

These iconic revolutionaries were honored by the British government on March 23, 1931, for their role in India's struggle for independence.

The program was attended by members of both organizations, who paid floral tributes to the martyrs and

observed a moment of silence to honor their legacy.

Speaking to the media, Nishu Gupta, Sorab Sharma, and Kamaljeet Singh, prominent members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, highlighted the enduring relevance of the sacrifices made by these freedom fighters.

"The supreme sacrifice of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev is a source of eternal inspiration for the nation. Their commitment to the freedom struggle and their vision for an independent India remind us of the values we must uphold," said Kamaljeet Singh.

The speakers emphasized the importance of educating the younger generation about the sacrifices of India's freedom fighters to instill a sense of patriotism and responsibility among them.

"Programs like these serve as a bridge to connect today's youth with the history of India's struggle for independence," added Sorab Sharma.

The event concluded with a pledge to continue spreading awareness about the revolutionary ideals of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev, keeping their legacy alive in the hearts of every citizen.

# Pawan inaugurates blacktopping work at Nagrota Kallar



MLA Pawan Kumar Gupta inaugurating blacktopping work at Ward No. 21, Nagrota Kallar.

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**UDHAMPUR:** MLA Pawan Kumar Gupta inaugurated the blacktopping work at Ward No. 21, Nagrota Kallar, on Sunday. This significant development project aims to enhance road infrastructure and improve connectivity for local residents. A large number of locals and officials were present at the event, expressing their appreciation for the initia-

tive. Addressing the gathering, Pawan Gupta emphasized his commitment to infrastructure development and assured continued efforts for the betterment of the region.

Several prominent citizens also attended the event, including Rohit Sethi, Kuldeep Salaria, Mool Raj, Arun Sharma, Pankaj Mahajan, and many more. Their presence highlighted

the community's support for the project and the collective effort towards regional development.

The blacktopping project is expected to provide smoother and safer roads, benefiting commuters and boosting overall accessibility in the area. The residents welcomed this initiative and shared their gratitude for the ongoing developmental efforts.

# Police organises Run for Unity marathon to spread message of communal harmony and Nasha Mukti

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**BHADERWAH:** In loving memory of police martyrs and to salute those who have sacrificed their lives for the motherland, JK police organized marathon "Run for Unity" in Bhadrawah on Sunday to observe 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas'.

The Marathon was flagged off by DC Doda Harvinder Singh along with ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar, SP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma, ASP HQ Doda Shakeel Butt, SP Operation Doda Sunil Kaiser, SDPO Shoket Ali, DySP HQ Doda Ajay Anand, SHO Sandeep Parihar, other senior police and Administration officers of the district. Educationist Arif Rana conducted the proceedings of the event. Tehsildar Bhaderwah Kamalpreet Singh,



DC Doda Harvinder Singh flagging off run.

Publicity Officer BDA Amir Rafiqi, EO MC Bhaderwah, Advocate Mohd Majid Malik, Naseer Mehboob YAC, Tariq Butt Social Activist, senior citizens and others also participated in the marathon.

The aim was to spread message among people regarding unity, Brotherhood, communal harmony, national integra-

tion and Nasha Mukti Bharat for their contribution in overall development of the nation.

The marathon started from New Bus Stand Kotli and after passing through different areas culminated at its start point, in which, people of all age groups of the district participated with huge enthusiasm, zeal & zest. Besides Officers &

Officials of the District Police, Administration, NGOs and others also participated in the event.

DC Doda Harvinder Singh while speaking on occasion highlighted the importance of the marathon 'Run for Unity' and urged participants to embody the spirit of national integration.

He said that people especial-

ly above the age of 30 years should adopt healthy lifestyle by involving themselves in sports activities.

The rally, promoting ideals of unity and integrity, traversed through different areas.

At the conclusion of the event, 1st, 2nd & 3rd position holders were awarded with cash prizes & appreciation certificates. Moreover, the first 50 position holders in the run were also given Medal and certificates of appreciation.

SP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma presented vote of thanks to the participants for making this initiative a grand success.

People participated enthusiastically in the event showcasing the community's spirit and dedication to honour those who have laid down their lives in the service of the nation.

# MLA Rajouri visits SOS International, assures support for PoJK Displaced Persons

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**JAMMU:** In a significant move, MLA Rajouri Iftkhar Ahmed visited the S.O.S. International office in Bakshi Nagar, Jammu, where he was welcomed by the team led by Chairman Rajiv Chuni.

The meeting, which was held today, focused on the long-standing issues faced by PoJK Displaced Persons, with Chuni providing a detailed briefing on the key demands.

The pressing issues discussed during the meeting included the implementation of the PoJK DPs package, which was passed by the Congress-NC Coalition Government in 2014. Other critical matters included the reservation of 8 Assembly Seats in the J&K Assembly, granting ST Status to PoJK DPs, and the formation of Mirpur, Muzaffarabad, and Poonch Scouts to guard the Line of Control.

Chuni also briefed MLA



MLA Rajouri Iftkhar Ahmed during visit to S.O.S. International office in Bakshi Nagar.

Iftkhar Ahmed on the issue of granting only nominated seats for PoJK in the J&K Assembly to non-political persons from PoJK. Furthermore, the formation of a PoJK Advisory Committee, headed by the Chief Minister, was also discussed. The committee would comprise members nominated from PoJK DPs, ensuring that their voices are heard and their concerns addressed.

Another key issue discussed during the meeting was the disbursement of cash assistance to PoJK

DPs. Mr. Chuni emphasized the need for immediate disbursement of the assistance, which has been pending for several years. MLA Iftkhar Ahmed assured the team that he would take up the matter with the concerned authorities and ensure that the assistance is disbursed at the earliest.

Chuni also expressed gratitude towards MLA Iftkhar Ahmed for his prompt response in addressing the concerns of Dhangri PoJK DPs, whose lands were attempted to be snatched by the J&K Forest

Department. Ahmed's swift action in raising the issue in the J&K Assembly ensured that the land-snatching attempt was stopped immediately.

In his address, MLA Iftkhar Ahmed assured the members of S.O.S. International that he would raise the demands of the PoJK Displaced Persons at the appropriate level and work towards finding solutions. He also reiterated his commitment to providing support to the PoJK DPs, ensuring that his services are available to them at all

times.

This meeting marks a significant step towards addressing the long-standing issues faced by PoJK Displaced Persons. With MLA Iftkhar Ahmed's assurance of support, there is renewed hope for the community, which has been struggling for years to have their voices heard. The team at S.O.S. International is optimistic that this meeting will pave the way for meaningful change and a brighter future for the PoJK DPs.

Other office bearers of SOS International present are Prof. N N Sharma, V K Datta, Ved Raj Bali, Amarjeet Singh, Arun Gupta, Jagjeet Singh, Daleep Chib, Tunda Ram, Mela Ram, Pardeep Kumar, Daleep Sharma, Dharamvir Gupta, Vijay Dutta, Vipin Sharma, Vijay Sharma, Sanjeev Suri, Sahil Jamba, Bishambar Dass, Vijay Kala, Vinod Bakshi, Inderpal Singh.

# NGO Anmol Cultural Club pays tributes to Bhagat Singh, Rajguru & Sukhdev

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**SUNDERBANI:** NGO Anmol Cultural Club Sunderbani organised Martyr's Day of Freedom fighters. March 23 is remembered as the day when three brave freedom fighters, namely Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev were hanged by the British government in India.

Every year NGO Anmol Cultural Club celebrate different martyr days of brave warrior, freedom fighters and other. Meanwhile president of Anmol Cultural Club Sunderbani organised Martyr day of freedom fighters. NGO's President Zorawar Singh and other



said Bhagat Singh (born on 28 September 1907 and martyred on 23 March 1931) was an Indian anti-colonial revolutionary who participated in the mistaken murder of a junior British police officer in December 1928. In what was to be retaliation for the

death of an Indian nationalist. Singh said after his execution at age 23 into a martyr and folk hero in Northern India. Singh said we never forget to brave freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev they were keep in our hearts.

# Union Joint Secretary inspects Watershed Development Projects in Udhampur



Union Joint Secretary Watershed Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Nitin Khade during visit to Udhampur.

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**UDHAMPUR:** Union Joint Secretary Watershed Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Nitin Khade conducted an extensive tour of Udhampur district on Sunday.

As part of his visit, he inaugurated the Watershed Janbhagidari Cup under the Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana 2.0 here at Gudhar Panchayat.

He was accompanied by Project Manager IWMP Tanveer-ul-Majid Wani along with other team members of

the Project Implementing Agency.

During the visit, the Joint Secretary interacted with Sarpanches, Watershed Committee members, Self-Help Group members and local residents of the project area. He also inspected various watershed development works being executed under the project, including water bowlies, Rainwater harvesting tanks, Protection works, Diversion Drains

Later, a documentary on IWMP works under WDC-PMKSY 2.0 was also released, showcasing the progress and

impact of the initiatives undertaken.

Earlier, the Project Officer IWMP along with former PRI members welcomed the Union Joint Secretary and provided a brief overview of the watershed development works being implemented across the district.

In his address, the Joint Secretary engaged with the PRIs, local representatives, and stakeholders, attentively listening to their concerns. He assured them that their genuine issues would be addressed on a priority basis. He also commended the IWMP Udhampur team for its dedicated efforts in ensuring effective doorstep delivery of services.

Emphasizing the importance of water conservation, he urged the community to adopt rainwater harvesting techniques, including rooftop rainwater harvesting, percolation pits, check dams, diversion drains and roadside drainage systems, to enhance water availability for various purposes.

# KVK Reasi conducts Training Programme on Natural Farming for Krishi Sakhis

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**REASI:** Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi, under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Jammu (SKUAST-J), is conducting a five-day training program on natural farm-



KVK scientist imparting training.

ing for Krishi Sakhis at its campus.

The program, attended by participants from various blocks of Reasi district, aims to educate and train Krishi Sakhis on natural farming practices.

The event is being held under the dynamic leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. B.N. Tripathi and the guidance of Director

Extension Prof. Amrith Vaid of SKUAST-J.

The training focuses on empowering Krishi Sakhis with knowledge about sustainable and eco-friendly farming practices.

Chief Scientist and Head of KVK Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal, addressed the participants, elaborating on the formulations of natural farming methods

such as Brahmastra, Neemastra, and Dashparni.

He explained their importance and applications in improving soil health and promoting biodiversity. Dr. Lal emphasized the role of indigenous cow breeds in natural farming, as their dung is rich in beneficial microorganisms, essential for soil health.

Shiv Kumar, Agriculture Extension Officer, Reasi, highlighted the importance of natural farming in ensuring safe and healthy food production.

He stressed that chemical-free farming not only benefits soil health but also contributes to human health and biodiversity. Kumar noted that adopting natural farming meth-

ods can help farmers achieve better yields and financial returns while maintaining ecological balance.

Another speaker, Gurvinderjeet Singh, Agriculture Extension Officer, discussed the agro-ecological aspects of natural farming and its significance in sustaining soil health and producing nutritious food.

An interactive session allowed Krishi Sakhis to raise queries, which were satisfactorily addressed by experts. The program underscores the importance of natural farming in creating a healthier and more sustainable agricultural ecosystem, contributing to a chemical-free and prosperous future.

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