

Koul extends Hindu New Year Greetings, slams Congress

MLA Mohan Lal makes key development promises

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PARGWAL: In a grand show of strength and commitment to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mandal Pargwal, under the leadership of Mandal President Gourav Manhas, organized a massive public gathering in Pargwal to listen to the Mann Ki Baat program. The event witnessed an overwhelming response from party workers and local residents.



BJP Organization General Secretary Ashok Koul, MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal and others during the public meeting.

The gathering was graced by BJP Organization General Secretary Ashok Koul, MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal, and District President Kuldeep Banotra, who were present as special guests. Following the broadcast of the Mann Ki Baat program, these senior leaders addressed the enthusiastic audience, emphasizing key initiatives and upcoming party programs.

In his address, Ashok Koul extended heartfelt greetings to the gathering on the occasion of Hindu New Year, describing it as a symbol of India's rich culture and traditions. He stated that this New Year inspires us to

uphold our values and contribute to nation-building. Additionally, he highlighted the significance of the recently declared holiday in honor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and strongly criticized the Congress party's historical stance on Ambedkar's legacy. He urged people to actively participate in the PM Surya Yojana, emphasizing its role in promoting clean and sustainable energy solutions. Furthermore, he called upon party workers to ensure the grand success of upcoming events such as the BJP Foundation Day and Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations.

MLA Mohan Lal praised the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, stating that the Mann Ki Baat program serves as an insightful platform to connect with the people and share progressive ideas. He appealed to everyone to listen to the program every month, as it provides valuable knowledge and guidance. Addressing the concerns of the people of Pargwal Block, he assured that their demands would be met on priority. He specifically committed to providing an ambulance and an X-ray machine, as requested by the local community. Additionally, he assured that irrigation water would be supplied in adequate quantity to the farmers of the region.

Reaffirming his personal connection with Pargwal,

MLA Mohan Lal recalled his tenure in the region as a lecturer in the Education Department. He expressed his dedication to ensuring equitable development across all blocks and assured the people that their issues have been raised in the Assembly with full vigor. Congratulating the newly formed Pargwal Block Team, he expressed confidence in their ability to strengthen the party at the grassroots level.

District President Kuldeep Banotra also addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of organizational programs and strengthening BJP's structure at all levels.

The event saw the presence of several prominent party leaders, including Prabhari Brijeshwar Rana, DDC Vice Chairman Suraj Singh, Former VC Kissan Board Daljit Chib, Manmohan Singh, Bhupinder Singh, Ram Swaroop, and Jagdish Bhagat, among others.

The newly formed BJP Mandal Pargwal team, which was officially introduced and garlanded at the event, includes: President Gourav Manhas, Vice Presidents Nisha Bhagat, Subash

Singh, Uttam Singh and Pawan Singh, General Secretaries Kulbir Singh and Kaushal Bhagat, Secretaries Kaushalya Devi, Rajni Devi, Mandeep Singh, Chanchal Devi, Office Secretary Joginder Singh, Surjeet Singh Spokesperson, Ajay Sanjwal Media Secretary, Social Media Secretary Kalyan Singh, Publicity Secretary Joginder Singh, IT Incharge. Additionally, several Executive Members were introduced, including Balwinder Singh, Raghuraj Singh, Rekha Sharma, Ramesh Khajuria, Santosh Devi, Pol Devi, Ravi Singh, Swarn Kanta, Banarsi Lal Sharma, Bhupinder Singh, Bansi Lal Verma, Seema Devi, Satya Devi, Asha Bhagat, Subash Singh, Capt. Jaspaal Singh, Mugdesh Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Naseeb Singh, Rattan Lal Sharma, Kashmir Singh, Sunita Devi, and Ritu Devi. The BJP Mandal Pargwal reaffirmed its commitment to serving the people and ensuring the success of key government initiatives under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

VC SKUAST-J visits in Reasi Distt, interacts with SHGs members

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REASI: Vice Chancellor (VC) of SKUAST-J, Prof. B.N. Tripathi visited here at Kothian village in Reasi distt of J&K and interacted with the Self Help Groups (SHGs) members and entrepreneurs.



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. B.N. Tripathi during visit to Kothian village.

He also reviewed the activities of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi and discussed on the activities of KVK especially on rural women empowerment.

He discussed on the efficient and innovative strategies to enhance the income and employment among the women SHGs members.

He appreciated the efforts of KVK Reasi for the welfare of the farming community.

Associate Director Extension, Dr. Hema Tripathi applauded the efforts of SHGs members for promotion of Dogra cuisines.

She emphasised on the agro-ecotourism and suggested rural women to stress on food processing to generate more income.

She assured every possible technical support to the SHGs members and motivated them for making strenuous efforts to promote value added products and local food.

Dr. Banarsi Lal, Chief Scientist and Head, KVK Reasi welcomed the dignitaries and apprised them about the activities of KVK Reasi under ARYA (Attracting and Retaining Youths in Agriculture) project. He said that KVK is making strenuous efforts.

Dean Student Welfare, Reasi, Dr. Sudhakar

Dwivedi and Dr. Reeta Dwivedi also interacted with the SHGs members.

Sarpanch of Kothian Panchayat, Neelam Devi thanked KVK Reasi for providing the necessary technical support to the SHGs and establishing units in the area.

During the visit Manohar Lal of KVK Reasi and progressive farmers, Gurdev Singh and Kamal Dev were also present during the programme.

Dr. Banarsi Lal thanked visiting dignitaries for providing the necessary guidelines and encouragement.

Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha releases Hindu Nav Varsh Calendar



Sabha members releasing calendar.

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha Poonch President Master Khaterpal Sharma organized a press conference today to mark the celebration of Hindu Nav Varsh (New Year) and to officially release a special Hindu Nav Varsh calendar for the upcoming year.

The event was attended by prominent members of the Sabha, community leaders, and local digni-

Azad greets people on Eid ul Fitr

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Former Chief Minister J&K, Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad has extended his heartfelt greetings to the people on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

He conveyed his best wishes to all those celebrating and prayed for peace, prosperity, and brotherhood.

Azad said that Eid-ul-Fitr is a festival that symbolises compassion, gratitude, and togetherness. It marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan, during which people observe fasting, prayer, and acts of kindness.

He added that this festival reminds everyone of the values of patience, generosity, and unity.

He expressed hope that Eid would bring happiness to every household and strengthen the bonds of harmony and mutual respect in society.

He also urged people to help those in need and spread the message of love and peace. Wishing everyone a joyous and blessed Eid, he encouraged people to celebrate with their loved ones while upholding the spirit of togetherness and goodwill.

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taries. During the conference, the Sabha representatives emphasized the importance of Hindu Nav Varsh, highlighting its cultural and spiritual significance.

They elaborated on how the new calendar serves as a guide for devotees, listing major festivals, auspicious

dates, and religious observances throughout the year. The calendar is designed to help the community stay informed about important Hindu traditions and rituals.

Speaking at the event, the Sabha President Khaterpal Sharma expressed gratitude to all contributors and

emphasized the Sabha's commitment to preserving and promoting Hindu heritage in the region.

He stated, "This calendar is not just a document; it is a spiritual guide for devotees to observe sacred traditions and celebrate festivals with devotion and unity."

The release of the Hindu Nav Varsh calendar was met with enthusiasm from the attendees, who appreciated the Sabha's efforts in keeping cultural traditions alive. Copies of the calendar were distributed to the public, and arrangements were made for its wider dissemination across religious institutions and community centers in Poonch.

Ram Trust organises stationery distribution camp

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ram Trust, a registered charitable organization, hosted a stationery distribution camp at its headquarters, located at 369 Bakshi Nagar, Jammu, on the auspicious occasion of the commencement of Navratras.

The camp aimed to provide essential stationery items to deserving students from economically disadvantaged families attending various schools across Jammu city and its surrounding areas.

Each stationery pack distributed to the students included exercise



Trust members along with students during the programme.

books, pens, pencils, erasers, and light refreshments. Additionally, talented students who showcased their abilities dur-

ing the event were recognized and encouraged with appreciation.

The event was held under the leadership of

the Trustees of Ram Trust: C.P. Gupta, Dr. Virender Mahajan, and Anjali Mahajan. Speaking at the event, the Chairman Trustee, C.P. Gupta, announced that during the upcoming financial year 2025-26, the trust will begin disbursing pensions to widows and financial assistance to the elderly and destitute individuals (who have already registered) starting from 20th April 2025. The event was conducted under the participation of the Trust's Office Bearers, including Rajni Gupta, Sakshi Gupta, Jyoti Lachotra, Seema Kumari, Ved Prakash Gupta Sanjay Gupta, Sanjeev Gupta and Rajeev Gupta. Raghav Gupta was assigned the job of General Secretary (Incharge Press).

GCW Udhampur organises field visits at Jambu Zoo



Students along with students during visit to Jambu Zoo.

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UDHAMPUR: The Department of Zoology, Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur organized a field visit to Jambu Zoo, located on NH-44, Bypass Road, Nagrota, as part of the 4th-semester curriculum for both Major and Minor students.

This visit aimed to provide students with practical insights into wildlife, complementing the theoretical knowledge covered in this semester's coursework.

Under the patronage of Principal Prof. Nalini Pathania and the guidance of Dr. Sanjeet Kaur, Head of the Department of Zoology, the visit was

meticulously planned and executed. Accompanied by faculty members, including Dr. Neha Antal, Dr. Anita Kumari, and Dr. Om Prakash, students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in various aspects of wildlife.

Throughout the visit, students were exposed to the diverse processes involved in wildlife management, conservation, and care.

By observing animals in their natural habitat and learning about their behaviours, habitat requirements, and conservation status, students gained valuable insights into the complexities of wildlife biology and management.

Moreover, interacting with zoo staff and participating in guided tours facilitated a deeper understanding of the practical challenges and ethical considerations associated with wildlife conservation and management. Overall, the visit to Jambu Zoo provided students with a hands-on learning experience that enhanced their understanding of wildlife biology and conservation.

Such experiential learning opportunities play a vital role in shaping students' perspectives, fostering a deeper appreciation for biodiversity, and preparing them for future endeavours in the field of zoology and wildlife conservation.

Awareness lecture conducted by White Knight Corps for students

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RAJOURI: White Knight Corps conducted an awareness and interaction with students of Government Medical College, Rajouri.

The purpose of the session was to introduce the audience to the numerous benefits of pursuing a career in the Armed Forces Medical Services as part of the AFMS outreach initiative, which aims to make a career in the Armed Forces an attractive option for medical students and doctors.

A team, headed by Army Hospital Rajouri, led the session. During the interaction, the students were provided with valuable insights into the various opportunities available within the



A section of dignitaries and students during the programme.

AFMS. They were informed about the unique blend of medical practice and leadership development that the Armed Forces Medical

Services offer.

It was emphasized that working within the AFMS not only allows doctors to serve their country but also

provides them with a platform to gain exposure to a wide range of medical conditions, acquire specialized training, and take on leadership roles early in their careers.

The session highlighted the honour and prestige associated with serving in the Indian Army's medical wing, where doctors are respected for their contributions both on the battlefield and in peacekeeping missions.

Furthermore, the interaction shed light on the perks and benefits of working in the Armed Forces, including job security, opportunities for professional growth, and the chance to be a part of something greater than oneself.

DC Poonch inspects progress of work on NH144-A

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal on Sunday conducted a thorough inspection of the ongoing work on the Bhatadherian to Poonch stretch of National Highway NH144-A along with the Bhaturia-Sanjote tunnel project.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by SDM Surankote, Farooq Khan, SDM Mendhar, Imran Kataria, as well as officials from the Border Roads Organization (BRO), revenue department and other concerned executive agencies.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed several crucial aspects, including land acquisition issues related to the highway's alignment and the progress of construction at vital sites i.e; tunnel, var-



DC Vikas Kundal inspecting highway work.

ious culverts, retaining and breast walls.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the executive agencies to expedite the construction of roads and also maintain the highest engineering standard, as this project is important in enhancing the regional connectivity and development of the area.

In addition to the highway

inspection, the Deputy Commissioner paid a visit to the Dundhak Mandir, where he offered prayers and evaluated the facilities and overall maintenance of the mandir. This inspection highlights the administration's commitment to advancing the vital projects and ensuring the progress of NH144 road for the betterment of the region.

'One Nation, One Election' will be a milestone in electoral reforms: Abhay Mahajan

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Abhay Kumar Mahajan, SSP (Retd) and Co-Convenor of the J&K BJP Senior Citizens Cell, chaired an awareness programme on the "One Nation, One Election", highlighting its benefits in streamlining elections, improving efficiency, reducing costs, and enhancing political stability. The event, held in Channi Himmat, Jammu, was organized by Abhay Kumar Mahajan under the banner of J&K BJP's Senior Citizens Cell. Prominent speakers at the event, including Bharat Bhushan Talwar, Ashok Khajuria, Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, Abhinandan Jain, and Prof. H.C. Vaid, elaborated on the positive aspects of holding simultaneous elections across the country. They emphasized that conducting elections together would curb the massive financial burden on the government and political parties, reducing costs associat-



ed with security, logistics, and administrative efforts. The speakers further stressed that frequent elections lead to the imposition of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), which hampers policy implementation. Holding elections simultaneously would not only enhance governance efficiency but also improve voter participation, as citizens would need to cast their votes only once within a given period. A host of senior leaders and dignitaries, including Kailash Kumar Langer, Capt. Karnail Singh, Underjeet Sawhney, Suman Kumar Abrol, Ashok Kumar Sharma,

Gopal Sharma, B.S. Salathia, Rakesh Sharma, Gopal Ram Khajuria, Rattan Singh Mankotia, Mohinder Singh, Raj Kumar, Shyam Lal Khajuria, Rakesh Gupta, Hem Raj Sharma, N.D. Sharma, Hriday Chand, Man Mohan Krishan, Vicky Verma, Balbir Singh, and Pardeep Singh, participated in the discussion.

Abhay Mahajan urged all participants to take a pledge to spread awareness about the benefits of "One Nation, One Election" among the masses.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ashok Khajuria.

JKTF Zone Darhal announces new leadership

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DARHAL: The JK Teachers Forum Zone Darhal has nominated Javid Iqbal as its new Zonal President for Darhal zone. This decision was made under the leadership of Rifaqat Hussain Malik, Senior Vice President of the Union Territory.

The nomination of Iqbal is a significant step towards strengthening the Teachers Forum in Darhal, District Rajouri, and promoting the welfare of teachers in the region.

Rifaqat Hussain Malik, UT Senior Vice President, congratulated the newly elected leader, Javid Iqbal, and expressed hope that he will work tirelessly to meet the expectations of the teaching and non-teaching community.