

## Be prepared for peaceful Shri Amarnathji Yatra: DGP asks officers

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Saturday directed the officers to prepare and to take all necessary measures for smooth and peaceful conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

Continuing with his series of visits to review security scenarios of districts in the Valley, Dilbag Singh on Saturday afternoon visited Ganderbal district where he inaugurated



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh inaugurating Joint Interrogation Center (JIC) at Police Component Ganderbal.

SSP Ganderbal Nikhil Borkar and was presented guard of honour on his arrival.

The DGP informed the officers that Police Headquarters is always ready to provide any state of art facilities to its personnel which would prove useful in policing.

Chairing the officers meeting the DGP commended the work and role of district police Ganderbal in maintaining peace and order and also in curbing the nefarious designs of anti national elements.

He directed them to be more vigilant and keep pressure on the anti national elements

and their supporters.

He stressed upon officers to identify the people and OGWs who support these anti national elements and help in sustaining the terror eco-system.

He appreciated the recent successes of J&K Police and other security forces against terrorism in different encounters.

The DGP emphasized upon the officers that while dealing with any anti-terrorism activities and law and order scenario, civilian convenience and security should be always kept in mind to the best possible extent.

The DGP directed the officers to look into the welfare and genuine grievances of jawans who are working day/night to maintain peace of Jammu and Kashmir.

On the occasion a detailed Power Point Presentation was

presented to the DGP with regard to the upcoming Shri Amarnath Annual Yatra. The DGP said that all the measures should be taken with regard to the security and logistics point of view. He said that Police Headquarters will provide all the necessary support system for conduct of peaceful yatra.

During the meeting SSP Ganderbal and other officers briefed the DGP regarding the ground situation and security measures taken in the district for the peace and order.

Later the DGP visited 24 RR Bn Hqrs at DuderHama Ganderbal where Brig. Atul Rajput, Commander 3 Sector RM and Colonel D V Reddy SM CO 24 RR briefed the DGP on the preparations made by units under the 3 Sector RR for upcoming SANJ Yatra 2022.

## Cricket tourney for YSS Cup begins at Gandhi Nagar



Cricket teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: The Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Gandhi Nagar of district Jammu on Saturday started the inter-Panchayat open cricket tournament for the YSS Cup at Government Boys High School Jammu Cantonment, here.

Sarpanch, Ashwani Singh was the Chief Guest, who along with Guest of Honour, cricket coach of University of Jammu (JU), Raj Kumar Bakshi, Cricket Coach declared open the event amidst interaction with the participating teams and officials.

Both the special invitees encouraged the participants from all the 10 teams representing as many Panchayats of Block Nagrota and Block Satwari of Gandhi Nagar Zone. Earlier, the Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Gandhi Nagar welcomed the distinguished guests and the participants.

## Prof Gupta Sports Award: VSSF finalises April 15 as last date for receiving applications

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JAMMU: Vansh Sabre Sports Foundation (VSSF), the organisation which introduced Prof Chaman Lal Gupta Khel Ratna Sports Award, on Saturday finalised April 15 as last date for applications from the eligible sports personalities from Jammu and Kashmir.



This was disclosed by Secretary of the Foundation, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta in a statement issued here today.

"The Foundation has finalised the last date for filing of nomination for Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta Khel Ratna Sports Award on April 15," said Gupta.

Pertinent to mention here that a total of 50 Awards will be presented to players, life time achievers and sports administrators besides government officials, Dronacharya Awardees, Arjuna Awardees in addition to international referee, coaches, sports doctors, physiotherapists and dieticians, who have contributed to the sports.

The Foundation has also introduced award for such individuals, who have contributed to the sports journalism. "It will be the Award Selection Committee which shall decide the names from and among those nominations and applicants. The constitution of the committee will take place very soon," further told Gupta.

As many as 44 sports disciplines shall be covered. Sports Disciplines: Athletics, Badminton, Basketball Cricket, Football, Hockey, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Tennis, Weightlifting, Wrestling (International Style), Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics, Judo, Shooting, Equestrian Sports, Handball, Rowing, Roller/Ice Skating, Skiing, Squash, Billiards and Snooker, Chess, Golf, Kabaddi, Karate, Kayaking and Canoeing, Polo, Power-lifting (composite events only), Taekwondo, Yachting, Kho-Kho, Softball, Wushu, Fencing, Sports for Physically Challenged, Baseball, Netball, Pencak Silat, Triathlon and Ice-Hockey.

The application form can be download the website [www.vssfjk.com](http://www.vssfjk.com) for submission via email: [vssfjandk@gmail.com](mailto:vssfjandk@gmail.com) or through Speed Post at 36, Lane No.2, Parveen Colony, Extension Trikuta Nagar, Jammu-180020.

The players/officials must enclosed passport size photograph with high resolution, Aadhaar Card, Domicile Certificate, Participation/Medal certificate along with the application addressed to secretary of the Foundation .

The foundation will give special privilege to the International who belongs to Fencing Games. The Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta Khel Ratan Award will carry cash award, citation, Insurance cover and blazer.

## CRPF celebrates Shaurya Diwas with fervour

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JAMMU: Inspector General, CRPF Jammu Sector, P S Ranpise on Saturday presented medals to the paramilitary personnel on the occasion of the 57th CRPF Valour Day for their courage in the line of duty during operations in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shaurya Diwas was celebrated at Group Center CRPF Jammu wherein PS Ranpise, IG, Jammu Sector was the Chief Guest, who visited Quarter Guard and taken the saluted by the ceremonial guard.

Medal decoration ceremony was organized on the occasion of gallantry day.

Bhanu Pratap Singh, DIG, Group Center, CRPF Jammu welcomed the Chief Guest while Prem Chandra Gupta Commandant GC CRPF Jammu delivered welcome addressed.

Beside, as per the direction of the Directorate General, Naresh Kumar Yadav, DIG, CRPF J&K Zone, Jammu was presented by President's



IG CRPF Jammu Sector, P S Ranpise posing with others officers after presenting gallantry awards.

Police Medal for Distinguished Service and Inspector/GD Surjit Singh-72 Battalion, Sub Inspector/GD Pratap Singh-187 Battalion and Sub Inspector/GD. Joginder Sharma-166 Battalion were decorated with Police Medal for Meritorious Service by the Chief Guest in presence of Bhanu Pratap Singh, DIG, GC CRPF, Jammu.

IG, Jammu Sector congratulated the officers/subordinate officers and personnel on the occasion of Shaurya Diwas and said that on 09

April, 1965 in the "Run of Kutch" in Gujarat, Pakistan had launched an operation 'Desert Hawk' to capture a large area.

Under this, the Infantry Brigade of Pakistan attacked the "Sardar" and "Talk Post" of the companies of 2nd Battalion of CRPF, he said adding that the companies of CRPF thwarted this attack by relentlessly fighting it.

This was a unique act in the history of the country in which a small contingent of paramilitary force thwarted the planned attack of such a

large brigade, he said.

Every year 09 April is celebrated as ShauryaDiwas for the indomitable courage, work-skill and valour displayed by the brave soldiers of CRPF.

Bhanu Pratap Singh, DIG GC CRPF Jammu honored to the chief guest by presenting a memento.

In this program other Gazetted Officers, Subordinate Officers and Jawans and other personnel of all CRPF institutions established in the campus were present.

On this special occasion, Essay and Painting Competition was organized by Group Center Jammu among the children of Kendriya Vidyalaya Bantalab and the winners of the competition were awarded with prizes.

Apart from this, cricket matches were organized, along with cultural associations and Badakhana were also organized in all the messes of the camp premises.

This occasion celebrated in all Jammu based units and establishments of CRPF as ShauryaDiwas.

## Accused awarded imprisonment of two & half years, Rs 5,000 fine in rash driving case

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POONCH: The Sessions Judge Poonch, A K Shavan convicted an accused Sajjad Hussain Shah, son of Sarfraz Hussain Shah, resident of Potha, Tehsil Surankote for commission of offences under sections 304-A, 279 of RPC and 158/177 of MV Act. The accused was awarded simple imprisonment of two years and fine of Rs 5,000 for commission of offence under section 304-A of RPC and simple imprisonment of six months for offence under section 279 of RPC with a fine of Rs 100 for offence under sections 158/177 of MV Act.

Adv Sayed Taj Hussain Shah for accused and PP Maqbool Hussain for the UT, pleaded that appeal was filed by accused on April 18, 2016 which was finally heard and disposed off. As per the brief facts of case, accused while

driving his motorcycle bearing registration No. 7687/JK02T rashly and negligently on May 28, 2008 from Surankote towards Poonch rammed into a person namely Makhan Din, son of Hashim Ali, age 60 years injuring him seriously, who later succumbed to injuries in hospital, for which the trial court conducted full trial and convicted perpetrator of crime for the aforesaid offences with imprisonment of two years and six months along with a fine of Rs 5,100 in aggregate, with all sentences running concurrently. The Court, while upholding the conviction and dismissing appeal, observed that the charges against accused person stand proved and leaves no room of any doubt of innocence to accused. Accordingly, he was taken into custody and his bail bonds were withdrawn.

### Dera Kesari Vishal Dangal on April 13

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JAMMU: The 29th Dera Kesari Vishal Dangal shall be held on April 13 (Wednesday) at Dera Baba Banda Bahadur in Tehsil and district Reasi on the eve of Baisakhi festival and in memory of great saint, warrior and martyr Baba Bandha Bahadur.

The decision for organizing the dangal was taken in a meeting held under the chairmanship of Shiv Kumar Sharma, President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association. The members who attended the meeting were Baba Jatinder Pal Singh Sodhi (Gaddi Nashin) Dera Baba Banda Bahadur and Baba Bahadur Sikh Samardai, Malik Ram Lubhaya Paruthi (Chairman), Sant Kumar Juneja (president), VP Makar and Ved Parkash.

This day-long Dangal is being organised by Dera Baba Banda Bahadur Parbandhak Committee and Baba Banda Bahadur Sikh Samardai in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association.

## Rajouri Day: Army's bike rally to cover 1,000 Km along LoC flagged off

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JAMMU: A bike rally to cover 1,000 kilometres along the Line of Control (LoC) was flagged off by the Army here on Saturday in connection with the Rajouri Day' celebrations, a defence spokesman said.

'Rajouri Day' is being celebrated on April 13 every year to commemorate the bravery and valour of the soldiers who laid down their lives for the liberation of Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district from rebels and the Pakistan Army personnel who had infiltrated from across the border in 1948.

Organised under the Ace of Spades Division of the Army, the bike rally is part of the Rajouri Day celebrations with 22 brave riders leaving Jammu to cover challenging mountainous ridges and traversing a total distance of 1,000 kms, the spokesman said.

He said the rally will culminate at Advance Landing Ground, Rajouri, on April 13, marking the commencement of the celebrations, which are likely to be attend-



Teams posing for a photograph with DySP Operation Samba, Garu Ram Bhardwaj and others.

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SAMBHA: Police Martyrs Memorial Football Tournament organised by Samba Police under its Civic Action Programme concluded today at Rani Suchet Singh Sports Stadium, Samba with Kehli Mandi-A emerged as winner.

On the occasion, DySP Operation Samba, Garu Ram Bhardwaj was present as the Chief Guest.

The Football Tournament was organised by the Police

in the memory of brave police martyrs who gave supreme sacrifices of their lives for the sovereignty and integrity of the nation.

In the event that kicked off on March 14, 2022, eight football teams from across district Samba had participated and today the final was played between teams of Smailpur Badhori and Kehli Mandi-A in which Kehli Mandi-A won the match by 1-0.

The winner and the runner-

up teams were awarded with trophies.

Earlier the uniform kits were distributed among both the teams of today's match.

The referees of the tournament were also presented with mementos and T-shirts.

SSP Samba, Dr. Abhishek Mahajan congratulated the winning team and appreciated the youth for taking part in various sports events conducted by the Samba Police and wished all of them good luck.



Bike riders at a programme in Rajouri.

ed by General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, north Command, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi.

The 22 brave riders will ride along the LoC to express solidarity with our armed forces guarding the frontiers besides paying homage at Khori Baba Temple, Brig Usmari Memorial and Veer Badashwar Temple en route, the spokesman said.

He said the bikers will also spread the Message of Peace and Harmony' to further promote friendship, cultural bonding and brotherhood among the people of Rajouri.

The week-long celebrations in connection with Rajouri Day' started on Friday with an ex-serviceman and Veer Nari' Sammelan and a con-

clave which was attended by maximum sarpanches from different villages of Rajouri and Poonch district, the spokesman said.

Members of Team Gramonnati', a trust that aims to support rural transformation through technology and entrepreneurship along with other selected partners, had first-hand interaction with the sarpanches and educated them about various innovations and techniques that can be utilised for overall development of the region, he said.

As part of the celebrations, he said, a painting competition, attended by over 140 students and teachers of 14 different schools, was held at Valley View Army Public

School Rajouri on Saturday with an aim to nurture and foster creativity and promote extra-curricular activities in the region.

A mini marathon is scheduled for Sunday followed by display of a plethora of Army equipment, the spokesman said, adding the youth of the Rajouri will be given an exposure of functioning and specifications of the various equipment of various arms, including artillery guns, Small arms, surveillance equipment, helicopters.

The spokesman said a kite festival is also planned for the day as a run up to the Rajouri Day celebration on Sunday. The event will be based on the themes of Mera Bharat Mahan , Jawan Aur

## Devotees visit Maa Chandi temple on Ashtami after two years in Doda

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BHADARWAH/JAMMU: Hundreds of devotees on Saturday thronged Maa Chandi temple in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district to celebrate Ashtami' festival after a gap of two years due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The hilltop temple in the Chinote area of Bhaderwah was decorated by the management to welcome the devotees who had come from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir and outside including Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, officials said.

The Ashtami festival, a symbol of Nag culture, was celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety after two years of pandemic restrictions, they said.

The temple witnessed a heavy rush of devotees since the start of Navratras and peaked on Ashtami (eighth



Devotees at Maa Chandi temple on Ashtami' festival.

day of Navratra), the officials said, adding special prayers were held under the supervision of Sansthapak Kulbir Singh.

The 'Ashtami' celebrations started early in the morning with the hawan' organised by the temple committee, they said.

The officials said adequate security arrangements were made for the safety of devo-

tees. Picturesque Bhaderwah, also known as mini-Kashmir for its natural beauty, is known and famous for its unique Nag culture, ancient temples and numerous high altitude pilgrimages.

The devotees expressed happiness over their participation in the prayers at the temple after a long gap of two years.

## Chess/Carrom girls inter-school zone level competitions held



A Chess match in progress.

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VERINAG: Department of youth services and sports Zonal physical education office VERINAG organised Chess/Carrom Girls inter school zone level competition here today at GHSS Verinag and HSS Qammer.

Over 80 students in U/14 and U/17 girls from different institutions of zone Verinag participated in the competition who showed their interest and zeal towards Chess and Carrom. Large number of people from different communities came to see the competition which was highly appreciated by the folks. Later on a certificate distribution ceremony was organised in which Rouf Hamza Principal GHSS Verinag distributed the certificate among the position holders. Further Principal of GHSS Verinag thanked guests and encouraged the students for their active performance.

He also praised his staff for preparing the students to compete in every sphere.