

KPS celebrates Navreh with fervour

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JAMMU: Navreh function was organized with traditional gaiety and fanfare by the Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) Jammu on Saturday. The day marked the beginning of the Hindu calendar year 2079 Bikrami Samvat and Saptrishi Samvat 5098.

Two minutes silence was observed in the memory of those members of the Biradari who have expired during the past three years due to various reasons including the COVID-19 pandemic and other terrorist related incidents.

Advisor to the Lt Governor, R.R. Bhatnagar was the Chief Guest on the occasion and Ashok Koul, General Secretary organization of BJP for the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh was the Guest of Honour.

The function started with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the chief guest and others, followed by the musical program.

Scintillating performance by singer Deepali Watal enthralled the audience with her renditions of Bhajans and other songs.

General Secretary of the Sabha, S.L Bagati read out the report of the activities of the Sabha during the past three years.

President of the Sabha, K.K Khosa, while welcoming the guests and life members of the Sabha, elaborated upon the role of the 108 year old organization of the Kashmiri Pandits during the past many decades especially after the forced exodus of the entire Kashmiri Pandit community from Kashmir in the year 1990 due to the targeted killings and other atrocities

perpetrated by the gun totting terrorists on them.

Khosa recollected how the Sabha put in all possible efforts to provide help and support to the people who had left the valley and come down to Jammu leaving all their belongings in the valley.

While thanking the Narendra Modi led GoI and the UT government led by Manoj Sinha for looking after the community while in exile, the president requested that steps should be taken immediately to ensure return and rehabilitation of the community back in the Valley with dignity, honour and full sense of security by framing a robust return and rehabilitation policy in consultation with the community's leadership.

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take a resolve to go back to valley to celebrate next Navreh there. He said that we have to repeat continuously this resolve every year till we actually celebrate this function at Hari Parbat in the valley. He also exhorted the KP Community to vote in their respective constituency in the valley and ensure winning of BJP Candidate. He stressed that all community people should make their votes in the valley by deleting in the Jammu voter list.

Hon'ble Advisor Sh. R.R. Bhatnagar said that UT Government and GOI are quite aware of the community problems and will in near future fulfill all your respirations. He said that the problem of separate posting of migrant couples serving in the valley will be looked into and efforts made to unite them at one station.

The chief guest and the guest of honor while extending their good wishes on the occasion stated that both the UT Government and the GOI are fully aware about the difficulties being faced by the displaced community and assured early redressal of all these at the earliest.

Among the audience prominent were Vice-Chancellor University of Jammu Manoj Dhar; Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, Prof. R. L. Shant, Kashmiri Lal Bhat, Shiban Khaibari, CA Upinder K. Handoo, Ravinder Koul, S.L Koul, A. K. Raina, Kamal Koul, Ganesh Koul, Sushil Aima. G. J. Kampasi Secretary of the Sabha delivered the vote of thanks.

The program was conducted by Dr Sujata Sathoo senior member of the executive committee of the Sabha.

In his address, Sh. Ashok Koul asked the community to

DC B'l'a reviews progress of dev works taken up during FY 2021-22

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BARAMULLA: In order to review the progress of ongoing developmental works in the District, the Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Bhupinder Kumar today chaired a meeting of the District/Sectoral Officers here at Dak Bungalow. The Deputy Commissioner also set parameters for formulation of annual District Capex Plan for year 2022-23 in order to achieve the desired targets well in a time bound

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manner. Ahead of National Panchayat conference which is being held in J&K on 24th April 2022, the Deputy Commissioner said that about 100 different tasks are to be undertaken by different departments under different works and schemes to accomplish the task for which Gram Sabhas are to be held in every Panchayat in coming days.

The Deputy Commissioners

directed for conducting of Gram Sabhas within 2 days in a staggered manner and complete same by 20th April 2022.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Baramulla, Ajaz Abdullah Saraf, Joint Director Planning M. Yousuf Rather, Superintending Engineers of R&B, ACP besides other concerned officers of the district.

CS takes stock of arrangements for Ramzan, Navratras

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, on Saturday had a detailed review of arrangements being put in place by divisional administration for the Holy Month of Ramzan and Navratri festival.

Chief Secretary took stock of availability of essentials including ration, kerosene, LPG, electricity and water supply in the valley.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, DC Srinagar, Commissioner SMC and Chief Engineers of line departments were present on the occasion.

Chief Secretary asked the officers of all departments to ensure that all necessary services are extended to the people during the month so that they celebrate their religious days in a convenient

manner. He directed KPDCL officers to ensure uninterrupted power supply at peak hours of Sehri and Iftaar. He also directed the PHE officers to ensure adequate supply of drinking water to the public during the period.

Chief Secretary further directed for continuous market checking to curb profiteering and hoarding by traders and shopkeepers. He asked for initiating strict action against the erring traders so that the innocent customers do not suffer on this account.

Later, Chief Secretary took stock of arrangements put in place to facilitate devotees during Navratri festival like sanitation, electricity and water supply and other basic amenities put in place at various temples including

Shankaracharya, Hariparbat, Kheer Bhawani and other such destinations of the valley.

Divisional Commissioner briefed the meeting that sufficient quantity of essentials has been made available by the Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department for convenience of the people. He informed that adequate measures have been taken up to ensure essential supply of consumables during the festive days adding that sufficient stock for a couple of months has been distributed among districts.

He said directions have been given to district administrations to keep stocks available to people living in remote areas so that they don't face any difficulty during the month of fasting.

held as part of the 100 point programme whereby various departmental activities are being converged at the Halqa levels to achieve saturation in welfare schemes, work towards creating greener panchayats, enhancing mass participation and awareness generation.

The initiative is driven by PRI participation with all line departments facilitating the various activities.

Gram Sabha was held in 37 panchayats of 16 Community Development blocks today. With a gathering of all stakeholders, the gram sabhas deliberated on the development plans for the next fiscal. Resolutions were also adopted in the gram sabhas pledging to work towards realizing the sustainable development goals and a timeline was fixed for realizing these goals.

The gram sabhas witnessed participation of Sarpanches, Panches, members of the civil society including children and women as well as officials from RDD and other line departments.

Sanitation drives were carried out in various halqa panchayats with focus on making the panchayats polythene free. Cleaning of local water bodies was also carried out. Working towards realizing the goal of green panchayats, plantation drives were held in various Panchayats. In block Pahalgam, the plantation drive was lead by DDC Chairman MY Gorsji himself.

The district administration has issued an activity schedule to hold gram sabhas and various other activities in all 335 panchayats in the first phase of Gram Swaraj Mahina.

CS visits Dal Lake, inspects restoration work of Char Chinhar

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Saturday conducted an extensive tour of interiors of Dal Lake and took stock of various ongoing works for the development of Model In-situ Rehabilitation and Tourist Villages.

The Chief Secretary was accompanied by GOC 15 Corps, D P Pandey; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole; Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; Commissioner SMC; VC LCMA; Directors of various departments including Tourism, Handloom & Handicraft, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture, Agriculture, Floriculture, Fisheries, Skill Development and Chief Engineers of UEEED, PHE, KPDCL and PWD besides other officers.

While asking for handholding of youth of these areas, Dr. Mehta directed the officers of Handloom & Handicraft and Skill Development to establish skill training centers in these areas for imparting skill training to educated youth of these hamlets in relevant trades.

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Dr. Mehta directed officers to frame a plan under VC LCMA for five vil-

lages; Kachri Mohalla, Sofi Mohalla, Tinda Mohallah, Akhnoor Mohalla, Vegetable market and floating garden on pilot basis for the development of tourist villages having all basic facilities for inhabitants as well as tourists and local visitors.

The Chief Secretary also asked the officers that the development of tourist villages should be carried in such a manner that they will provide home stay facilities to tourists.

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Dr. Mehta, on the occasion asked the officers to explore the possibilities under mission youth scheme for

development of these Model villages and stressed on creation of youth clubs in these areas and their involvement in sustainable development of these hamlets.

Highlighting about creating awareness among people regarding various welfare schemes, the Chief Secretary directed officers of Fisheries, Floriculture, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry to acquaint people about the beneficiary schemes implemented by their respective departments so that local people would get employment and reap maximum benefits out of them.

During the tour, several Dal dwellers also interacted with the Chief Secretary and apprised him regarding various issues like dredging of channels, power washroom for tourists, development of parks besides sought technological guidance from various departments on various issues related to conservation of Dal Lake.

Earlier, the Chief Secretary also visited Char Chinhar and inspected its ongoing restoration works.

JKAACL's weeklong Theatre Workshop concludes

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JAMMU: 7-day Theatre Workshop organised by Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) - exclusively for the college students - concluded successfully on Saturday at the new K.L. Saigal Hall, Writers' Club.

Sanjeev Rana, Additional Secretary JKAACL, in his address to the guests and the participating students said that after covid -19 this was the first workshop in Jammu exclusively organised for the students to provide them psychological relief educate them with the craft of theatre art form - as they have remained confined in their homes for online study.

The Additional Secretary expressed great satisfaction while seeing the inputs of the faculty at JKAACL, who provided a platform to the interested students of three prestigious colleges of Jammu.

While highlighting the activities of JKAACL in both Jammu and Kashmir regions, he also expressed his thanks to Rahul Pandey, Secretary JKAACL, took keen interest in organizing such kinds of



Participants posing with JKAACL officials.

workshops for the students with a view to promote the essence of culture and traditions of the UT among the youth.

Earlier, Dr. Sudhir Mahajan, Director of the workshop, briefed that the aim of this workshop was not to make the students actor(s)/actress(es) but to make them aware about the techniques of theatre and provide an adequate opportunity to manifest and develop their personality. "So, the students can express themselves and communicate with others in a very confident way, on any platform, by using the tools of theatre" he added.

The programme was anchored by the students themselves. The students who participated in the workshop were Aarti Padwal, Pooja Sharma, Manyaveer Singh Thakur, Sanchit Sharma, Rimjhim Pandita, Himanshu Sharma, Siya Gupta, Abhilasha Gupta, Vibhuti Sharma, Farzana Kouser, Pardip Singh Bali, Divya Surmal, Parshotam Singh Bali, Ankita Devi, Harsh Dev, Kiran Gouraj, Sandeep Sharma, Anu Sharma, Harvinder Kaur, Satyam Dutta, Megha Sharma, Karanvir Singh, Karanpreet Singh, Arun Singh Jamwal, Ashish Parihar, Saket Sharma, Dushyant Khajuria, Rahul Kait, Gunjan Gupta, Shaku Sharma, Meridu Khajuria, Sonia Salgotra, Ayush Mahajan, Nikhil Sharma, and Sonam Angchuk.

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Subject: Conduct of Special round (upgradation/allotment) of Physical Counselling for Admission to BDS Courses 2021: Notifying the Schedule thereof.

Reference: i) Notification No. 027-BOPEE of 2022 dated 18-03-2022

Notification No. 030-BOPEE of 2022
Dated 02-04-2022

In pursuance of Notification No. 027-BOPEE of 2022 dated 18-03-2022, the Board has received shortfall of seats due to non-joining of candidates against upgraded / allotted seats during mop up (3rd) round of physical counselling held on 18-03-2022. The Board has decided to fill-up these BDS/DDH/DDM seat(s) including the seats which have remained unfilled after conclusion of mop up round of counselling by conducting a special round of physical counselling as per the time schedule given below: -

S.NO.	UT R FROM	ANK TO	DATE/ DAY OF COUNSELLING	REMARKS
1	1	4411	6th April, 2022 (Wednesday)	All Reserved Category candidates (10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.)
2	1	4411	6th April, 2022 (Wednesday)	All candidates (After 11:00 A.M.)

The eligible and willing candidates are advised to report to the BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar for registration and fulfilment of other formalities from 09:00 A.M. upto 10:00 A.M. on the respective date of counselling.
The following shall be eligible to participate in this special round of physical counselling:-
1. Candidates who have not been allotted any seat during the 1st / 2nd / mop up (3rd) round of counselling can participate in this special round of counselling in terms of conditions contained in the e-Information Brochure.
2. Candidates who have been allotted a seat during 1st round of counselling and have joined the college but have not been upgraded during the 2nd or mop-up (3rd) round and those candidates who have been allotted seat during the 2nd or mop-up (3rd) round of counselling and have joined the college/institution and wish to participate in the mop-up round for purpose of upgradation. However, any candidate who has been upgraded during the 2nd or mop-up (3rd) round shall under no circumstances be eligible to participate in this special round of counselling.
3. Candidates who have been allotted a seat during 1st or 2nd round of counselling but have not joined the College/ Institute during 1st or 2nd round are also eligible to participate in special round.
4. The Reserved Category candidate(s), who may not get a seat in his/her category shall be eligible to participate in the counselling as an OM candidate as per his/her merit position on 06-04-2022.
5. The candidates who have already resigned against the seats allotted to them during first/second rounds of counselling shall not be eligible to participate in this special round of counselling.

Note: -
1. The candidate(s) who will be allotted seat(s) in BDS course during this special round of counselling shall have to necessarily join the college/institution upto 11-04-2022 (till 4:00 P.M.).
2. As per section 9(2) of J&K Reservation Act 2004, reserved category seat(s), if any, remaining unfilled due