

Shri Parshuram Jayanti celebrated



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KATHUA: Shri Parshuram Jayanti was celebrated at Shri Brahman Sabha Kathua.

To celebrate the occasion main function was organized at Shri Brahman Sabha Kathua, where Subhash Shastri Ji Maharaj performed havan and after that a Shoba Yatra was also organized by Shri Brahman Sabha Kathua. A grand Shoba Yatra was taken out which started and commenced at Brahman

Sabha after passing through various parts of the town including Mukherji Chowk, Shaheedi Chowk, Parshuram Chowk, Dream Land park, pariwand old bus stand, Jarai Chowk and then to Brahman Sabha Kathua.

Large number of devotees including women and children joined the Shoba Yatra.

Various traders associations and social organizations in route welcomed the devotees with

various eatables including fruits, sweets, juice, drinking water, etc.

After the completion of the Yatra Prtibhoj was organized by the Shri Brahman Sabha committee. The committee further thanks the district administration for the cooperation during the shoba yatra.

President of Shri Brahman Sabha Kathua Dr. Dushyant Ubbottwas also present on the occasion, along with Ex. President Shri Brahman Sabha Kathua Rajni Kant, Naresh Sharma Ex. Mc President Kathua, KK Bakshi, Distt. Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee President Charanjeet Singh Bhola, Madan Lal Sharma, T. R. Bhagat, O. D. Atri, Pankaj Sharma, Shashi Paul Sharma, Organising Committee members Surinder Mehta, Ravinder Kumar Sharma, Ajay Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Subhash Sharma, Gen. Sec. Sat Pal Masotra, Manuj Kesar and many other were present.

KVK Reasi organises training programme on fruit, vegetable processing



KVK Scientist Dr Banarsi Lal imparting training.

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu organised training programme on

"Entrepreneurship development in fruit and vegetable processing" here at Kadmal village in Reasi distt. of J&K which was attended by the number of rural women of the area. The programme was organised under Attracting and Retaining Youths in Agriculture (ARYA) project.

The programme was organised under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof. BN Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrishi Vaid of SKUAST-Jammu.

Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi started the programme with the warm welcome of the participants. He briefed the objec-

tives of the ARYA project and highlighted the need of youths in agriculture. He said that ARYA project is an opportunity for the youths to showcase their creativity through agri-entrepreneurship. He further said that fruits and vegetables are rich source of proteins, minerals and vitamins and by

their value addition techniques rural youths can generate more income and employment.

He gave a detail view on the significance of fruits and vegetables processing to enhance the income and employment of rural women of hilly areas. He motivated the participants for the pro-

cessing of fruits and vegetables by which they can generate more money. He stressed on Self Help Groups (SHGs) formation and added that the women should jointly work for the entrepreneurship in the processed products of fruits and vegetables. He motivated the women farmers for agri-entrepreneurship and encouraged them to strengthen the processing unit. He also guided the participants on packaging, labeling and branding of the processed products. He expressed that fruits and vegetables processing have immense scope in hilly areas as the women farmers generate extra income and employment for their livelihood. He guided the partici-

pants on the scientific techniques of processing of fruits and vegetables. He stressed on the preparation of apple cubes, apple jam, aonla candy, pickles, juice etc. by elaborating their scientific preparation.

He also discussed about the ingredients used in the value added products of fruits. In this programme, women farmers asked certain queries which KVK scientist answered in a satisfactorily way. The programme was assisted by Mohd. Iqbal and concluded by Radhey Sham with formal vote of thanks.

ALC conducts surprise market checking in Kishtwar town

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KISHTWAR: Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC), Mamta Sudershan led a surprise market inspection in Kishtwar town, aimed at ensuring compliance with the J&K Shops & Establishment Act 1966 and Child Labour Act 1986.

The inspection covered different markets, businesses and food establishments in Kishtwar town, including areas near Sangrambhatta, Shaheedi Chowk, Om Mehta Road and Police Station road. During the inspection, the team checked for compliance with Form C requirements, maintenance registers of employees, among other regulations and issued challans against any violations found.

The Assistant Labour Commissioner highlighted the importance of regular market inspections, emphasizing their role in curbing labour violations.

She noted with satisfaction that no instances of child labour were observed during the inspection. She urged all shopkeepers to strictly adhere to the provisions of the J&K Shops & Establishment Act 1966 and Child Labour Act 1986.

DC Doda flags-off 45 Haj Pilgrims from Doda to Srinagar



DC Doda Harvinder Singh flagging off Haj Pilgrims.

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda Harvinder Singh along with SSP Doda Javaid Iqbal, ACR Doda Sunil Butyal flagged off today a group of 45 Haj pilgrims of Doda District from Doda to Srinagar. The event marked the beginning of their journey to undertake the sacred pilgrimage to Mecca.

The pilgrims including 23 pilgrims from Doda, 4 from Bhaderwah, 7 from Thathri, and 11 from Gandoh. The District Administration Doda ensured all necessary arrangements and facilities

for the pilgrims to travel safely and comfortably to Haj house Srinagar, and will take international flight to Saudi Arabia tomorrow on 11-05-2024 from international Airport Srinagar.

Interacting with the pilgrims, the DC Doda congratulated them for getting the opportunity to perform holy hajj. He also wishes them safe and secure pilgrimage and appealed them to pray for peace and prosperity of the jammu and Kashmir and District as well. He emphasized the significance of the Haj pilgrimage and the importance of

upholding the values of peace, unity, and brotherhood. The event was attended from the District Administration and Police, representatives from the religious community, and well-wishers who came together to bid farewell to the pilgrims and pray for their well-being during their sacred journey. Besides a large number of people were present to see off the pilgrims.

Earlier Tehsildar Bhaderwah Kamalpreet Singh and SHO Bhaderwah along with public see off 4 pilgrims of Bhaderwah.

Special Secretary of Health visits DH Poonch, assures improved healthcare facilities

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POONCH: In a dedicated effort to bolster healthcare services in remote areas, Special Secretary of Health, Amarjeet Singh, undertook a comprehensive visit to the District Hospital. During his inspection, he reiterated the commitment of the LG Administration to enhance healthcare provisions for residents residing in far-flung regions like Poonch.

Amarjeet Singh, accompanied by a team of Health officials CMO Poonch Dr Zulfikar Ahmed, & Supdt Dr Nusrat Bhatti and medical superintendent raja sukhdev Singh District hospital Poonch, assessed the current status of medical facilities and engaged in constructive discussions with hospital administrators. Emphasizing the piv-



Special Secretary of Health, Amarjeet Singh during visit to DH Poonch.

otal role of adequate staffing, he addressed concerns regarding the prevalent vacancies of medical practitioners at Raja Sukhdev Singh District Hospital.

Interacting with The News Now Amarjeet Singh

reassured that immediate measures would be undertaken to fill the vacant doctor positions. He underscored the administration's unwavering dedication to ensuring that every citizen, irrespective of their geographical location, has

access to quality healthcare services.

He pledged substantial support from the LG Administration to bolster infrastructure, procure advanced medical equipment, and facilitate ongoing training programs for healthcare professionals. These initiatives aim to elevate the standard of healthcare delivery and address the evolving needs of the community effectively.

The visit of the Special Secretary of Health stands as a testament to the government's proactive approach towards healthcare accessibility and underscores its steadfast commitment to prioritizing the well-being of all citizens, particularly those residing in Poonch District.

DHS Jammu visits SDH Bhadarwah, inspects facilities



Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rakesh Magotra during visit to Govt. Sub District Hospital, Bhaderwah.

Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rakesh Magotra, visited Govt. Sub District Hospital, Bhaderwah today on 10-05-2024 to evaluate the healthcare services and facilities provided to the community.

This visit was a part of the ongoing efforts by the Health Department to monitor and improve healthcare standards across the region.

The DHS Jammu toured various departments of

Bhaderwah Hospital, including the Emergency ward, inpatient units, outpatient clinics, Labour Room and diagnostic facilities. The purpose of the visit was to gain firsthand knowledge about the hospital's infrastructure, patient care procedures and the overall healthcare delivery system.

During the visit, DHS Jammu engaged in discussions with the hospital administration, medical staff and frontline healthcare workers. They exchanged valuable insights and ideas on ways to enhance the quality and acces-

sibility of healthcare services in Bhaderwah Hospital.

The Director Health Services Jammu acknowledged the dedication and hard work of the healthcare professionals and expressed gratitude for their tireless efforts in serving the community.

In their remarks, DHS emphasized the importance of continuous improvement in healthcare delivery, emphasizing the need for patient-centered care and efficient healthcare management. They also highlighted the significance of maintaining high standards of cleanliness, infection control, and adherence to medical protocols for the safety and well-being of patients.

Later on, the DHS Jammu held a brief meeting with the staff members of SDH Bhaderwah and listen to their grievances. The DHS was accompanied by Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr Om Kumar, DIO Doda Dr Versha Sharma whereas BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf, medical and paramedical staff of the SDH Bhaderwah hospital was present on the occasion.

JKAACL Kathua organises Bhajan Sandhya

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SAMBA: To commemorate Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti, Sub Office of J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Kathua in collaboration with Grameen Brahmin Sabha organised heart-warming 'Bhajan Sandhya' here today at Bhagwan Parshuram Temple, Gho Brahmana, Vijaypur where a large number of localites thronged to witness the soulful evening. The programme was held under the patronage and support of higher authorities of J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Jammu in which the authorities has directed district Officers to organise such kind of events at religious as well as historical places.

As per the handout, Sanjeev Gupta SOCA, JKAACL Sub-Office, Kathua shared that it's our moral responsibility to take our culture to the shrines. These kinds of soulful presentations always help the people of the region to get



Artists singing Bhajans during the event.

well known with their roots. He further assured the audience that he would request the authorities of J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages to hold such programs to other major shrines of District Kathua and Samba in coming days. He also thanked the working committee of Bhagwan Parshuram Temple, Gho Brahmana, Vijaypur for their unconditional support.

The programme was started

with the vibrant singing of AjiPal and Party followed by the presentations of Raj Kumar and Party, Kuldeep Kumar and Party & Paramjeet and Party.

The programme was concluded with a soulful presentation by Manjala Devi and Party who mesmerised audiences with their singing skills. The programme was ably conducted by Sat Pal Singh.

A localite namely Thoru Ram appreciated and lauded

the efforts made by Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages for bringing Bhajan evening to Gho Brahmana, Vijaypur.

While appreciating the mesmerizing programme by the artists, he said that every artist has made him spell bound with their soulful and magical performance. He further requested the authorities for organizing such events on all such occasions in future.

Ramban Admin holds workshop on Decision Support System, Digital Risk Database application

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RAMBAN: District Administration Ramban, in collaboration with Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) and J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency (JKERA), under the guidance of District Magistrate, Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, organized a comprehensive training program on the Operationalization of Decision Support System (DSS) and Digital Risk

Database (DRDB) application today here in Conference Hall of the District Administrative Complex. Presiding the training session, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Varunjeet Singh Charak highlighted the significance of the twin applications and advised the participants to sensitize their frontline officers and officials about the operation of applications in disaster and emergency like situation to report and tackle the incident.

The training program was attended by senior officers including

Assistant Commissioner Revenue, S. Harpal Singh the Sub-Divisional Magistrates of Banihal, Ramsoo, and Gool, Assistant Commissioner Development, Tehsildars of Ramban, Banihal, Ramsoo, Pogal-Paristan (Ukhral), Batote, Gool, Khari, and Rajgarh, as well as Executive Engineers and Engineers from PWD (R&B) Division Ramban, Banihal, JPDC Division

Batote, Jal Shakti, PMGSY Division Ramban and various other concerned officers. Besides sensitizing participants through PowerPoint presentations, the resource persons including Dr. Murlikrishana, Mohammad Junaid, Consultant from RMSI and AAEJ, Shabeer Hussain, AE Sajad Rafiq from JTFRP, JKERA also provided hand-holding to participants in installing and operationalizing the Apps on their smartphones.

The programme aimed to enhance understanding and proficiency in utilizing the Decision Support System (DSS) and Digital Risk Database (DRDB), crucial applications for efficient decision-making and risk management. These collaborative efforts of all the stakeholders have utmost significance towards bolstering disaster preparedness and ensuring the welfare of the community.

DIPR Jammu organises promotional event at GHS Gran- Reasi

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REASI: Cultural Unit, Department of Information and Public Relations Jammu today organised a Symposium on the topic "Nasha Mukht Bharat" at Government High School Gran Reasi.

A total number of 10 students participated in the competition. The event was organized to aware the students regarding Drug abuse and its repercussions on the individuals and society as a whole.

The students presented valuable information on the topic and also presented a colorful Cultural programme.

Students were judged on parameters of Pronunciation, Modulation of Voice, Factual Representation, confidence etc.

Vishawjeet Singh, Gurjeet Singh and Arti Devi were the Judges for the day. Lal Singh, teacher of the school hosted the event.

First position was secured by Simran Karsh, second position was secured by Ajay Singh and third Position was secured by Bharti Devi.

Headmaster of the School, Anil Kumar educated the students regarding the topic and appreciated the Department of Information & Public Relations for organising a meaningful event in the school.

Among others, staff members and a large number of students witnessed the programme.

The whole programme was conducted under the supervision of Cultural Officer Jammu, Nasir Ahmed Khan.

Comprehensive review of ICDS projects held at Banihal



Project Officer ICDS Jahangir Hashmi chairing the meeting.

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RAMBAN: A two day comprehensive back-to-back review meeting of ICDS projects of Ramban concluded today at Banihal. Chaired by Project Officer ICDS Jahangir Hashmi, the meeting underlined key strategies for effective implementation of the Poshan (ICDS) scheme in Gool, Ukhraal (Ramsoo), Ramban and Banihal.

The two-day session, which concluded in Banihal, saw attendance from concerned Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) and supervisors from these areas.

Hashmi emphasized the need for a comprehensive approach to the Poshan (ICDS) scheme, moving beyond merely addressing malnutrition among children and women. He stressed the importance of preparing children for school through pre-school learning initiatives, in addition to providing nutritious meals. Anganwadi centers, he explained, will now serve as holistic preschool stations, focusing on nutrition provision, school readiness, and continuous growth monitoring. Hashmi directed officials to ensure 100% Aadhaar verification for all enrolled beneficiaries, aiming

for complete transparency in the system. Currently, 98% of beneficiaries under ICT schemes are Aadhaar verified. Hashmi instructed the verification of all workers and Anganwadi helpers to guarantee their presence at respective centers, with online attendance and Poshan tracker uploads to ensure accountability. All nutrition provisions and activities, including growth monitoring and vaccination schedules, are to be meticulously recorded on the online portal for real-time monitoring and corrections.

Supervisors were tasked with ensuring the inclusion of all eligible women under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) scheme. Hashmi's directives aim to enhance the effectiveness and transparency of ICDS initiatives, ultimately improving child and maternal health outcomes in the region.

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