

Div Com reviews arrangements for Shree Machail Mata Yatra

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Monday chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for Shree Machail Mata Yatra, 2024.

The meeting was attended by Director Tourism, Director Health Services, Jammu, Chief Engineers of PMGSY, PWD, JPDCL and other concerned officers. Deputy Commissioner Kishitwar along with his team of District Officers attended the meeting via virtual mode. During the meeting, the Div Com held threadbare discussion and reviewed the arrangements initiated by different departments like PWD, PMGSY, Health, Jal Shakti, PDD, Fire and Emergency Services and other concerned departments.

The Div Com issued directions to the respective departments to take advance measures to maintain road connectivity and Yatra tracks for hassle free movement of the pilgrims, make provision of Heli Services, amenities along the Yatra route, Langar arrangements, mobile connectivity, Traffic management, Security, Power, drinking water and medical facilities. He further stressed on laying special focus on sanitation and cleanliness of the ecologically



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

sensitive region. He asked the Deputy Commissioner to ensure functioning of Yatri Niwas with all necessary facilities for Yatri. He directed for strengthening of structures adjacent to the holy temple and timely completion of the ongoing works. It was informed that JPDCL is installing a new Transformer for ensuring uninterrupted power supply during the holy Yatra.

The Director Health Services informed the Div Com on the status of health facilities in Kishitwar. He was directed to maintain availability of medicines, paramedics and Doctors on rotational basis at Machail.

All the officials were asked to submit holistic arrangement plans of their respective departments well before the commencement of the Shree Machail Mata Yatra.

The Chief Engineer PWD was directed to visit Paddar Machail to submit the report after reviewing ongoing works

for facilitating the pilgrims of Shree Machail Mata Yatra. He was further directed to ensure timely completion of the works.

Discussion was also held on initiating wide publicity regarding the necessary information and facilities available for the devotees to attract the maximum number of pilgrims. The Tourism Department was tasked with launching a comprehensive publicity campaign to promote Shree Machail Mata Yatra via Audio, Print and Digital Media platforms and installing flexes at key locations. It was also decided to provide information regarding the nearby tourist spots in the region to the devotees undertaking the annual holy yatra at Paddar, Kishitwar.

Directions were also issued for keeping in place teams of SDRF, Fire Tenders, SSP Kishitwar apprised the Div Com on the Traffic and security arrangements for the Holy Yatra.

Central / UT Govt plunged J&K into an ocean of miseries: Mian Altaf

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RAJOURI: The BJP Government at the Centre/UT has failed in every sphere, plunging the people of this sensitive region into an ocean of miseries. The height of mis-governance can be well gauged from the fact that today the people of J&K are craving even for the basic amenities and facilities essential for their very survival.

This was stated by Mian Altaf Ahmed, NC Lok Sabha candidate for Anantnag -Rajouri constituency and former Minister while addressing a series of workers meeting in Budhal and Khandi areas of Rajouri District.

The former Minister lamented that the present government has dejectedly failed to address political and developmental aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that lack of direction and political will have compounded miseries of people of J&K. He said Center/ UT Government rather than engaging with aggrieved people with an aim to address their issues, had chosen to tread a path of isolation, arrogance and confrontation contradicting the promises made to the people of J&K.

Mian Altaf Ahmed emphasized that the Center/UT has neglected the remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir, leaving them devoid of basic amenities, employment opportunities, and struggling against inflation and poverty. The lack of attention to these vital issues has exacerbated the challenges faced by the people living in these regions. He emphasized that only the National Conference (NC) has the capability to effectively project these pressing issues in the Parliament, advocating for the rights and welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir at the national level. With a deep-rooted understanding of the region's needs and a commitment to addressing them, the NC stands as the voice of the marginalized and the beacon of hope for a brighter future.



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Rattan Lal Gupta, in his address, said that the

party's legacy of steering Jammu and Kashmir towards progress and unity has been unwavering since its inception. Today, as we navigate the complex landscape of Jammu and Kashmir's future, the representation of three NC MPs stands poised to reshape the destiny of our region. With a steadfast dedication to progress and the well-being of all inhabitants, the National Conference continues to chart a course towards prosperity and stability, the Provincial President added. Gupta appealed to the Voters of Anantnag -Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency to support and vote NC candidate Mian Altaf Ahmed to in order to save the future of their coming generations.

Abdul Ghani Malik, Zonal President and former Minister, expressed that people are looking towards

the National Conference (NC) as a beacon of hope. With its long-standing commitment to serving the interests of the people and addressing their concerns, he said that NC has garnered trust and credibility among the populace.

Ch Liaqat, Central Secretary, JKNC, emphasized that people have made a resolute decision to support the NC candidate, transcending conventional party politics. This collective choice stems from the candidate's distinguished reputation and high standing in the community.

The senior NC leaders urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the hands of Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah by supporting and voting National Conference candidates including Omar Abdullah from Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency and Mian Altaf Ahmed from Anantnag -Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency in the progressing Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

Among those who were present include Vijay Lochan Chairman JKNC SC Cell, Yashu Vardhan Singh Additional Spokesperson, Rakesh Singh Raka, Mohd Shafi, Vikar Bhaji and others.

GDC Marheen organises youth parliament competition

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MAHREEN: Govt. Degree College, Marheen as per the instruction from the Minister of parliamentary affairs, Govt. of India organized "youth parliament competition" in order to make the college students aware about the working of the real parliament.

During this function that was organized in the form of a Mock parliament presented by the college students in which they tried their level best to provide then simulated view of the real working of the parliament in which they also designated the students as Speaker, P.M, Home Minister, finance Minister, Defense Minister, Chief Minister, and other members of the parliament. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Anupama Gupta, Principal highly appreciated the efforts taken by the students and applauded the HOD Political science department Dr. Hasina Rajput for working so hard to make this function successful.

All the staff members also make their presence in this function.

Director Horticulture interacts with FPO's at Sungal

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AKHNOOR: The Department of Horticulture, under the chairmanship of Director Horticulture Jammu Chaman Lal Sharma, orchestrated a significant interaction programme with the Board of Directors and members of the Farmers Producers Organisation (FPO) for Aonla crop at village Sungal of block Akhnoor.

The event, which witnessed a commendable turnout of local farmers, served as a crucial platform for dialogue and collaboration, echoing the Department's commitment in empowering agricultural communities.



Director Horticulture Jammu Chaman Lal Sharma during visit to Akhnoor.

Speaking on the occasion the Director emphasized the intrinsic importance of FPOs to the horticultural community of Akhnoor and its neighbouring villages. He underscored their pivotal role in empowering farmers, fostering collective action, and amplifying voices within the agricultural

landscape. Highlighting the critical role of FPOs in enabling smallholder farmers to access resources, markets and knowledge, Director Sharma commended the proactive efforts of FPO members. He reiterated the Department's steadfast commitment to supporting and strengthening

grassroots initiatives. Director Sharma's address resonated deeply with attendees, igniting a sense of purpose and unity among the farming community. His insights into the transformative potential of FPOs sparked engaging discussions and inspired participants to explore new avenues for

collaboration and growth. The interaction programme not only served as a platform for knowledge exchange but also as a catalyst for fostering solidarity and camaraderie among farmers. It underscored the Department's dedication to nurturing inclusive and sustainable agricultural practices that benefit communities at large.

Later in the program, Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu, Ashwani Sharma, DLSMS Pomology Sandeep Gupta, HDO Akhnoor Virender Kumar and HDO Khour, Amit Saraf also interacted with participants, further enriching the exchange of ideas and experiences.

Poonch Admn, Army hold joint medical camp

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POONCH: Army in collaboration with Borderless World Foundation, Nasik Local and the Civil Administration is conducting two days transformative medical camp on 13 and 14 May in Surankote Thanamandi and Kotranka. This camp is aimed to assist resident population and Gujjar Bakkarwal community deras from far flung areas like Dara Sangla, Sangla, Faslabad, Marhote, Jammu Shid, Dograin, Poshana, Naili, Azmatabad, Alal, Pangai, Koranka, Samote and Mangota of Surankote and Thanamandi who access the medical facilities, healthcare services and medicines so as to enhance their health and well being. This camp included



Doctors examining patients during the camp at Poonch.

teams of Twelve specialist doctors of Borderless World Foundation, Six specialist doctors from Government Medical College, Surankote and Rajouri and Indian Army doctors collaborating together to ensure the success of the camp.

The team of Doctors includes Ophthalmologists, General Physician, Gynaecologist, Dermatologist, Paediatrician and Orthopaedic specialists. The

medical camp has a profound effect on the local communities, particularly the Gujjars and Bakharwals. Approximately 1800 persons to include 600 male, 700 Female and 250 children availed the medical facility at both the locations. These marginalized communities often reside in remote areas where healthcare infrastructure is scarce. The camp brought essential medical services directly to their doorstep.

Sahil celebrates Mother's Day



BJP leader and Municipal Committee Bishnah Councillor Sahil Gupta and others during the event.

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BISHNAH: BJP Leader and Municipal Committee Bishnah Councillor Sahil Gupta today organized a program with womens on Mother's Day in which he congratulated the Mothers by

cutting cake and distributing sweets on Mother's Day and talked about their day's work. Women congratulated Sahil Gupta in the program and praised the work of Councillor Sahil Gupta. Miss Ieon Priyanka Dogra and

ASI Naresh Digra were also present with Gupta in the program. They also celebrated the program well and told all the women the importance of this day.

NAUP President holds party meeting, inspires leadership

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SAMBA: National Awami United Party (NAUP) President, Sandeep Singh Manhas, conducted a significant party meeting in Samba to motivate and inspire party members towards effective leadership.

The meeting was attended by prominent figures including Loksabha candidate Sheekha Bandral, General Secretary of NAUP, and Deepak Singh Charak, Jammu Provincial President, alongside numerous enthusiastic party workers. During the meeting, Shikha Bandral, the General Secretary of NAUP, emphasized the



NAUP President, Sandeep Singh Manhas and others after the meeting.

party's core agenda of empowering women and the underprivileged. Bandral, highlighting her own journey as a testament, expressed the need to address critical issues such as water and electricity scarcity in Samba, especially

during the sweltering summer season. She urged the authorities to expedite the resolution of these pressing issues.

President Sandeep Singh Manhas took a critical stance against the current government, particularly targeting

the BJP. He questioned the BJP's criticism of freebies while distributing 5KG ration to the poor, challenging any BJP leader, commissioner, or even Prime Minister Modi to taste the food themselves. Manhas asserted that this ration, purportedly distrib-

uted by the BJP, is merely the leftover stock from their godowns, questioning why the BJP government is not providing employment opportunities instead. He emphasized NAUP's commitment to providing a platform for every deserving candidate overlooked by other political parties, ensuring their empowerment and representation.

The meeting concluded with a resounding commitment from NAUP to work tirelessly towards the upliftment and empowerment of the underprivileged sections of society, promising to provide them with a voice and opportunities for a brighter future.

YSS Department concludes 7-day refresher course for Physical Education Educators, Ground-men

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KISHTWAR: The Department of Youth Services & Sports Kishitwar successfully concluded the 7-day refresher course for (PEMs), (PETs), (REKs) and Groundmen at TRC Kishitwar.

The trainee staff demonstrated commendable discipline and exemplary behavior throughout the duration of the course organized under the supervision of District Youth Services

& Sports Officer Jaffer H Sheikh. The event was graced by the presence of Zonal Physical Education Officers of Kishitwar and Nagseni, alongside trainers and staff members.

This refresher course aimed to enhance the skills and knowledge of participants, ensuring they are equipped to deliver quality physical education in schools and communities. The DYSS Officer extended his heartfelt congratulations to all participants and encouraged them to work with the same dedication to promote sports and physical education in the region.

The culmination of the course was marked by a campfire, fostering camaraderie and bonding among the participants as they embarked on their journey to uplift the youth through sports and physical activities.

KVK Reasi promotes natural farming

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting and educating the farmers on natural farming on natural farming practices under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof. BN Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrith Vaid of SKUAST-Jammu. According to Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal, Reasi district of J&K has an immense potential in natural farming and farmers can produce high quality farm products without using synthetic pesticides and herbicides. He said that natural agricultural produce is beneficial for human health, soil health and ecosystem. He further said that KVK is guiding farmers on four pillars of natural farming namely Beejamrit, Jeevamrit, Achhadana (mulching) and Wapasa (moisture). He informed that Jeevamrit is a rich source of bacteria that fix nitrogen and solubilize phosphorus, potassium and other micronutrients. Mulching enhances soil nutrients, reduces



KVK scientist Dr Banarsi Lal interacting with farmers.

insect-pests load, boosts productivity and offers economic sustainability. He emphasized on the opportunities and self-employment generation among the farmers by the adoption of natural farming practices and inclusion of millets in diet. He added that many farmers are showing keen interest in the adoption of natural farming as already they are utilizing most of the inputs for farming from their own fields. He said that natural farming is a technique through which farmers can reduce the cost of cultivation and produce the quality and healthy food. He informed that natural farming balances the agro-ecological system and can be considered as the future of farming. He said that by the adoption on natural farming farmers can enhance their income and employment with minimum or no input cost. He

said that the KVK is imparting skills on natural farming to the farmers and KVK scientists are demonstrating the practices in the formulation of Jeevamrit, Beejamrit, Panchgavya, Agniastra, Neemastra etc. and also guiding them on the practices of mulching and Achhadana required for the natural farming. He expressed that KVK is stressing on the production of safe and healthy food and this is possible with eco-friendly practices. He added that for a healthy society, healthy food is required and natural farming can play the significant role in the production of quality and safe food. He narrated that KVK is stressing on the formulation of Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) for better marketing of agricultural produce and for generating more farm profits.

Chairman JKBOSE reviews functioning of DIET Doda

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DODA: Chairman Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education, Prof. Dr. Parikshat Singh Manhas, who is also Director SCERT, visited District Doda and reviewed the functioning of District Institute of Education Training there.

The visiting dignitary was warmly welcomed by the DIET Principal Purshotam Gouria on his arrival in the district. During the visit, the Director enquired about the status of the interventions currently under operation at training Institute including the recently conducted Middle Standard Examination, Trainings of Teachers, Preparation of Annual Plan, Action Research etc.

The Chairman interacted with staff members and exhorted them to utilize their full potential to make the training institute vibrant. He also inspected ICT Lab of the institute where different training programmes are being conducted to implement the Digital Initiatives introduced for improving teaching



Chairman Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education, Prof. Dr. Parikshat Singh Manhas during visit to Doda.

learning process. The Director also reviewed the status of under construction DIET building at Mochhan Doda and hoped the same will be completed by the executing agencies in the current financial year. The Director further directed the Principal of the Institute to start a training program for Teachers under current AWP so that the teachers update their pedagogical skills. During the visit, the Director SCERT was accompanied by Suraj Rathore Joint Secretary Exam JK BOSE, Kuldeep Sharma Deputy Secretary, Ranjeet Singh Manhas, Sunil Sharma, Rajesh Hali Senior Academic

Officers Central Move Office and Assistant Secretary JK BOSE office Doda.

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