

# Narsingh Seva Kendra celebrates 1st anniversary

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 UDHAMPUR: Registered under the Narsingh Gau Seva Samiti, Jammu and Kashmir Narsingh Seva Kendra on Sunday celebrated its first anniversary with fervor and in the heart of village Khoon of Tehsil Majalta in Udhampur district.

Narsingh Seva Kendra is engaged in Gau Seva activities and extending its service area by developing constructive programs for the education and self-reliance of the farming community of this geographical area to cater the needs of the unemployed rural youth and farmer community by skill development and vocational trainings in agriculture and allied sectors which also includes emphasis on better health by promoting Naturopathy.

Narsingh Seva Kendra, Chairman, Vikram Gujral said that the prestigious project Narsingh Seva Kendra is established on about 150 Kanals of land and various works are in progress on it.

Gujral further said that the new school Shri Narsingh Seva Kendra, under Bhartiya Vidya Mandir, is committed to providing quality education and holistic development opportunities for the children of Khoon and its surroundings.

Through its nurturing environment and innovative educational approach, the school aims to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and values they need to succeed in life while staying rooted in their cultural heritage and traditions.

He said that Narsingh Seva Kendra commemorates its first



Dignitaries during the event at Udhampur.

anniversary with gratitude for the past year serve as a testament to the transformative power of service and the enduring spirit of humanity.

Looking ahead, Narsingh Seva Kendra remains steadfast in its commitment to serving with compassion, integrity, and excellence, shaping a future where every individual is empowered to live a life of dignity, purpose, and fulfillment.

The ceremony was presided over by Chief Guest Swami Hirdyanand Giri Ji and commended the Kendra's outstanding contributions to the community.

With eloquence and heartfelt appreciation, the Chief Guest emphasized the profound impact of Narsingh Seva Kendra's work across its five dimensions, underscoring its role as a beacon of hope and progress in the region. In his address, the Kendra was lauded for its unwavering commitment to holistic develop-

ment, noting the transformative effects of its initiatives in empowering individuals and fostering community resilience.

Swami Hirdyanand Giri Ji expressed admiration for the Kendra's innovative approach to addressing diverse needs, from agricultural training to education and healthcare, highlighting the organization's ability to create sustainable solutions that uplift and empower.

VC of Agricultural University of Jammu B N Tripathi also acknowledged and applauded the Kendra's remarkable achievements over the past year whose support and encouragement have been instrumental in our journey of service.

He said that since its inception, Narsingh Seva Kendra has been a beacon of hope and progress, it was envisaged on the day of Bhoomi Poojan last year that the trust will work tirelessly across five key dimensions which include Farmers Training Center and Yoga, Ved Vidyalaya along with Gurukul, Gau Samvardhan Kendra,

Naturopathy Center, and Education in Jammu & Kashmir.

Tripathi elaborated that within one year of establishment, farmers training center has been established wherein the Kendra has provided comprehensive farming training to local farmers, equipping them with the knowledge needed to enhance agricultural productivity sustainably.

Director of Agriculture Department, Jammu Arvinder Singh Reen said that through workshops, demonstrations, and hands-on guidance, farmers have embraced modern techniques while preserving traditional wisdom, resulting in increased yields and improved livelihoods for the entire community.

He lauded that Gau Samvardhan Kendra (Gaushala) was established on a non-commercial basis for rearing and protection of indigenous breeds of cows. Besides rearing, the cows were made available to the nearest villages and Panchgavya items (milk, cow dung, ghee, curd and cow urine) are also manufactured for medicinal purposes.

The Gaushala, beyond providing shelter and care to the cows, symbolizes the Kendra's commitment to environmental sustainability and animal welfare.

Shri Narsingh Ved Vidyalaya which was inaugurated last year stands as a testament to the commitment to preserve and propagate India's rich cultural heritage. Through rigorous academic pursuits and spiritual guidance, the Vidyalaya imparts Vedic teachings to the students, instilling values of

integrity, compassion, and harmony with nature. As students immerse themselves in the timeless wisdom of the Vedas, they emerge as torchbearers of tradition, poised to lead with wisdom and humility in a rapidly changing world and students. At the Naturopathy Center of Nar Singh Seva Kendra, the emphasis is on holistic healing and wellness. Drawing from ancient wisdom and modern science, and offer natural therapies and lifestyle interventions that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being. From yoga and meditation to herbal remedies and dietary guidance, individuals find empowerment to reclaim their health and vitality, fostering a culture of self-care and preventive medicine in the community.

During the 1st Anniversary of the center a large number of local people, farmers and self-help groups participated in the event, which included 22 Gram Samities and an awareness program by Agricultural University of Jammu was also organized.

Highlight of the event was special havan as per vedic traditions for the welfare of the society at large.

Chairman of the Narsingh Seva Kendra Vikram Gujral thanked everyone gathered for gracing the occasion and affirmed to further develop the Kendra as a model in Jammu and Kashmir. VC of SKUAST BN Tripathi, Director of JK Bank Anil Gool, Director of Agriculture Department, Jammu Arvinder Singh Reen, Pt. Shiv Raina and others were also present at the occasion.

# SSP Reasi inspects far flung police posts



SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma during visit to far flung police post.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 REASI: In a bid to strengthen the commitment to Public safety and enhance the efficiency of law enforcement, SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma along with SHO Police Station Arnas Insp. Vijay Kumar conducted comprehensive inspection at far flung Police Post Thanole of District Reasi.

SSP Reasi meticulously examined the overall functioning of the Police Post Thanole, focusing on key areas such as crime prevention strategies, community engagement initiatives and the overall well-being of the police personnel.

The objective of this inspection was to ensure that the Police Post Thanole is operating at its optimal capacity to serve and protect the community. SSP Reasi also interacted

with the Police Post personnel, discussed their challenges, achievements and future goals.

She reviewed the crime data and statistics for the jurisdiction, assessing the effectiveness of on-going initiatives and identifying areas for improvement.

SSP Reasi expressed satisfaction with the overall performance of the Police Post Thanole office while acknowledging the hard work and dedication of the personnel. The visit served as an opportunity to motivate and inspire the team to continue their tireless efforts in upholding law and order. The visit by SSP Reasi reflects the department's dedication to ensuring that every Police Post/Station operates at the highest standards to meet the evolving needs of the community.

# Director Horticulture Jammu chalks out plans for development of departmental nurseries

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 RAMBAN: Director Horticulture Jammu Chaman Lal Sharma, conducted two days extensive tour of District Ramban. He was accompanied by Chief Horticulture Officer Ramban, Manager cum Chemist, District Horticulture Officers, Farm Manager ACHD Ramban, Horticulture Development officer and other staff of the Department.

The tour was aimed to chalk out plans for development of departmental nurseries on scientific lines with latest facilities under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP). During inspection of Govt. Fruit Plant Nursery Batote, the Director stressed the need to prepare a plan for its up gradation on scientific lines by incorporating latest equipments/ machinery and installation of Micro-Irrigation system for the mother blocks.

He visited the private nursery namely Sada-e-bahar at

Darmund, Ramban established by an entrepreneur Sh. Abdul Qadoos, with the assistance of the department wherein he inspected the nursery plant material stock and other facilities available. He guided the entrepreneur to modernize the nursery with latest technological interventions for production of quality planting material of High Density cultivars.

Acknowledging the importance of quality planting material in establishment of orchards, the Director inspected the Advanced Centre for Horticulture Development Farm at Ramban and laid emphasis on the need for modernization and development under HADP. He instructed the farm manager to upgrade the Hi-tech poly house structures with latest equipments. The Director underscored the importance of divisional level farm for imparting training to the new recruits as well as to the aspiring private entrepreneurs on scientific lines enabling them to



Director Horticulture Jammu Chaman Lal Sharma during visit to Ramban.

acquire advance skills in plant propagation techniques and nursery management practices. This will also equip the youth technically for establishment of private nurseries and orchards thereby generating employment opportunities for them.

During the visit, the Director addressed a large gathering of farmers at Ramban and elaborated the details of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme providing incentives / assistance for the welfare of the farming community. He sensitized the gathering about the main components of the programme and asked them to apply online for different Govt. schemes through Kissan SATHI-Dashboard. He urged them to avail the benefits on different components of the schemes viz: Plantation, Protected cultivation, Water harvesting tanks, Drip irrigation, Custom Hiring Centres, Machinery, Processing units, Nursery establishment etc. for upliftment of their socio-economic status.

Later, the Director Horticulture took a meeting of the Extension and Nursery staff in order to review the scenario of Horticulture in Ramban District. During the meeting he directed to percolate the

benefits of the Centrally sponsored as well as UT CAPEX schemes at the grass root level so that the farming community may be benefitted at large. The chair also listened to the problems of the staff patiently and assured to address their genuine demands. All the staff members of Ramban, Ramsso, Banihal & Gool attended the meeting.

At the outset of meeting, Chief Horticulture Officer Ramban Sh. Anil Kumar Gorka welcomed the Director Horticulture and briefed about the status of Public Sector nurseries and works going on in the field. Farm Manager ACHD, Govindpora, Ramban Sh. Virinder Kumar also remained present during the meeting and briefed the chair about the farm activities and production status of the Plants. Among others, Manager cum Chemist Sh. Anil Chhibber, DLSMS Sh. Sandeep Sharma, HDO's Abhinav Gupta & Sunil Gupta were also present.

# DD&OE, JU organises farewell party for B.Ed distance learners

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 JAMMU: Directorate of Distance and Online Education (DD&OE), University of Jammu organised a grand farewell party for its B.Ed Semester IV outgoing students, session 2022-2024. The B.Ed students who got enrolled during the session 2022 underwent a two year rigorous training course and completed their two years Journey with the Directorate. To bid them farewell, a colourful cultural programme cum farewell party was organised in the seminar hall of the department. The programme started with the lighting of traditional lamp by the Director, DD&OE, Prof. Pankaj Kumar Srivastva accompanied by B.Ed programme coordinator Dr. Jaspal Singh Warwal, along with his team members. There after the program was formally set opened by Dr. Jaspal who besides welcoming the chief guest highlighted the outline of the day's programme. Thereafter, the



Dignitaries being honoured during the programme.

Director address the gathering and in his addressal, he appreciated the students for their hard work and dedication throughout their course work as well as in presentation of the show on the concluding day. Dr. Srivastva also highlighted the strengths and some of the forthcoming initiatives of the DD&OE like constitution of alumni association and forthcoming workshop on Design and Development of Self Learning Material (SLM) for distance learners.

Nearly 250 In-Service Teachers attended the Celebration. The organizing committee of the programme comprised of Iqra,

Amanpreet Singh, Prabsimran, Sumeet Sawhney and Vaishali. The stage handling and comparison was done by Monika and Smily. Thereafter the students presented their colourful cultural items like Dance (Vasbi), Solo song (U p d e s h), Poetry (Shivani and Vaishali), Speech (Mansi Bamba), Folk song (Rajni), Shyari (Asiya) etc. which filled the audience with thrill and mesmerised them all to the stage of being spell-bound.

The programme concluded with presentation of Vote of Thanks by Iqra followed by sumptuous lunch to all.

# Kashmir people should vote for some honest candidate, BJP will win Ladakh: Khatana

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 BILLAWAR: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana has condemned the terrorist attack on Indian Air Force (IAF) warriors in which one warrior was martyred and five others injured.

Speaking at a sports event in Billawar tehsil of district Kathua, Khatana said that the terror attack is the outcome of frustration among militants ranks who are being continuously eliminated after the government led by PM Modi has given a free hand to security forces by adopting zero tolerance policy against terrorism.

Appreciating the people of



MP (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana felicitating players.

Billawar the MP lauded the brotherhood and amity existing in the area.

He assured all the required developments in the area for the welfare of the people of Billawar.

"In the last 10 years of BJP rule led by PM Modi every nook and corner of our country has seen historic develop-

ments," he maintained adding: "The third term of PM Modi to helm the affairs of our country will see more developments."

Answering to a reporter Khatana said that people of Kashmir should vote to an honest candidate in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections and they should not elect the tra-

ditional parties which have only brought bloodshed and uncertainty in Kashmir.

The senior BJP leader expressed confidence that BJP will emerge as a winner from the Ladakh Lok Sabha seat.

"People of Ladakh know that Congress during its long tenure in the country has done nothing for Ladakh so the people of Ladakh don't believe the big promises of either Congress or other members of INDI alliance," Khatana further said.

He said that BJP will cross the mark of 400 Lok Sabha seats this year which will pave the way for PM Modi to take the reins of the country for one more time.

# DC Samba stresses on better upkeep for smooth conduct of Shri Amarnath Yatra-2024

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 SAMBA: Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Abhishek Sharma today inspected maintenance of National Highway stretch from Gaghwal to Bari Brahmana and asked the Executing agencies for better upkeep of the road for smooth conduct of Shri Amarnath Yatra-2024.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Suresh C Sharma, SSP Traffic police and Officers of NHAI accompanied the DC.

The Deputy Commissioner asked construction agencies to expedite the pace of work on the Highway stretch and



DC Samba, Abhishek Sharma inspecting maintenance of National Highway stretch from Gaghwal to Bari Brahmana.

complete the same before the commencement of Amarnath Yatra. He directed to prioritise the construction works, install

signboards at diversions and identify and fill pot-holes within 7 days along the stretch.

The DC Samba informed that 26 lodgment centres have been set up at different locations in district Samba for ease of yatris which can be used as transit camps.

The work of fly-over bridges at some locations was also reviewed and construction companies were instructed to expedite the same in a planned way so that these are completed as per timeline. Further, the Deputy Commissioner formed Sub Division level committees headed by concerned SDMs to monitor works of construction companies and to resolve issues of public as well as construction companies.

# Progressive Youth Society organises cultural programme

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 UDHAMPUR: Progressive Youth Society (Regd.) Ramnagar District Udhampur organized a Cultural Programme in collaboration with Ministry of Culture (Govt. of India) under Repertory Grant in which Shamshad Begum Headmaster Govt. High School Upper Hartarayan (Udhampur) was the Chief Guest whereas Sanjay Kumar Ex-Sarpanch Upper Hartarayan presided over the function.

The programme started with welcome address by Manoj Kumar Sharma 'Nishchint' President PYS followed by compering of O.P Deepak.

Prominent singers Mohinder Singh Sumbria, Ashok Kumar and Seema

Mehra enthralled the audience with their melodious songs in Dogri language on which students started dancing.

Audience comprising of children, men and women appreciated the cultural event. Sanjay Kumar Ex-Sarpanch and Vinod Kumar Teacher appreciated and thanked to Progressive Youth Society for this event. Tanveer Ahmed member PYS presented vote of thanks.

Prominent among others were Balwan Singh, Sohan Singh, Mirza and Ashu Devi (Teacher).

# Parshu Ram Jyanti celebrated with fervour

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 UDHAMPUR: Bhagwan Shree Parshu Ram Jyanti celebrated in Udhampur with full gaiety and religious fervor. In this regard an impressive Shoba Yatra was organized by founder member Sudesh Bharti and active volunteers of the Shree Parshu Ram Yuva Dal in a traditional manner in Udhampur where Subash Shastri led the Shoba Yatra.

Large number devotees of all age group including girls, women folks of Brahmin community celebrated Jyanti in Udhampur today with great fun. All devotees decorated in traditional attires assembled in the premises of



Devotees participating in Shobha Yatra at Udhampur.

Kargil Hanuman Temple, after performing Puja an impressive and well decorative Shoba Yatra taken out headed by noted Subash Shastri ji. Yatra passed through Domail Chowk, Slathia Chowk, Court road, Gole market, Main Bazaar, Chabutra Bazaar, Sallian

attires and had displayed number of tablux of Bhagwan Shree Parshu Ram Ji Devotees were chanting Bajjan Kirtan also. Subash Shastri Ji had delivered holy sermons and blessed the devotees. Shastri Ji also highlighted the role and contributions of Bhagwan Shree Parshu Ram best known for his character and vindicated power also. He said people must follow brave steps shown by Parshu Ram Ji and always inculcate for the survival of community to counter social evils and menace in society. Later a Vishal Bhandra was organized for devotees where thousands of people took Prashad. On this

occasion besides many prominent citizens people from all section of society have participated and exhibited the model of brotherhood and self harmony. Sudesh Bharati on behalf of Dal members extended gratitude towards all who have supports and coordinated to make the celebration a grand success. Beside local prominent persons, Advo. Yog Raj Sharma, former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia, Vikram Singh Slathia, Pankaj Khajuria, Brij Mohan Sharma, Sumit Magotra, AIF Distt president Vimal Sharma, Nek Ram Sharma, and many more have participated in Shoba Yatra.

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