

Rajouri’s Sarv Dharam Tiranga Rally unites youths in patriotic fervour

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RAJOURI: A spirited Sarv Dharam Tiranga Rally was held today in Dhangri, Rajouri, bringing together hundreds of enthusiastic participants from diverse communities to honour the bravery of Indian Forces. Organized by Dheeraj Sharma, a National Awardee and former Sarpanch of Upper Dhangri, the rally showcased the region's unity and unwavering support for the nation's armed forces. The vibrant procession commenced at Dhangri Chowk, weaving through Muradpur to Panja Chowk, Rajouri, and returning via Bhadoon to conclude at Dhangri Chowk. Hundreds of youths, riding two-wheelers adorned with fluttering National Flags, filled the air with resounding chants of



Tiranga Yatra being taken out at Rajouri.

'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and 'Indian Forces Zindabad'. The rally symbolized a powerful display of patriotism, with participants from all castes and religions uniting under the tricolor. Addressing the gathering, Dheeraj Sharma lauded the Indian Army and Paramilitary Forces for their recent decisive operation against terrorist bases in Pakistan. "We are immensely proud of our forces, who executed a pre-

cise and impactful mission, eliminating hundreds of terrorists without any collateral damage to our nation," he said. Sharma emphasized that the rally was organized to applaud the valor of the forces and to foster unity among youths of different faiths in support of a strong, secure India. Reflecting on the recent military operation, Sharma added, "While our forces successfully completed their mission in a single day, compelling Pakistan to appeal for a ceasefire, we believe extending the operation for a few more days could have dismantled Pakistan's terrorist ecosystem entirely, ensuring long-term security for our nation." He urged continued vigilance and national unity to counter future threats. The rally saw active participation from prominent community members, including Pritam Sharma, Subedar Amarjeet Singh, Capt. Ravinder Raina, Mushtaq Ahmed Choudhry, Nasharat Hussain, Saddam Jatt, and Mohd. Jameel, among others. Their presence underscored the inclusive spirit of the event, which resonated with the ethos of Sarv Dharam-embracing all religions in a shared celebration of national pride. The Sarv Dharam Tiranga Rally not only honoured the courage of India's armed forces but also reinforced Rajouri's commitment to unity, patriotism, and peace. The event concluded with participants pledging to support initiatives that strengthen national security and communal harmony.

Sudesh Magotra nominated as new President of Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR: A meeting was organized in Bhagwan Parshuram Mandir Akhnoor which took place under the presidency of Ashok Shastri (Former President Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Akhnoor). In the meeting Sudesh Magotra unanimously nominated as new president of Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Akhnoor. Sudesh Magotra while sharing views on the occasion thanked all present in the meeting for nominating him new responsibility in the Biradari & assured all Biradari members that he will do his best efforts in raising every work of the biradari. On the occasion Thoru Ram Sharma (Former President Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Akhnoor), Mangu Ram



Sabha members during the programme.

Sharma (Former President Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Akhnoor), Dayal Khajuria (Former President Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Akhnoor) & Ravinder Khajuria (Former President Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Akhnoor) were remained mainly present.	Others present included Inder Sharma, Babbu Magotra, Surinder Sharma, Sham Lal Bral, Pritam Sharma (Maira Mandrian wale), Madan Lal Sharma (Rajouri wale), Ashish Chander, Shammi Mishra, Deepu Sharma, biradri representatives from surrounding villages.
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AGC Amritsar honours city toppers with awards at Springdales Kathua



Organisers along with topper students during the event.

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KATHUA: In a grand celebration of academic excellence, Springdales English School, Changran, in collaboration with Amritsar Group of Colleges, Amritsar hosted the City Topper Awards Ceremony to honour the outstanding performance of Class 12 students from across the region. The event witnessed participation from toppers of more than 50 schools in and around Kathua, along with proud parents, teachers, and dignitaries from the education sector. Around 300 students registered for the event. The Chief Guest, Mangat Ram Sharma, CEO Kathua, praised the dedication and hard work of the students and encouraged them to aim high in their future careers. He further announced 100% scholarship to top 3 students of the district for pursuing any course at Amritsar Group of Colleges. Also, students who scored 90 % and above were given 30 % scholarship, 80% and above were given 20% scholarship and 70% and above were given 10% scholarship for the IDegree -an online degree program offered by Woosong University, South Korea. Dr. Dipti Malhotra, Dean Campus Relations, Amritsar Group of Colleges, Amritsar inspired students and motivated them to pursue careers

after proper career guidance from experts. Another highlight of the event was the psychometric testing for career guidance held by Career expert Mr. Arvind Mahajan at the Atal Tinkering Lab of the School. Prof. R.K. Gupta, Director Springdales expressed his pride in the achievements of the students, saying, "These young minds are the future of our nation. Their hard work and determination deserve to be celebrated and supported." The ceremony also witnessed felicitation of inspiring teachers and concluded with a message of hope and ambition, inspiring students to pursue excellence in their chosen fields.

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KVK Reasi organises Training Programme on Scientific Cultivation of Maize Crop

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology - Jammu (SKUAST-J) organized training programme on scientific cultivation of maize crop organised here at Bhaga village in Reasi district of J&K which was enthusiastically attended by a number of women farmers of the area. The programme was organised under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N. Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J. The programme was initiated by Dr. Banarsi Lal, Chief Scientist &Head of KVK Reasi with the warm welcome of the participants. He briefed the objectives of



KV scientist educating participants.

Front Line Demonstrations (CFLDs) on maize crop and elaborated the scientific technologies by which farmers can increase the maize production. He said the farmers that by the adoption of latest techniques in maize production they can fetch more farm returns. He guided the participants on Integrated Nutrients Management

(INM) and stressed on balance use of nutrients in maize crop. He also discussed on the soil fertility and emphasised on the soil testing before the application of nutrients in the crops. He also guided farmers on seed treatment in maize crop and stressed on the Integrated Disease Management(IDM) and Integrated Pest

Management(IPM). The scientist elaborated important diseases and insect-pestsin maize crop and suggested their control measures. He further said that the maize crop is sensitive to the moisture stress and moisture excessive conditions and suggested them that farmers should drain the water from maize fields to get the maximum yield. He guided the participants to use only the recommended varieties for the district and stressed on the cluster based approach.He emphasized on line sowing in maize crop and suggested the proper spacing between plant-to-plant and line-to-line in maize crop. He suggested the farmers to use the quality seed of maize and gave a detail view of certain technologies which are needed for scientific maize production. He discussed in detail on the organic management practices for the sustainable maize production. He also elaborated the concept of natural farming and participants were educated on the formulation of organic inputs such as Beejamrit, Jeevamrit, Panchgavya, Cow Urine, mulching etc. In this programme various quarries regarding scientific maize production were asked by the farmers which KVK scientist answered in a satisfactorily way.During the programme, an awardee woman farmer,Smt.Anita Kumari was also present who thanked KVK Reasi for organizing such a useful and informative programme. The programme was assisted by Sh.Manohar Laland concluded by Smt.Anita Kumari with the formal vote of thanks.

Awareness workshop on PMFME Scheme held at Hamirpur-Kathua

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KATHUA: An Awareness workshop on PMFME Scheme was today organised at Hamirpur, Block-Barnoti, District- Kathua for farmers, SHG members and FPOs etc. The event was co-ordinated by Area Marketing officer, Department of Horticulture (P&M) Kathua/District Nodal officer, PMFME Kathua. Besides a large number of farmers and SHG members, officers/officials from Agriculture, Sheep Husbandry, Horticulture, Floriculture departments, besides those from NRLM and the concerned BDO office attended the workshop and shared information about the schemes of their departments. Varinder Sharma Ex- Sarpanch Hamirpur Panchayat graced the occasion. The officials imparted

awareness to the participants about PMFME scheme in detail and encouraged them to avail the benefits of the same. The AMO requested line departments to identify the PMFMEs and forward the list to DNO /DRP PMFME Kathua as directed by Deputy Commissioner Kathua so as to achieve the targets set by the Agriculture production department, Govt of J&K.

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Rahul Gandhi’s Poonch visit nothing but a political drama: Purnima

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JAMMU: BJP Spokesperson J&K and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, Advocate Purnima Sharma today called Rahul Gandhi's visit to Poonch a mere publicity stunt with no real purpose or concern for the people. In a press statement issued here, Adv. Purnima Sharma said that Rahul Gandhi's visit came too late and lacked any clear direction. "When the people of Poonch needed support, relief, and leadership the most, he was nowhere to be seen. Now, he suddenly shows up for the cameras - it looks more like a PR exercise than genuine concern," she said. She compared this to the quick and committed response of BJP workers, who were on the ground helping people under the leadership of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi. "True leaders act when people need them - not just when the media is watching," she added. Adv. Sharma further said the Congress party is now out of touch with the people of Jammu & Kashmir and is only trying to stay relevant through planned appearances. "The Congress has lost its connect with the ground. Rahul Gandhi's visit was all show and no substance - just another attempt to stay in the news," she said. Reaffirming the BJP's commitment, Sharma said the people of the region need more than empty speeches. "Jammu & Kashmir needs dedicated leaders, regular presence, and solid work - which the BJP has consistently delivered under PM Modi's leadership," she added.

Army organises Medical Patrolling Programme

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POONCH/RAJOURI/REASI : With the aim of providing basic medical facilities to the people residing in Chei, Jamola, Chakli, Bahmatkote in Poonch Rajouri and Reasi district, Indian Army organized a Medical Patrolling programme on Sunday. The initiative was taken to create awareness amongst the people in remote areas regarding various diseases and their symptoms, along with pro-active measures to stem the tide of the same. Indian Army sent its medical patrol to Chei, which interacted with the villagers including Sarpanch and Panches and the local populace. Indian Army representatives provided assistance with free health check-up & medicines were provided to the people. A total of 157 locals were interacted with and were distributed medicines during

the medical patrol. Requisite consultation and medicines were provided to the local populace who availed medical benefits. This programme helped local people to avail medical facilities provided by Indian Army, which is otherwise extremely challenging considering the terrain and remoteness of the area. Lecture was organised during this medical patrol to emphasize on importance of good eating habits, balanced diet plan and maintaining personal hygiene and sanitation to increase happiness quotient amongst local populace in the area. This event evoked great enthusiasm amongst the local population. The genuine effort taken up by Indian Army to

organise the medical patrol was appreciated by the entire population in the village. The people gathered at the venue and sought constructive suggestions to improve the livelihood of the residents. This gesture and effort by Indian Army was highly appreciated by locals. This endeavour by Indian Army to reach out to the population residing in remote areas, where civil administration has limited accessibility, will go a long way in developing and strengthening trust between Jawan and Awam. The event also served as a platform to strengthen the bond between Indian Army and the people of this region. It showcased Army's commitment towards service to the nation.

Army organises medical, veterinary camp nomads

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DODA: Indian Army organised Medical and Veterinary Camp at Lal Darman on Sunday under Operation Sadbhavana. Medical and Veterinary Camp was aimed to address the popular demand of locals residing in remote area of Bhagwalh tehsil of Doda district where medical facilities are inadequate due to poor road conditions, weather constraints & under development. The Medical and Veterinary Camp was led by Army Medical Officer, Doctors from Government Medical College and Veterinary Doctors from District Sheep and Animal Husbandry department. Medical cover included screening of patients, medical treatment and distribution of medicines. A total of 209 patients including 115 males, 69 females and 25 children were provided medical care by the doctors. The Veterinary camp was also conducted to screen & treat the livestock of locals as well as of Gujjar & Bakkarwals. A total of 185 animals including cows, sheep, horses, mules, goats and buffaloes were screened and provided free medical treatment. Also adequate medicines for animals were distributed to the locals as well as Gujjar & Bakkarwals. 12 x Media Persons, 04 x Doctors Govt Medical College and 10 x staff including Veterinary Doctors from District Sheep and Animal Husbandry department, Doda took part in the said event.

Pre-course yoga day camp organised

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POONCH: Army organized a rejuvenating pre-course yoga camp at Peer Said Musawali School in Sangiot village. The initiative, aimed at promoting holistic well-being and stress reduction, saw enthusiastic participation from both students and teachers. The camp, held on May 25, 2025, provided an invaluable opportunity for participants to engage in various yoga asanas, breathing exercises (pranayama), and meditation techniques. This event is part of the Sangiot Company ongoing commitment to fostering community engagement and promoting a healthy lifestyle among the youth. The positive response from the students and faculty of Peer Said Musawali School underscored the success of the camp in imparting valuable tools for personal well-being. The Sangiot Company remains dedicated to such collaborative efforts that contribute to the overall development and health of local communities.

Army organises awareness lecture on Cyber Crime



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POONCH: Keeping in view of the Indian Army's core objective of maintaining cordial relations with local citizens the Indian Army organised a 'Lecture on Cyber Crime' for spreading awareness amongst the young generation as well as local populace regarding prevailing Cyber Crime in the environment and its impact on society. This lecture helped to spread the awareness on prevailing cybercrime and promote knowledge on best practices to overcome such practices amongst local people of all age groups of Pir Topa and nearby areas. Refreshments were also offered to the invitees. A total of 72 locals attended the lecture. During this lecture, representative of Indian Army gave a lecture about various malicious activities like hacking, phishing, ransom ware attacks, identity theft, online fraud and cyber terrorism. He also made them aware that these days cyberspace is a massive community of millions and billions of users. In this age of technology and easy access to the internet, anyone can easily reach it. Due to easy access to internet, the rate of Cyber Crime has increased many fold. Cybercrime is a dangerous offense to someone's privacy or any material. Hence, cyber security has become a major concern for society today. He also briefed the youth and locals that Cyber Crime can be dealt with effectively. Likewise, with little use of our common sense and logic, we can stop Cyber Crimes from happening. This gesture and effort by Indian Army was highly appreciated by Awam. This endeavour by Indian Army to reach out to the population residing in remote areas, where civil administration has limited accessibility, will go a long way in developing and strengthening trust between Jawan and Awam. The event also served as a platform to strengthen the bond between Indian Army and the people of this region. It showcased Indian Army's commitment towards service to the nation.

Inter-state drug smuggling racket busted, charas worth Rs 1.10 crore seized: Delhi Police

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police have arrested three key operatives of an inter-state drug smuggling racket and seized 2,124 grams of charas worth approximately Rs 1.10 crore, police said on Sunday. The three accused used to smuggle charas from Himachal Pradesh to Delhi-NCR, they said. According to the police, the syndicate sourced the narcotics from Himachal Pradesh's Kasol. The arrests and recoveries were made in two separate operations. The first arrest was made on January 8 when, following a tip-off, Naseeb (25) of Uttar Pradesh and Sandeep (40) from Punjab were

apprehended. A total of 1,438 grams of charas was seized from their possession, they said. Further investigation led to the arrest of Inder Singh alias Indru from Himachal Pradesh's Kullu. A subsequent house search resulted in the seizure of 696 grams of charas, the police said. Inder Singh got the contraband cultivated through Naseeb in remote hill areas of Kasol, they said. "Naseeb handled cultivation, Sandeep arranged transportation, and Inder Singh was the main supplier. Together, they formed a high-value narco network," said DCP (crime branch) Apoorva Gupta, adding that further investigations are underway.

Gill will have to lead from front, judgement of young Indian team can wait: Harbhajan

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MUMBAI: India's new Test skipper Shubman Gill will have to lead from the front in absence of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma but the young team should not be judged too early, feels spin bowling great Harbhajan Singh. The 25-year-old Gill was on Saturday appointed as the full-time captain of the Indian team with Rishabh Pant as his deputy with the new World Test Championship cycle beginning with next month's

England tour. Harbhajan welcomed the choice of Gill as captain but said there are challenges ahead. "Obviously it is a great move, having a young captain like Shubman Gill who has done well in franchise cricket," Harbhajan told PTI during the launch of TV show 'Who's the Boss' on Sunday. "But this is going to be a tough tour, England has never been an easy tour. I hope that Shubman, Rishabh

Pant... this is a young team. There is no Virat Kohli or Rohit Sharma, suddenly there is a big gap in that team and that also needs to be filled, so Shubman will have to lead from the front," he said. Harbhajan said Gill's side should be given time to find their feet and not be judged too early in case they lose the series to England. "I will also like to ask people to not start judging too early even if this tour doesn't go their way," he said.

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