

## Amarnath pilgrims accorded rousing reception at Udhampur



DDC Chairperson, Lal Chand and DC Krittika Jyotsna flagging-off pilgrims from Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: The first batch of pilgrims of Shri AmarNath ji Yatra 2022 was accorded a rousing reception by District Administration on their arrival here at Kali Mata Mandir Tikri Udhampur this morning.

On reaching Kali Mata Temple, the civil and police administration welcomed the pilgrims and offered light refreshment, sweets and drinking water to the pilgrims.

Later, District Development Council Chairperson, Udhampur Lal Chand and Deputy Commissioner, Krittika Jyotsna flagged off the pilgrims for their onward journey to Kashmir.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Dr Vinod Kumar, Additional District Development Commissioner, Anu Behl, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mohammad Syed Khan, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral and other officers besides eminent citizens of the district were also present on the occasion.

Earlier, a large number of local people along with district officers received the first batch of pilgrims comprising 2228 yatris at Kali Mata Mandir Tikri Udhampur.

The DDC informed that this year the district administration has established a total of 14 Medical Aid

Centres and 28 Langars enroute Shri Amarnath Yatra in the district. Besides, a Control room has been established for providing every type of information to the yatris. The Yatra convoy comprised 1773 males 447 females 02 children and 60 transgender. They left in various motor vehicles for two different routes i.e Baital and Pahalgam base camps in Kashmir valley.

To welcome the Yatris, the students of Government Higher Secondary School and Sainik Cooperative Public High School Tikri presented a cultural programme featuring theme based performances.

The authorities urged upon the pilgrims to utilize and avail all the facilities being extended by the government during the yatra. The pilgrims were also informed about the arrangements made for them at the base camp, besides other facilities being extended to them.

The pilgrims appreciated the goodwill gesture of Civil and Police Administration Udhampur for according them rousing reception and cooperation.

## Tourism Directorate Jammu organises Devi Pindi Trek, cleanliness drive

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REASI: The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu on Wednesday organised a one day Trek and Cleanliness Drive from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Nursery, Panthal to Devi Pindi, situated in the Trikuta foothills and believed to be as equally important to Mata Vaishno Devi.

A group of more than 70 Trekkers, volunteers and bloggers was flagged off by Rajinder Mengi, DDC Panthal and Chander Mohan, BDC Panthal in presence of Angrez Singh, SDM Katra; Ambika Bali, Asst. Director Tourism Katra and Raies Akhter Mir, BDO Katra.

About 5 KM trek to the temple starts from a narrow stream flowing throughout the trek route. On this adventurous trek, there are a variety of flora and fauna making every sight delightful. Huge peaks and hillocks on the way promise to keep the journey magnificent. The surroundings are a visual treat, particularly for nature lovers. Enroute the trek special cleanliness drive was organised by the

Tourism Department and the volunteers of Panthal Block. On the occasion SDM, Katra informed that the motive of organizing this Trekking and cleanliness drive is to promote Adventure Tourism in Katra and to divert the lakhs of pilgrims visiting the town to other destinations in and around Jammu and Katra in particular. This will also help in promoting the unexplored destinations of Jammu Division and will boost the economy of the area and generate employment opportunities for the host population. He also suggested that we should develop a habit to keep our surroundings neat and clean.

The Assistant Director Tourism asked the Trekkers to explore the nature while traversing through the area and also make the people aware about the cleanliness of the tourist destinations. She asked the bloggers to post the same in their blogs to promote the destination. She further informed that a series of Events & Adventure activities are in the pipeline in coming months which shall help in boosting tourism in the region.

## Coordination meeting of stakeholders of justice delivery system held

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JAMMU: As per the directions of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, the Coordination Meeting for the quarter April-June 2022 of various stakeholders of justice delivery system for District Samba was held today at District Court Complex, Samba.

The meeting was chaired by Sonia Gupta, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Samba and was attended by Arvind Sharma, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Samba, Abhishek Mahajan, SSP Samba, Suram Sharma, Addl. DC, Samba, Slahuddin Ahmed, Secretary, DLSA Samba, Pawan Kumar Khajoria, Deputy Director Prosecution, Kathua-Samba, Javid Ahmad Khwaja, Public Prosecutor, Samba, Bhupinder Singh Charak, Special Public Prosecutor NCB, Sonal Arora, Standing Counsel, Samba, Anil Gupta, Executive Engineer, PWD Samba, Sunil Sharma, Executive Engineer, PHE Samba, Santosh Kotwal, CEO Municipal Council, Samba, Naveen Gupta, AEE, PHC Division, Jammu, Rakesh Sharma, AEE, PDD Samba, Atul Sharma, District



Sonia Gupta, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Samba chairing a meeting.

Floriculture Officer, Samba. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the issues concerning ways and means for effective, efficient and timely rendering of justice to the litigants, the infrastructural and security issues faced by the Judicial Institution at Samba District; and ways and means of developing and improving the system as a whole. Sonia Gupta, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Samba highlighted that in order to strengthen the justice delivery system it is desirable that all the stakeholders work in tandem with each other to maximize the judicial output. She emphasized upon the participants for streamlining the coordination between the Courts and other stakeholders for developing and improving the judicial system and urged them to render their valuable assistance pertaining to jus-

stice delivery system. Various issues were discussed and effective solutions were worked out to enhance the efficiency level of the judicial system at the district.

Arvind Sharma, CJM Samba acted as Secretary for the Coordination Meeting. Minutes of meeting and the resolutions passed in the meeting were recorded in Minutes Book specifically maintained for that purpose and signed by all the participants, which would also be shared with the participants in order to ensure effective follow up of all the actionable points. JNF

## Dep'tt of FS organises awareness program on 'Eat Right Challenge' campaign

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RAJOURI: The Department of Food Safety on Wednesday organised an awareness program /Mela in Kalakote block on different initiatives of Eat Right Movement like RUCCO, reductions of salt, sugar and fat in daily diet, food fortifications and Registration & issuance of licenses. The event was organised on the direction of the Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration JK UT, Shakeel ul Rehman and Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal. Chairman MC Kalakote, CDPO Kalakote, ZEO, counselors, FBOs, ICDS workers and people of all walks of life were present. The participants were sensitized and requested to follow hygienic parameters and provide safe and healthy food to their families. Moreover, the participants were also motivated to use fortified food articles and avoid junk food. They were also educated about the adverse effects of smoking in public places as well in families.

## DIET Kud completes two batches of training under Nipun Bharat



DIET officials along with participants during the programme.

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UDHAMPUR: DIET Kud completed two batches of training for teachers in Zone Ghordi and Ramnagar under the guidance of Principal DIET Kud Gulzar Begum and incharge DIET Sushma Gupta. In these trainings 120 Teachers participated. Resource Persons have trained the trainees with new teaching techniques under Nipun Bharat. Basically

Nipun Bharat is an initiative of Govt of India in which target have been set to achieve literacy and numeracy by 2026-27 up to Grade 3rd Students in the entire Country. Aim of Scheme is to strengthen the communication skills among the Primary Students. Where's in three days training program many activities have been carried out by the Resource Persons and Teachers Trainees were

involved with practical sessions also. Sub Divisional Magistrate Ramnagar Sh Gopal Singh was the Chief Guest in the Closing day at HSS Ramnagar. While Speaking at the occasion he stressed upon the teachers for the successful implementation of the Nipun Bharat at their disposal. Ashok Kumar and Rajesh Sharma both Sr Lecturers were the coordinators at Zone Ghordi. Shiv Kumar and Rashpal Singh both Sr Lecturers worked as coordinator at Zone Ramnagar. Avinash Thappa, Surjeet Singh, Gopal Chand, Ajay Kumar, Sohan Kumar, Mulkh Raj, Sudesh Kumar Sharma, Ashok Sharma and Hazara Singh worked as Resource Persons in zone Ghordi and Zone Ramnagar respectively.

## Senior Citizens Welfare Forum holds monthly General Body meeting

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KATRA: 92nd Monthly General Body meeting of Senior Citizens Welfare Forum Katra ( Regd.) held at PWD Guest House Katra.

Meeting was chaired by its President Shiv Kumar Sharma and proceedings conducted by retired ZEO, Chanay Ram, Executive member of the forum.

Various allied issues were discussed in the meeting, besides accounts of the forum were disclosed by the President.

Birthday of retired sub inspector Gajay Ram and retired senior driver from NHPC Om Parkash who were present in the meeting were celebrated by



Members of Forum during the meeting at Katra.

Garlanding them and presenting them a gift by President and other senior members.

Angrej Singh, SDM, Katra who was accompanied Ashok Kumar, Naib Tehsildar Katra was the chief guest on this occasion who was welcomed by

the President and other senior members in the meeting. SDM was honoured by the President by presenting him Mata Ki Chunari, a pagri of Dogra culture, welcome haar and showering of flowers petals. Speaking on this occasion SDM briefed

about the struggle he made in his life to come up to this level.

Members spoke on the occasion included Shiv Kumar Sharma, Chanay Ram, President Awardee, Gopal Krishan Komal, Retired Chief Engineer Sita Ram Dogra, Retired ZEO Kaka Ram, Retired Principal Shub Datt Puri, Retired Station Master Sansar Chand ,Romesh Babber and Vice President of the forum Sukhdev Singh.

Gajay Ram and Om Parkash conveyed their heartfelt thanks for celebrating their birthday. 30 members attended this meeting which colluded with vote of thanks by Sukhdev Singh.

## NAAC Peer team visits GDC Bishnah

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BISHNAH: A 4 member of NAAC Peer Team visited GDC Bishnah for 1st cycle of accreditation on Wednesday. The team was led by the chairperson Dr. K. Mani Mekalai Kalidhasan (Chairperson) and members Dr. Kishor Mahendra Joshi as a (member Coordinator), Dr. Donatus Kujur as a (Member), Dr. G. Sudarshana Reddy as a (observer). They were experts from different domains of knowledge to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the college.

The principal of the college, Dr. Anuradha Pandoh and co-ordinator IQAC, Dr. Alka Sharma gave their presentation on the activities undertaken by the college in the last five years. NAAC team visited various departments and had interaction with the staff. They also reviewed various facilities in the college. Later on, a cultural event was organized by the students of the college on the theme 'Dogra culture'.

The two day visit concluded with an exit meeting where NAAC peer team chairperson gave her observation and recommendations and then she handed over the assessment report to the Dr. Anuradha Pandoh of the college.

## Neelam inaugurates 17th Vishal Langar at Ramban

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RAMBAN: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former MLA Ramban inaugurated the 17th Vishal Langar organized by Shri Gori Shankar Amarnath Sewa Mandal (Reg:44), Yamunanagar, Jagadhri, Haryana, at Ramban on Wednesday.

While addressing the gathering at Khela Morh i.e, the Langar venue, Neelam Langhe wished Amarnath Yatris a peaceful, safe and secure journey to Lord Shiva's abode. He said he feels privileged to be part of this Vishal Langar and serve the devotees having come from far and wide to proceed further to Lord Shiva's abode to have Darshan of the holy Ice Lingam and seek blessings of the Almighty.

Langhe appreciated the relentless philanthropic efforts of Shri Gori Shankar Amarnath Sewa Mandal that has been organizing this Langar at Ramban. He conveyed his

special gratitude to the members of the organizing committee comprising President, MR Harpal Oberoi; Vice President, Sandeep Sethiya; Secretary, Jagjit Singh; Cashier, Rajeev Bansal and Langar Head, Virender Sharma for conducting the Langar functioning smoothly.

The senior BJP leader emphasized upon the need to adopt philanthropy as an essential part of life. He said the nation has been known for its philanthropic ethos for centuries and it has been one of the most significant components of human civilization since times immemorial.

He asserted that Indians are having highest regard for the values of humanism, charity, philanthropy, compassion for fellow human beings and all living creatures and they continue to carry forward the legacy.

He said that this is the reason for organizations and people coming from

different regions of the nation to serve the pilgrims during the Yatra period.

This ultimately promotes national integration, he added.

In his address, Neelam Langhe also lauded the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for inaugurating Yatri Niwas at Chanderkote in Ramban the other day.

He wished all the Amarnath Ji Yatris a happy, safe and secure pilgrimage to the holy cave.

Langhe also appreciated the Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh for playing a vital role in providing enormous funds for the development projects of Jammu and Kashmir which is evident from the unprecedented development project works going on in full swing across the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

District President OBC Morecha Smt Suman Kumari and District Vice President Civil QRT Ramban Sh.Jagdish Raj were also present.

## GDC Udhampur organises seminar on National Statistics Day

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UDHAMPUR: As part of special series of programs under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, the Department of Statistics and IQAC of Government Degree College Udhampur, under the patronship of the College Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, on Wednesday organised a Seminar on National Statistics Day.

The Programme was hosted under the supervision of Dr. Ankush Bharti, HOD Statistics, and Prof. Gurvinder Raj Verma, Coordinator

IQAC. Prof. Babu Lal Thakur was the guest of honour, while Prof. Romesh Atri and Prof. Kamal Kishore were the special guests on the Occasion.

The program started with the welcome address by the Programme Coordinator Dr. Ankush Bharti, wherein she apprised the audience about Prof. Prashant Chandra Mahalanobis, his unparalleled contribution to Indian Statistics and Economic Planning and deliberated on this year's theme of Data for Sustainable Development.

The Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, in his message, applauded the Department of Statistics for organising a meticulous programme and stressed on increasing the role of Statistics and its understanding at large.

The Guest of honour, Prof. Babu Lal Thakur, congratulated the Department and the students for the seminar and also apprised them about the theme Data for Sustainable Development of the Nation. He laid stress on the adoption of the latest statistical tools

and techniques to attain the envisioned theme.

After the inaugural session, seven students from the Department of Statistics Sania, Rahat, Naina Anisha, Preeti, Sakshi and Monika spoke on the life and contribution of Prof. P.C Mahalanobis and also about the importance of the National Statistics Day as well as the roadmap to achieve the Data Matrix on Sustainable Development of India in the coming years.

The guests were felicitated with the saplings as

a token of gratitude and green initiative of the college.

All the speakers were given certificates of participation as well as gifts. Dr. Pankaj Sharma, member IQAC tendered the vote of thanks on the occasion. The programme was attended by Prof. ImtiazShahid, Prof. Jawaid Sarver, Dr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Prof. Rakesh Singh and a number of students of the college. About 170 people had registered for the event. The entire programme was anchored by Miss Sania and Rahat.

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