

# After 2 years, Samba Admn to host Baba Chamliyal Mela on June 23

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SAMBA: After two years of Corona pandemic, District Administration Samba is going to host Baba Chamliyal Mela on June 23 at the shrine of Baba Dalip Singh Manhas located on the Indo-Pakistan international border in Ramgarh sector.

In this regard, Chairman District Development Council Keshav Dutt Sharma, in presence of Deputy Commissioner Samba Anuradha Gupta chaired a meeting here at Baba Chamliyal shrine Ramgarh to discuss the arrangements for the historical event. The meeting was attended by Baba Chamliyal Shrine Committee members and district officers.

The meeting noted that the mela was expected to witness a huge rush of devotees as the fair was being held after a gap of two years due to the Corona pandemic.

The Deputy Commissioner Samba informed that the



Chairman DDC Keshav Dutt Sharma and DC Samba Anuradha Gupta chairing a meeting.

district administration has started making elaborate arrangements for organising the fair by making provision of all basic amenities like water, electricity, information centre, transportation and others for the convenience of the devotees.

The R&B was asked to start the blacktopping of all major roads connecting the shrines and complete the same well before commencing of the famous mela.

The PHE Department was asked to ensure uninterrupted water supply with

provision for additional water tankers, while PDD was asked to ensure proper lighting arrangements in addition to uninterrupted power supply at the venue during the mela days.

Stressing on maintaining sanitation during Mela at the shrine, the DC directed for installing an adequate number of dustbins at the venues keeping in view the huge rush of devotees visiting the shrine this year. She also passed instructions to the Legal Metrology and CA&PD departments to

keep a check on the quality, hygiene and rates of the eatables being sold by the vendors here.

The Health Department was directed to deploy two ambulances besides make sufficient provision for medicare facilities and medical staff at both the venues. The DC asked different departments to establish stalls of their respective departments to inform the visiting devotees regarding the schemes and welfare programmes. Tourism department was asked to ensure proper publicity of the event by installing banners and hoardings at prominent places. It was informed that the Control Room has been set up at the shrine, which will be kept functional round the clock for the convenience of the devotees while the Mela Officer will ensure coordination among the line departments to extend all necessary facilities to the devotees.

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## 'World Food Safety Day': Seminar-cum-awareness programme held in GLDMGDC

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HIRANAGAR: Department of Food & Drug Administration, Kathua, in collaboration with Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Government Degree College, Hiranagar organized a Seminar cum Awareness programme on food safety to mark 'World Food Safety Day'. More than 80 participants comprising college students and faculty members participated in the programme. Food Safety Officer Hiranagar, Jai Inder Singh and Food Safety Officer Billawar Hans Raj spoke on the topic of Food Safety with focus on its slogan 'Safe Food Today and Healthy Tomorrow'.

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# Private Teachers' Association protest against Principal GHSS (Girls) Udh

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UDHAMPUR: Members of Private Teacher's Association (PTA) and owners of Private Schools held a protest against the Principal Govt. Hr Sec School for Girls Pawan Singh Slatia to show resentment for his allegedly openly demanding bribe in lieu of authentication and verification of school results for the year 2021-22.

As per the details, members and owners of private school assembled outside school premises and held a protest on front gate of school. They raised slogans against the particular principal and Chief Education Officer (CEO) Udhampur. Ajay Gupta alleged that Principal GHSS deliberately went on harassing them for demanding bribe to get



Teachers and owners of private schools staging protest.

authentication and verification of the results despite completion of all required formalities under norms and order of Director School Education (DSE) Jammu.

He said that the principal already involved in number of malicious act and some of enquiries are still under investigation against him. He alleged that Slatia is habitual of creating chaos in

department and now demanding bribe from owners of private school to get authentication and verifications of school results which a routine matter.

PTA urged Govt. to transfer Principal from present place of posting for not delivering goods and honest services to people so that distressed victims can have a sigh of relief.

151 vaccinated, 1,330 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer Ramban, Dr. Suresh, the Health Department on Tuesday administered Covid vaccine doses to 151 persons including 20 children in the 15-17 year age group and 60 in the 12-14 year age group.

Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol, the Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC. As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, the Health Department has collected 1330 samples including 482 RT-PCR and 848 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 151 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

# Saroori grieves over Sigdi Balana accident

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KISHTWAR: Former Minister J&K, Ghulam Mohammad Saroori on Tuesday expressed profound grief and shock over the tragic accident on Sigdi-Balana road, in Kishtwar district, when a vehicle plunged down into a deep gorge resulting into death of one passenger.

The deceased has been identified as Saffina Begum wife of Ghulam Mohd. The injured were identified as Irfan Ahmed, Maneera Begum, Razia Begum and Ruqia Wani, Ghulam Nabi Mir, Mohd Yusuf, Bidya Lal Sharma, Raj Kumar, Mohd Rafi, Bashir Ahmed, Amarchand, Duni Chand, Chowdhary Abdullah, Qasim Din, Farooq Ahmed, Piyaray Lal, Ghulam Rasool, and others reached on the spot and were shifted to district hospital Kishtwar for treatment.

Extending his heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family, Saroori prayed for peace to the soul of deceased and much needed strength to the grief-stricken family. He described the deceased as pious soul and was known for sobriety, friendly nature.

I am deeply saddened by the news of the accident in which one innocent person passed away.

Saroori has prayed for the speedy and completely recovery of those who have sustained injuries in the accident and asked the administration to provide every required assistance to the injured and the bereaved families.

Prominent among those Saima Parveen Lone, Shariefa Begum, Shabir Ahmed Lone, Ali Mohd Naik, Tariq Hussain Wani, Ghulam Nabi Mir, Mohd Yusuf, Bidya Lal Sharma, Raj Kumar, Mohd Rafi, Bashir Ahmed, Amarchand, Duni Chand, Chowdhary Abdullah, Qasim Din, Farooq Ahmed, Piyaray Lal, Ghulam Rasool, and others reached on the spot and were shifted to district hospital Kishtwar for treatment.

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## On the second day, the Peer team interacted with the IQAC Coordinator Dr. Jaipal Singh and its members. It examined the working of IQAC. College Newsletter was released by the dignitaries. The exit meeting was held in the latter part of the day. The welcome address was delivered by the Principal, Prof. Sunil Uppal.

Jammu University Prof. S. K. Pandey, Rakesh Badhylal, Special Secretary, HED and Sushil Khajuria, Additional Secretary, HED. A cultural event in honour of the Peer Team was organized by the music department and cultural committee of the college. The students showcased the rich culture of the princely land of Jammu & Kashmir through songs and dance in traditional attires.



NAAC team during visit to GDC R S Pura.

honour by the male and female cadets of NCC.

The Peer Team, on day one saw the complete presentation of the college covering all aspects by the Principal Prof. Sunil Uppal. They interacted with the IQAC Coordinator, Heads of the Departments and faculty members. The team then inspected the college library. First aid centre, Computer laboratory, Science Laboratories, girls

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# Such initiatives bind citizens of country across different regions, infuses sense of unity: Ashok Kaul

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KATRA: Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha's (BJYM) four-day-long Bharat Darshan Sushasan Yatra to Jammu and Kashmir was successfully concluded at Katra in Reasi district.

The BJP state general secretary (Org.) Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Ashok Kaul was the chief guest at the concluding day function, while the BJYM National Media Incharge S. Amadeep Singh, Bharatiya Janata Party Yuva Morcha's State President Arun Prabhat, were also present on the occasion. The Yatra was blessed by Swami Yogananda. During the Sushasan Yatra, BJYM activists from various parts

of the country visited different parts of Jammu region and held detailed interactions with the victims of Article 370 and Article 35-A and, besides having firsthand experience of rich cultural heritage of Jammu region. Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Kaul appreciated the initiative taken by the BJYM to take out Sushasan Yatra

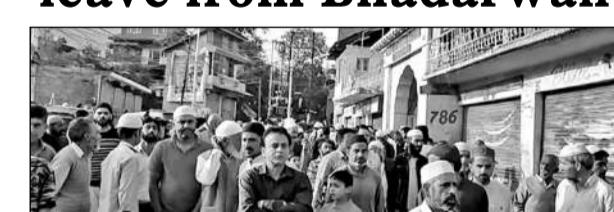
in different parts of the country and said it provided enough opportunity to visiting team of BJYM to have the knowledge of cultural ethos of Jammu Kashmir.

He said the culture was the common thread binding the citizens of the country across different regions. "There is no concept of border in our

culture. Such initiatives not only provide ample opportunity to the people to interact with other communities in a multidimensional manner, but also infuses a sense of togetherness and unity," he said.

Ashok Kaul asked the BJYM activists to strive hard for the welfare of common masses and building of a strong nation. Prominent persons who were present on the occasion District President Reasi Sheel Magotra, Chairman Municipal Committee Shashi Gupta, DDC's Rajiv Mengi, Ritu Thakur, Seh Prabha Rohit Dubey, Yatra Coordinator and Co-Coordinator Abhishek Salathia and Sanjay Sharma.

# Hajj 2022: Pilgrims leave from Bhadarwah



BHADARWAH: To perform annual Hajj-e-Baitullah, Hajjis from Bhadarwah and Bhalla leave for Srinagar on Tuesday. A batch of 10 Hajj pilgrims including 3 from Bhadarwah, 2 from Udrana and 5 from Bhalla area were accorded a ceremonial send off for Srinagar today morning at 7:30 am.

These pilgrims will take direct international flight from Srinagar Airport for Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) on 9th of this month to perform the annual Hajj pilgrimage.

It is notable that the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia re-starts this year after remaining suspended for two years due to the Covid pandemic. A total of 5,737 pilgrims from the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir will perform Hajj this year. Tehsildar Bhadarwah Showket Hayat Mattoo was present on the occasion to see off the Tempo Traveller carrying Hajj pilgrims for Srinagar, where they will leave for Madina to perform Hajj-e-Baitullah. Large number of people accompanied the Hajjis from Markazi Jamia Masjid Bhadarwah to Pasri Bus Stand to see off 'Hajjis' where they wished them a safe journey and smooth performance of Manasik-e-Hajj (Hajj rituals) and asked them to pray for peace, progress and prosperity for the UT as well as country as a whole. While speaking on the occasion Tehsildar Bhadarwah Showket Hayat Mattoo congratulated the Hajjis for pious journey and prayed for their safe and secure pilgrimage. He enjoined upon the pilgrims to pray for the peace harmony and development of the district.

## Govt GLDM Degree College Hiranagar organises quiz competition



Faculty along with students during the programme.

stood first, Team A and Team C shared the 2nd

position. Dr. Rajesh Sharma

HOD

Mathematics, Dr. Neeru Devi Anand HOD Dogri and Dr. Preeti Verma Assistant Professor Physics. Students who participated were Anju Devi, Mitali Devi, Simran, Sheetal Devi Beena, Monika Sharma and Bharti Sharma. The Quiz Competition was organised by Dr. Davinder Kour HOD Education and Prof. Kiran Thapa Assistant Professor.

clusters of Bani Zone participated in the meeting.

Dev Raj Lecturer in Botany HSS Lowang was the guest of honour and Rakesh Kumar Lecturer in Physics HSS Bani was special guest.

While addressing the teachers, Bhupinder Singh appealed to Govt. for restoration of old pension scheme in favour of Teachers, Employees and officers of UT J&K appointed after January 1, 2010, Comprehensive Transfer Policy in favour of RRET's, Grade