

No one can do anything with reservation: Khatana

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana has said that reservation is a right for the people of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Categories.

Addressing at two different functions in Bishnah and at Shalimar on Saturday to commemorate the martyrdom day of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath who was a crusader for the rights of SCs and STs in J&K, Khatana said that it was only BJP government which passed the SC/ST Act for Prohibition of Atrocities on the people of SCs/STs while Congress never worked honestly for the welfare of these oppressed classes.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Shaheed Amar Nath Committee Bishnah Dr. Davinder Manyal, sen-

Chairman, J.L Bhagat, M.R Puri, Bihari Lal, Dr. Davinder Manyal, Prof. Gharo Ram, Dharminder DDC, Inderjit, Radhey Krishan, Janak Raj, Rattan Lal, Sudesh Puri, Yash Pal, Kartar Chand, Vidya, Narayan, Satish, Priyanka, Rakesh, Chander Bushan, district secretary and others.

"People of the reserved categories should not pay any heed to the propaganda of Congress and other opposition parties as PM Narendra Modi has many times sated that no one can do anything with the reservation," Khatana said adding that there are opportunities for all in the country today.

The BJP MP said that Baba Saheb Ambedkar has given a remarkable Constitution to this country where rights of every class is safeguarded.

ior BJP leader and former Minister said that Amar Nath Bhagat was a revolutionary leader of Dalit Samaj of J&K in his times and he has worked a lot for the upliftment of the reserved categories.

Shaheed Amar Nath Committee Bishnah Chairman, J.L Bhagat threw light on the life and struggles of Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath of Batote, Ramban.

He said that Amarnath was known as J&K Reservation Struggle Hero and also as B.R Ambedkar of J&K.

After witnessing injustice with downtrodden section of society Amarnath resigned from the Govt job and joined social service.

He worked for the the Bhartiya Depressed Classes league, an all India Origination founded by Babu Jagjivan Ram, a union

Minister and later Deputy Prime Minister.

Bhagat Amaranth achieved martyrdom on June 1, 1970 for the cause of Reservation for Dalits.

At Shalamar, tributes paying programme to Shaheed Bhagat Amar Nath was attended by Surinder Bhagat, President Bhagat Amar Nath Charitable Trust, Gian Chand Dogra, Vice President, Rashpal Digra, General Secretary, Bansil Lal Choudhary, Vice President, Mohan Lal Pawar, Secretary, Gurmeet Dutta, Secretary, Yashpal Singh, Secretary, L.D Gorkha, Dr. Ashwani, Anil Bharti, Anil Masoom, Balbir Ram Rattan, Munshi Ram Bangotra, Hans Raj Dogra, Ram Lal Bhagat, Advocate Anita Rani, Mahant Nagar Mal, Anil Kumar Chand Bhagat, B.D Thappa, Gurmeet Dutta and others.

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POONCH: Under overall Supervision of Deputy Commissioner Poonch Yasin Mohammad Choudhary and on the directions of District Social welfare officer Poonch Abdul Raheem, Team of District Hub for empowerment of women comprising of Noreen Akhter Gender Specialist and Taranpreet Kaur Specialist in Finance literacy DHEW Poonch visited Government Girls Higher secondary school Mandi and organised Digital literacy awareness camp there under the banner of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. The main motto of this camp is to aware the young generation about Digital literacy.

The occasion was graced by Vice Principle Barket Choudhary as Chief Guest



Organisers along with participant students during the programme at Poonch.

and other dignitaries were present during the occasion. The chief guest lauded the Department of Social welfare for organizing this informative awareness camp at Government girls higher secondary school Mandi.

Speaking on the occasion Taranpreet Kaur Specialist in Finance literacy highlighted the objectives of implementing a comprehensive digital literacy programme So as to empower individuals engaged with digital tech-

nologies in a purposeful, ethical, and proficient manner, thereby contributing meaningfully to the evolving global community.

Whereas On the occasion Noreen Akhter gender Specialist DHEW also gave detailed information about various crime related to women and girl child such as cyber crime, Dowry , human trafficking, Acid attack ,eve teasing , and also give detailed information regarding legal remedies of Such crime. She also gave informed participants about Sakhi i.e one stop centre , and also highlighted about the services provided by one stop centre and circulated women and child helpline numbers WHL 181, CHL 1098 among the participants.

Gyan Vatika of GDC Samba organises poetry recitation



Principal Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri felicitating Prof. Mala Bhasin.

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SAMBHA: Gyan Vatika, Book Reading Club of Government Degree College, Samba hosted a captivating Poetry Recitation event, drawing poetry enthusiasts and literary lovers. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty. The Principal Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri highlighted the importance of poetry in nurturing creativity and emotional expression. Participants recited a

diverse range of poems, from classic verses by renowned poets to original compositions reflecting personal experiences. The event featured a special segment showcasing the poetry recited by Prof. Mala Bhasin reflecting on the childhood memories and serene beauty of Autumn. The recitations were met with applause and admiration, creating an atmosphere of literary appreciation and camaraderie.

Advisory Committee visits GMC Kathua to implement Chawla Committee Recommendations

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KATHUA: The Advisory Committee constituted by the Health & Medical Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu & Kashmir, visited Government Medical College, Kathua for an inspection as part of the implementation of the Chawla Committee recommendations. The committee comprises notable figures in the medical and health sectors, including: Dr. Ajit Nagpal, Ex Director (Chairman), SKIMS. Major General Prof. (Dr.) Atul Kotwal, SM, VSM, Executive Director, National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi.

Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Ex. Director Coordination, New Government Medical Colleges, J&K Dr. Anil Kumar, Ex Medical Superintendent, PGIMER Chandigarh. Dr. Des Raj



Committee members during the visit to GMC Kathua.

Bhagat, Additional Secretary, Health & Medical Education, J&K. Accompanying the committee were Dr Saima Rashid, Ex Principal, Govt. Medical College, Srinagar; Dr. Rakesh Magotra, Director Health Services, Jammu and Dr. Vijay Raina, Chief Medical Officer, Kathua.

The delegation was warmly received by Dr. Raj Rishi Sharma, Professor & Head, Surgery at GMC Kathua, along with Heads of the Departments, Medical Superintendent, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Chief Accounts Officer, Deputy Director (Planning), Assistant

Director (Planning), and the Administrative Officer. The reception included the presentation of bouquets to the committee members, followed by a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation showcasing the college's achievements and the various services provided. The meeting facilitated a healthy discussion on several key issues: Shortage of Staff: Addressed current staff deficiencies and explored solutions. PMJAY Scheme: Evaluated the implementation and impact of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY). Functioning of New

Hospital Blocks: Reviewed the operational status of new hospital blocks, including new theatres, ICU, modular OTs, and patient waiting areas.

The committee emphasized the importance of increasing research activities at GMC Kathua and the optimal utilization of available staff. Following the discussions, the committee toured various departments and facilities, including laboratories, lecture theatres, examination halls, the library, ICU, HDU, SNCU, OTs, the emergency block, and wards in the Associated Hospital. This visit marks a significant step towards the enhancement of medical education and healthcare services in Jammu & Kashmir, in line with the Chawla Committee's recommendations.

The committee's insights and recommendations are expected to play a crucial role in driving future improvements at GMC Kathua.

Awareness /training programme on BBBP, NMBA held



SWD officials along with Asha workers during the event.

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NOWSHERA: An awareness camp on the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBBP) and Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, was organized at Dakbaglow, Nowshera district, Rajouri. Dignitaries, including the Mohender Paul Child Development Project Officer Nowshera, Dr. Chander Parkash Dy.Block Development Officer Nowshera, Kabir Hussain Tehsil Social Welfare Officer Nowshera, Vinod Sharma Social Activet, AWWs and

ASHA workers participated. The event saw active engagement from 330 participants.

The core objective of the camp was to empower attendees with knowledge about Through informative sessions and interactive discussions, participants gained valuable in sessions shed light on the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative, advocating for the education and empowerment of girls, and the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, promoting a drug-free India.

SMVDU Katra hosts visit for KC Public School students

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KATRA: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, hosted a group of enthusiastic students from K.C. Public School, Jammu, as part of its comprehensive outreach activity program. This initiative aimed to enhance students' knowledge and awareness about the opportunities available at higher educational institutions.



Students of K.C. Public School, Jammu during visit to SMVDU.

Throughout the day, the students, accompanied by their teachers, explored various state-of-the-art facilities within the university. They were given an in-depth tour of the various Labs, Central Workshop, Central Library, and the cutting-edge 3D Printer Lab.

The tour also included a visit to the university's impressive auditorium, where the students could

envision themselves participating in future academic and extracurricular activities.

The visit served as a significant motivational boost for the students, encouraging them to aspire to join higher educational institutes upon completing their class 12th. More than 50 students, along with their dedicated teachers, actively participated in this educational excursion,

gaining invaluable insights into university life and academic opportunities. The Principal and teachers of K.C. Public School expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the authorities of SMVDU for hosting this enlightening visit. They acknowledged the university's efforts in inspiring the next generation of students to pursue higher education and achieve their academic goals.

Such outreach activities highlight SMVDU's commitment to fostering educational growth and building a bridge between schools and higher educational institutions.

The university continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of young minds by providing them with the resources and inspiration needed to succeed in their academic endeavors.

84 Bn CRPF celebrates 39th Raising Day at Ramban

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RAMBAN: The 84 Battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) celebrated its 39th Raising Day here on Saturday at its Tactical Headquarters in Chanderkote, Ramban.

Raised on June 01, 1985, at Group Centre CRPF New Delhi, the 84 Bn has been steadfastly serving the nation in various conflict zones including Jammu & Kashmir, the Northeast, and Punjab.

Since 2010, the Battalion has been deployed in Jammu and Kashmir, playing a crucial role in securing NH 44 over a 46 km stretch in Udhampur and Ramban Districts.

The Raising Day celebrations commenced with a Sarv Dharm Prathna (all-faith prayer) at the Sarv Dharm Prathna Sthal, where officers and personnel prayed for a prosperous year ahead. This was followed by a homage ceremony where



Battalion Commandant, N. Ranbir Singh paying tributes.

battalion personnel paid respects to their fallen comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. A new flag was ceremoniously hoisted at the Quarter Guard, and the Commandant received the Guard of Honour.

In his address during the Sainik Sammelan, Battalion Commandant, N. Ranbir Singh congratulated all personnel and their families, acknowledging the battalion's illustrious history

and the bravery of its members. He urged everyone to uphold the values and dedication that symbolize the 84 Bn, CRPF, and the nation.

Demonstrating their commitment to environmental conservation, unit personnel planted 200 saplings around the campus. A blood donation drive was also held in collaboration with the District Hospital Ramban, where 20 officers and jawans voluntarily donated blood.

Preceding the Raising Day, a Mela was organized featuring various food stalls offering diverse cuisines from different regions of India and a range of entertaining games. The Mela saw enthusiastic participation from unit personnel and their families. Competitions in physical endurance, weapon handling, firing, badminton, volleyball, and chess were also held, showcasing the skills and sportsmanship of the personnel.

The day concluded with a grand cultural evening, highlighted by performances from unit personnel. Rubena Begum, a CRPF Veer Naari from Maitra Ramban, was felicitated during the function. Certificates and prizes were awarded to blood donors and winners of the various competitions. The celebrations ended with a Bada Khana, attended by officers, personnel, and their families.

DC flags off Mata Chandi Mindal Yatra



DC Doda, Harvinder Singh flagging off Yatra on Saturday.

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner

Doda, Harvinder Singh, on Saturday flagged off the famous Mata Chandi Mindal Yatra from Shugwari near Prem Nagar on NH 244.

The holy yatra will proceed towards Mindal village in Himachal Pradesh. Devotees departing from Shugwari were filled with enthusiasm and devotion, passionately reciting hymns in praise of Maa Chandi.

At the flag-off ceremony, the DC extended best wishes to all the pilgrims and appealed them to pray to Maa Bhagwati

for peace, prosperity and brotherhood in the country. He emphasized the spiritual significance of the yatra and encouraged the devotees to maintain their devotion throughout the journey. Deputy Commissioner also assured that all necessary facilities and arrangements have been made by the district administration to ensure a smooth and safe journey for the yatraes. He reiterated the administration's commitment to supporting the religious and cultural traditions of the region.

Megha Sriram Dalton performs at GDC Bhaderwah

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DODA: Government Degree College Bhaderwah on Saturday hosted an exciting live music concert featuring a special performance by the renowned Singer Megha Sriram Dalton. The vibrant event manifested community spirit, drawing attendees from across the region.

The concert was organized by Vishwagram Trust, with Dr. Akhter Hussain as the convener. The event was also supported by esteemed faculty members of the college, including Prof. Mohd Yaseen Sirwal, Prof. Mohd Arif Sheikh, and Prof. Renuka Gorla, who all played a pivotal role in bringing this event to fruition.

Megha Sriram Dalton, known for her dynamic stage presence and captivating per-

formances, delivered an unforgettable show. Her diverse repertoire and engaging style made him a favorite among the



audience. This concert marked a significant cultural event for Bhaderwah, highlighting the college's commitment to fostering artistic expression and providing students and the community with enriching experiences. Attendees were treated to an evening filled with music, joy and memorable moments.

Jammu Motor Vehicles inaugurates New Mahindra showroom at Poonch

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POONCH: Jammu Motor Vehicles LLP (an Authorized Dealership of MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA) at B C Road, Rehari, Jammu inaugurated its New Mahindra Showroom at Poonch. Swatantar Aggarwal-Chairman of Aggarwal Group Inaugurated the showroom in the presence of Mr. Vineet Aggarwal, Nitin Aggarwal, other Directors & Family Members of Aggarwal Group along with dignitaries from prestigious Banks, NBFCs, Customers and Staff Members of Jammu Motor Vehicles LLP.

Vineet Aggarwal, The Managing Partner of Jammu Motor Vehicles , spoke on the occasion, "Jammu Motor Vehicles has a wide range of Mahindra Vehicles & Network

across Jammu having Showrooms at B C Road, Kunjwani, Greater Kailash, Digiana, and Kishtwar offering a complete range of Premium & Personal SUVs,

Small commercial vehicles & Last Mobile Mobility Vehicles along with the facility of In-House Finance & Exchange of Used Cars to Customers"

He said opening a new showroom at Poonch, Jammu Motor Mahindra has given access to the people of Poonch and all the nearby areas like Mendhar and Surankot and has provided for availability of Mahindra Vehicles at their doorstep. He said that Jammu Motor Mahindra will soon start its service operations here in Poonch.

On this occasion the esteemed guest Neeraj Gupta congratulated the entire Jammu Motor Mahindra team for their hard work and dedication in bringing this vision to life.

Also other distinguished guests Naresh Aggarwal and Manjeet Nagpal expressed that "excellence is evident in every detail of this new Poonch Mahindra showroom. Jammu Motor Mahindra is

not just a car dealership; it is a beacon of innovation and quality in the automotive industry. With a customer-centric approach and a commitment to providing top-notch services, this dealership is set to redefine the car buying experience at Poonch."

They further said "As we cut the ribbon and open the doors to this magnificent new outlet, we wish Jammu Motor Mahindra every success. May your journey be as smooth and reliable as the cars you provide". While concluding the function Nitin Aggarwal, Partner of Jammu Motor Vehicles thanked all distinguished guests for gracing the occasion, customers for their presence, and for sparing their valuable time. He assured that Jammu Motor Vehicles LLP will continue to strive hard to serve its customers and make all possible efforts to provide the best services at all times.

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