

DC inspects Lodgment centres & CSC for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatris at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Saloni Rai along with Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia paid visit at various Lodgment centres/Community Sanitary Complexes alongside the National Highway from Jakhani to Kali Mata temple Tikri within the territorial jurisdiction of district Udhampur and enquire about the facilities being put in place for the pilgrims during upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji yatra 2024.

During the visit, the DC inspected various Lodgement centres/CSC and stressed upon the officers to maintain proper and regular cleanliness of these centres so that a best hygienic facilities shall be provided to the pilgrims for their comfortable pilgrimage.

The DC had a detailed



DC Udhampur Saloni Rai inspecting lodgment centres.

review of the available infrastructure and requisite facilities in the designated Lodgment Centres /Community Sanitary Complexes. The DC also enquired about the status of Augmentation of drinking water supply, sanitation, electricity, lodging, availability of bedding capacity etc in the centres. The DC asked the concerned officers to ensure adequate arrangements in these designated

Centres.

The DC stated that the District Administration will make all efforts for providing best facilities to the yatris and make provision of other basic amenities also. CEO Municipality, Executive Engineer, PHE, PDD, PWD and Tehsildar Udhampur were directed to ensure fool-proof arrangements of all the basic amenities wherever required well in advance.

MVD conducts enforcement drive

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REASI: Under the guidance of District Magistrate Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, the Motor Vehicles Department of Reasi, led by ATO Mudassar Iqbal, conducted a comprehensive enforcement drive at Moori and Noma, to ensure strict compliance with the Motor Vehicles Act and

enhance road safety across the district.

During the enforcement drive, a total of 224 vehicles were meticulously inspected to check adherence to the Act's provisions.

The diligent efforts of the Motor Vehicles Department Reasi resulted in identifying 23 vehicles

operating in violation of various regulations under the Motor Vehicles Act.

As a consequence of these violations, fines amounting to Rs 143,700 were issued through e-challans. Additionally, the drive led to the recommendation for suspension of seven driving licenses due to severe infractions.

Literary event held at GDC Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: The Department of Urdu, Government Degree College Kishtwar and GDC Chatroo, in collaboration with Tahreek Baqa-e-Urdu Chenab Valley, held a significant event at the GDC Kishtwar auditorium, today.

Talat Parvez Rohella, Commissioner of Inquiries, was the Chief Guest of the event. His profound words fostered a sense of unity and collaboration among all participants.

The formal proceedings began with a warm welcome address by Gulab Safi, member Tahreek Baqa-e-Urdu, followed by a vote of thanks from Dr. Schrish



A dignitary being honoured during the event.

Gazal, Head of the Environmental Science Department.

A highlight of the event was an interactive session with students from various schools and colleges, where they discussed stress management, goal achievement,

and target focus with the esteemed Chief Guest. The Chief Guest's insightful responses provided fresh vision and inspiration, deeply resonating with the audience.

The highlight of the evening was the felicitation

Infrastructure projects enhancing regional connectivity, stimulating local economy: Col Mahan

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BASOHLI: Colonel Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman, inaugurated the black topping work of the Mann to Pathiyara 3 km Road under NABARD. This project, being executed by PWD (R&B) Division Basohli, is crucial for providing road connectivity to over 20,000 rural residents. Constructed at a cost of Rs 4.98 Crore, the road will offer a shorter route for the people of Plakh, Pretha, Plassi, and Plahi panchayats to and from Basohli Sub District Headquarters.

Prominent figures in attendance included



Colonel Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman inaugurating black topping work of Mann to Pathiyara road.

Balbinder Singh, BJP Mandal Pardhan Basohli; Karan Singh; Ex-SI Ram Rattan; Er Varinder Singh ABE; Capt. Raj Singh Badial; and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Col. Mahan Singh expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, MoS PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh, and LG

Manoj Sinha for their focus on improving rural infrastructure and the living conditions of people in remote areas. He also commended the landowners for donating their valuable land free of cost for the project.

Col. Mahan Singh emphasized the critical importance of infrastructure projects in enhancing regional connectivity and stimulating the local economy. By improving transportation and accessibility, these projects pave the way for increased trade, tourism, and investment, thereby creating job opportunities and fostering economic growth.

Furthermore, they play a pivotal role in the overall development of the region

by facilitating access to essential services, such as healthcare and education. The enhanced infrastructure also strengthens social cohesion and integration, promoting a higher quality of life for residents. Ultimately, these initiatives contribute significantly to the sustainable and inclusive development of the entire region.

Col Mahan instructed the PWD officials present to ensure the quality of work and to adhere strictly to the established parameters.

Earlier, the DDC Chairman received a warm welcome from the local residents, marked by slogans, the sounding of drums, distribution of sweets, and garlanding.

BJP declares June 25 as black day for Indian democracy



BJP leader briefing media at Poonch.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: BJP on Tuesday marked anniversary of the 1975 Emergency declared by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by observing as a "Black Day" for Indian democracy. The

Emergency, which lasted from June 25, 1975, to March 21, 1977, involved the suspension of fundamental rights, press censorship, and the arrest of political opponents.

BJP leaders criticized the Congress, describing the

Emergency as a "murder of democracy" driven by the Congress's desire to retain power. He emphasized the suffering endured by millions during this period and saluted those who fought to restore democratic norms.

Other BJP leaders echoed these sentiments also condemned the Emergency, highlighting its lasting impact on India's democratic institutions and civil liberties (ABP Live).

This event was part of a broader effort by the BJP to remind the public of the Emergency's legacy and to criticize the Congress's historical action.

Army organises screening of motivational movie for youth

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Army has undertaken various activities to win 'Hearts & Minds' of the people of Jammu & Kashmir by lending a humane touch in its fight against terrorism. In consonance with the Army's relentless efforts to motivate and instill patriotism amongst the local youth and students, Indian Army screened the motivational Movie "SHERSHAAH". The movie was screened

for the occasion of '25th Kargil Vijay Diwas' for students of Higher Secondary School, Samote on 25 Jun 2024. A total of 52 students (39 x Boys & 13 x Girls) and 06 x Teachers watched the movie. It was heartening to see massive involvement of youth in the event.

The event is another feather in fostering a bond of friendship between the local youth and the men in uniform.

Progress on Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway reviewed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, conducted a thorough review of the ongoing work on the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway on Tuesday.

In a significant development, several structures on the highway have been demolished on the spot as part of resolving various issues that were obstructing the progress. He emphasized the importance of expediting the construction while ensuring the highest standards of quality are maintained.

A firm deadline of August 31, has been set for the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to complete



DDC Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan conducting review of work on Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway on Tuesday.

and open the road section from Upper Domail to Katra. This stretch is critical for improving connectivity and ensuring smoother travel for commuters.

DDC Mahajan assured that the administration is committed to overcoming all chal-

lenges and will continuously monitor the project's progress to ensure timely completion.

SDM Katra Piyush Dhotra, Project Director NHAI Udhampur, Anuj Kumar Singh, Tehsildar Katra Jatinder Singh and other concerned officers were present.

ADC Kathua chairs meeting on Road Safety Measures



ADC Kathua Ranjit Singh chairing a meeting.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kathua Ranjit Singh chaired a meeting of the Road Safety Committee to discuss and finalize measures to improve road safety in the district.

The meeting was attended by ASP Kathua Paramjit Singh, SE PWD (R&B)

Kathua, RTO Kathua, XENs of PWD, PMGSY and other concerned officers.

The ADC emphasized the importance of road safety and directed the officials to take all necessary steps to reduce road accidents and fatalities. He stressed the need for strict enforcement of traffic rules, improved

road infrastructure, and awareness campaigns.

The officials discussed a range of measures, including Intensifying traffic enforcement, including speeding, drunk driving, and helmet-wearing violations, Improving road conditions,

Conducting regular awareness campaigns in schools, colleges, and communities besides encouraging the use of public transportation and promoting carpooling.

The ADC urged all stakeholders to work together to make Kathua roads safer for all users. He appealed to the public to follow traffic rules, wear helmets, and drive responsibly.

Training & Distribution of Dhingri Mushroom Spawn held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: A training and distribution camp for Dhingri Mushroom Spawn was successfully conducted today at Galigadh area in the Trigam Block of district Kishtwar under the auspices of the Chief Agriculture Officer of Kishtwar, Amjad Hussain Malik.

The initiative was carried out in the presence of Block Development Officer Trigam, Chandan Manhas, following directives from Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, along with other officials from the Agriculture and Rural Development Departments.

The camp saw the distribution of Dhingri Mushroom Spawn to 20 farmers and members of self-help groups (SHGs) from the Galigadh



Officials along with farmers during the programme at Kishtwar.

area. This region, already renowned for its vegetable cultivation, stands to benefit significantly from the introduction of Dhingri mushrooms, potentially enhancing the income of local farmers.

During the training program, participants received detailed lectures on various aspects of mushroom cultivation. The training covered

comprehensive procedures from growing mushrooms at home to establishing market linkages for selling their produce. This knowledge transfer is expected to empower the farmers to diversify their agricultural activities and increase their profitability.

The initiative aligns with the broader efforts of the local administration to sup-

port agricultural development and improve the economic conditions of farmers in the region. By introducing Dhingri mushrooms, the administration aims to provide farmers with an additional source of income, leveraging the favorable conditions of the area for mushroom cultivation.

Farmers expressed their

gratitude towards the administration and the Agriculture Department for their continuous efforts to support and uplift the agricultural community. They appreciated the practical knowledge imparted during the training, which they believe will be instrumental in helping them adopt new cultivation techniques and improve their livelihoods.

As the program continues to unfold, it is anticipated that more farmers will come forward to participate in such training sessions, further strengthening the agricultural landscape of Kishtwar. The administration remains dedicated to providing the necessary support and resources to ensure the success and sustainability of these agricultural ventures.

NC committed to protect Constitution of India: Vijay Lochan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: In a significant display of commitment towards the upliftment of weaker sections of society, Vijay Lochan, Chairman of the JKNC SC Cell, reaffirmed the National Conference's

dedication to protect the Constitution of India and ensuring the socio-economic progress of marginalized communities.

He made these remarks while addressing a day-long convention organized by the Party's District Committee Kathua Urban.

The meeting commenced with Ajit Kumar, District President of Kathua Urban, briefing senior Party functionaries about the numerous challenges faced by the Border dwellers and the weaker sections of society. His detailed presentation set the stage for a comprehensive discussion on strategies to address these pressing issues.

Addressing the party workers, Vijay Lochan highlighted that the recent Lok Sabha poll results have significantly bol-

stered the morale of the party cadre, serving as a clear testament to the people's faith and confidence in the National Conference's leadership and its agenda for the state. He emphasized that this renewed vigor should be harnessed to gear up for the forthcoming Assembly elections.

"The aim of today's meeting is to deliberate on election strategies aimed at securing the best possible outcomes for the party," Lochan stated. He called on the party cadre to mobilize efforts to secure victories, particularly in the reserved seats within district Kathua. He urged them to ensure that the National Conference's key achievements and future plans are effectively communicated to the electorate.

The Senior NC leader

underscored that the people have high expectations from the National Conference, highlighting the Party's responsibility to fully address their aspirations. He assured that if the NC is voted into power, it will steadfastly work towards empowering the weaker sections of society, in line with the Constitution of India as envisioned by Baba Saheb Ambedkar.

Vijay Lochan reiterated the National Conference's commitment to social justice and equality, serving as a rallying call for party members to dedicate themselves to the upcoming electoral challenges with renewed enthusiasm and resolve.

Subash Chander Azad, District President of JKNC SC Cell, assured the senior functionaries of the Party of

his unwavering commitment to ensure victor of Party in the reserved seats in district Kathua. He emphasized the importance of grassroots engagement and promised to strengthen the party's presence in the district.

Subash Chander highlighted ongoing efforts to mobilize support and raise awareness about the National Conference's initiatives aimed at social justice and equality. He called for collective efforts to ensure success in the upcoming Assembly elections, urging party members to work tirelessly to secure a decisive victory for the National Conference in Kathua.

Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone and K.K Bakshi District Secretary Kathua Urban, asked party workers to

strengthen the hands of Party President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah. They emphasized the need for unity and collective effort in bolstering the party's leadership. They urged members to actively participate in outreach programs and community initiatives to build a robust support base.

Highlighting the achievements and vision of the National Conference, They called on party workers to dedicate themselves to the upcoming electoral challenges, ensuring a decisive victory that would further the cause of social justice and equality under the guidance of their esteemed leaders.

Among those who were present include: Jagga Ram, Jank Raj, Balbeer Kumar, Basant Kumar and others.

SKUAST Jammu conducts 5-day training program on Post-Harvest Management & Business Opportunities

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: A highly successful 5-day training program on post-harvest management and business opportunities was concluded today at Batote. The event was a joint initiative by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Jammu and the Horticulture Planning and Marketing Department, Ramban.

The concluding ceremony was graced by eminent dignitaries including the Director of Research, the Director of Education, and the Dean of Social Work from SKUAST Jammu, who served as the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour. Dr. Pawan Gupta, Dr. Anil Bhat, and the Area Marketing Officer of Ramban delivered impactful concluding addresses that highlighted the importance of the training and its potential benefits for the participants.

Throughout the program, participants engaged in comprehensive sessions that covered critical aspects of post-harvest management, including techniques for extending the shelf life of produce, best practices for packaging and transportation, and exploring new business opportunities in the agricultural sector.

The Chief Guest awarded certificates to all the participants, acknowledging their dedication and commitment to advancing their skills and knowledge in this crucial area. The participants expressed their gratitude for the invaluable insights and practical knowledge they gained, which they are eager to apply in their respective fields.

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