

## KPS Barnoti celebrates DOR-24: Renaissance and Togetherness fiesta

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JAMMU: Kartar Public School (KPS), Barnoti management and teaching faculty on Monday celebrated DOR-24: Renaissance and Togetherness fiesta in the auditorium. Ranjit Singh and Rajit Kaur, Chief Pattern and Pattern, KPS Barnoti were special invitees while Dr Arvinder Singh Amn, former Additional Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages was the Chief Guest and Er Nirmaljit Singh, Chairman KPS Barnoti was Guest of Honour. Harpreet Kaur, Principal KPS and Neeraj Thakur, Vice Principal KPS, Barnoti were also present in the presidium.

Dr Arvinder Singh Amn, while speaking on the occasion, complemented the teaching faculty and management of Kartar Public School Barnoti for organising DOR-24, a unique festival celebrating, sharing and analysing the year long service rendered in the institution as teachers and at



Management and faculty members of school during the event.

the end of the session and before going to summer vocations. He also appreciated the teachers and other staff for actively participating and performing in such a way that this event became a memorable one.

He emphasised that teacher as Gurus are the creators of the healthy society by nurturing the youth through academic education and other activities for the overall development of the students.

Earlier, while welcoming the august gathering, Harpreet Kaur, Principal KPS, Barnoti informed that since last four years the

management and teachers have taken an initiative to celebrate DOR-24 a fiesta with a mission to realise the sense of togetherness and also to exhaust the pressure of studies and arrangement of other concerned activities throughout the year.

Er Nirmaljit Singh, Chairman also applauded the role of teachers in particular; management and non teaching faculty in general for delivering their duties with full zeal, commitment and dedication and only because of their such deeds KPS, Barnoti has now grown up as a role model in the area.

He thanked all the staff and present in this function for their cooperation and full support as a family.

In this function teachers presented and performed music and dance items, entertainment events like musical chair, tambola and Dumb Charades which was well enjoyed and received by one and all. The teachers of various groups were also honoured by presenting mementos. Shubh Lata, TGT, Hindi conducted the proceedings of the programme in a befitting manner while Neeraj Thakur, Vice Principal, KPS presented vote of thanks.

## SKUAST-J imparts training on 'Processing of Vegetables into Value Added Products'

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REASI: Division of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management, SKUAST-Jammu in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi organized one day training programme on "Processing of Vegetables into Value Added Products" under DST funded project entitled, "Documentation, Revival and Upscaling of Indigenous Knowledge Systems for Scientific Development in Pir Panjal and Shivalik ranges of UT of Jammu and Kashmir" here today at Karua village in Reasi distt. of J&K which was attended by a number of rural women of area. The programme was organised under the dynamic leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N. Tripathi, guidance of Director Research, Prof.SK Gupta and Director Extension, Prof.Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J. Dr.Rakesh Sharma, Professor, SKUAST-J



SKUAST scientists along with participants after the training programme at Reasi.

spoke on the significance of value addition in fruits and vegetables and discussed on women empowerment through SHGs formation. He expressed that fruits and vegetables processing have immense scope in hilly areas and the women farmers can generate extra income and employment for their livelihood. Dr. Anil Bhat, Assistant Professor, AEABM and Principal Investigator of the project explained briefly about the mandate of the project. He advised rural women to concentrate on quality of the value added product and assured them to provide assistance for marketing and branding of their prod-

ucts. Dr. Julie D Bandral, Professor, PHM and Co-Principal Investigator of the Project gave detailed demonstration for making value added products of vegetables. She also discussed on the nutritional significance of fruits and vegetables and their potential into processing. She elaborated the scientific techniques of processing of fruits and vegetables and stressed on the preparation of bottle gourd products, turmeric products, apple jam, aonla candy, pickles, juice etc. by elaborating their scientific preparation. She also discussed about the ingredients used in the value added products of

fruits and vegetables to increase their shelf life.

Earlier Dr.Banarsi Lal, Sr.Scientist & Head, warmly welcomed the participants and explained the importance of value addition in seasonal fruits and vegetables to fetch more returns. He urged the participants to avail the benefits of training and start agri-entrepreneurships in rural areas. He motivated the participants for the processing of fruits and vegetables by which they can generate more money.

He stressed on SHGs/FPOs formation. During the programme, participants asked certain queries which the scientists answered in a satisfactorily way.

Rohit Kumar, Project Associates of the project was also present during the programme.

The programme was assisted by Manohar Lal and Mohd.Iqbal and concluded by Dr.Anil Bhat with formal vote of thanks.

## Rajouri: Traffic advisory issued for today

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RAJOURI: In connection with the Counting of Votes GELS -2024 at Government Degree College Rajouri, the Traffic police on Monday issued traffic advisory for public to avoid congestion during the movement of vehicles of Counting parties, Contesting Candidates, agents and Media Persons around the Venue: There will be one way traffic or brief diversion on the movement of vehicles around the Venue and approaching route as per the ground requirement to avoid any inconvenience to the Counting parties, Contesting Candidates/General Public. No heavy vehicles (Trucks, Tippers, Dumpers, Tractors, Load Carriers) shall ply inside the town Rajouri on the day of counting. No vehicle shall ply from Panehayat Ghar Chowdhary Nar BGSSBU Link Road towards Degree College Rajouri and shall adopt the BGSSBU Link Road route via BGSSBU, Dhanidhar, Sheema Crossing- Panja Chowk. Vehicles coming from GMC,

Darhal and Thammamandi shall adopt the Charlie TCP route via GO Mess Sheema Crossing-Panja Chowk. The Vehicles coming from NHW 144-A to Rajouri Town Shall adopt the route via Tariq Bridge- under Abdullah Bridge. Vehicles coming from Old City and Gujjar Mandi intending to go Jawahar Nagar shall Adopt the route of Gujjar Mandi Sheema Crossing Panja Chowk. Charlie TCP Stand shall operate from Darhali Bridge 04-06-2024. Participants are advised to park their vehicle at designated parking places only i.e. Diet Ground Kheera Rajouri and avoid illegal / haphazard parking on the road side. Wrongly parked vehicles will be towed and challaned under the provisions of MV Act/rule. All Transporter /Driver/ General Public are requested to cooperate with Traffic Police during on-spot traffic diversions and traffic regulations. For any Traffic related assistance, Traffic Police officer/official on duty may please be contacted.

## Birthday of Sant Kabir: Impressive Shobha Yatra taken out

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R S PURA: The 626th Birthday of Shiromani Sant Kabir Sahib Maharaj was celebrated with reverence and devotion. An impressive Shobha Yatra commenced from the village Kotli Gala Bana, R.S. Pura, and proceeded through the main bazaars of R.S. Pura, where locals warmly welcomed the participants by serving sweet water and refreshments to the devotees.

The Shobha Yatra was initiated by Ex-Block Development Councillor Dalip Kumar and featured notable figures such as Chaman Lal Floria (President), Darshan Bhagat (Secretary), Surjeet Singh, Jeet Raj, Balak Ram, Shashi Kumar, Som Nath, Ex-Sarpanch Suraj Parkash, Ghara Ram (Ex-M.C.), and Dr. Preeti Bhagat, Vicky Mahajan also joined the Shobha Yatra.



Devotees taking out Shobha Yatra at R S Pura.

Attractive Jhankis depicting various aspects of the life of Sant Kabir were part of the Shobha Yatra attended by the devotees from across Jammu district. Speaking on the occasion, Chaman Lal Floria said that the objective of the Shobha Yatra was to send a message of Sadguru Kabir Maharaj's ideology/philosophy which is based on humanity and welfare of all mankind irrespective of any religion, caste or creed.

He threw light on the life of Sant Kabir and highlighted

his contribution in eradicating various evils from the society. He said that the greatest contribution of Sant Kabir was towards establishment of a harmonious society based on social and economic justice. He said it was Sant Kabir who envisioned a society where every individual and community would be treated as equal.

He said that the preaching of great Saints and Gurus like Sant Kabir Ji have played a great role in the evolution of Indian society

with its unique feature of composite culture. He called upon the people to enthuse in themselves such spiritual teachings to fight the challenges of today's era of confusion and chaos.

Many revered personalities, including Baba Bhagwan Dass Jee Maharaj and Mata Binla Devi, imparted their holy blessings to the devotees from the locality and distant areas. Sweet offerings from Baba Udas Marg Sanstha were distributed to the devotees.

The Shobha Yatra concluded at Sant Kabir Temple in Kabir Nagar, Kotli Gala Bana, R.S. Pura. President Chaman Lal requested the devotees to attend Guru Ka Langar and invited everyone to participate in the mega celebration on the 4th of June 2024 (Tuesday) at Sant Kabir Temple, urging them to join with family, friends, and loved ones.

## ADC Udhampur discusses establishment of Drug De-addiction centre



ADC Joginder Singh Jasrotia chairing a meeting.

UDHAMPUR: Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia chaired a meeting to discuss the establishment of a Drug De-Addiction Center in District Udhampur by the District Red Cross Society under the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR).

District Social Welfare Officer, Kanika Gupta; Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Tehsildar Udhampur and Medical Superintendent GMC Udhampur attended the

meeting. Threadbare discussions were held regarding the setup for the Drug De-Addiction Center which included infrastructure requirements, necessary facilities, and logistical arrangements to ensure the center's effective operation.

During the meeting, the Tehsildar Udhampur was tasked with identifying suitable accommodation for establishment of the center. ADC emphasized the importance of coordinating with NGOs to ensure the smooth functioning of the Drug De-Addiction Center.

## Addl Secretary H&ME reviews Ayush activities

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KATHUA: A review meeting of Ayush District Kathua was held under the chairmanship of Addl. Secretary H&ME Chand Kishore Sharma, at office of the District Ayush Officer Kathua.

He reviewed work-done of all the Ayush Institutions of District Kathua. He emphasized that every AHWC must ensure entry of Data on daily basis and Monthly basis on AB-HWC portal of Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India. He also reviewed the progress of ongoing infrastructural strengthening projects of Ayush Health and Wellness Centres, 50-bedded Integrated District Ayush Hospital Mandli Billawar and Govt. Homeopathic College Jasrota Kathua. He emphasized upon implementation of various Ayush Public Health Programs so that strength of Ayush systems of



Addl. Secretary H&ME Chand Kishore Sharma welcomed at Kathua.

health promotion, prevention and management of diseases can reach to general public.

The District Ayush Officer Dr. Rakesh Kumar appraised the chair about objectives, functioning and work-done of the District.

The meeting was attended by all the Medical Officers and in charge Officials of Ayush Institutions. A threadbare discussion was

held by Additional Secretary H&ME with each Medical Officer regarding grievances/queries raised by them on various issues viz. Departmental Promotion committee, framing of recruitment rules, shortage and deployment of staff besides rationalization of staff to peripheral institutions in the interest of better patient care.

The Additional Secretary felt satisfaction over the work done of district Kathua and lauded the staff for the same. He said Govt. is reaching out at gross root level to address the grievances and problems faced by the general public and instructed the officers/officials to work with zeal and dedication in the interest of patient care.

## Suraj, Nidhi win Kishtwar Idol Season 2 Title in respective category

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KISHTWAR: The much-anticipated grand finale of Kishtwar Idol Season 2.0, a district-level singing competition, concluded here today at Tourist Reception Centre.

Organized by the District Administration, the event featured exceptional performances by the contestants who had progressed through rigorous ground and theatrical auditions.

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar; Dr Devansh Yadav was the chief guest, while Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh attended as the special guest and SSP Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom as the guest of honor.

Among others present were ASP Kishtwar Pawan Sharma; ACD Kishtwar Phulail Singh; DSW Kishtwar Tariq Parvez Qazi; CEO Kishtwar R.K. Vesheshta; DIET Principal Kishtwar Prehlad Bhagat; CMO Kishtwar Dr Rajinder Kumar; CAO Kishtwar Anjad Hussain Malik; DIO Kishtwar Dr. Kuldeep Kumar and Dy. SP Sajjad Khan.

More than 500 spectators, including school students and local music enthusiasts, filled the venue.

The ceremony began with



the lighting of the traditional lamp by the dignitaries, followed by the singing of the national anthem.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed his delight over the competition's success and emphasized its role in providing a platform for local singers to showcase their talents. He praised the Kishtwar Idol team, led by District Information Officer and commended the young participants for their outstanding performances.

Dr. Yadav also announced that the winners would receive specialized music training and opportunities to record albums with renowned recording studios, furthering their musical career.

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, lauded Dr. Yadav's efforts to promote local talent through innovative initiatives like Kishtwar Idol and hoped for

continued collaboration between Kishtwar and Doda districts to elevate the cultural profile of the Chenab Valley.

In the grand finale, 21 singers, including 11 in the above-18 category and 10 in the below-18 category, competed for the title. The jury, comprising esteemed music maestros Ravi Thakur, Suresh Chauhan, Zahida Tarranum and Bhavna Dubey evaluated the contestants' performances meticulously.

Suraj Kumar emerged as the winner in the above-18 category, while Nidhi Aryan won the below-18 category title. Both winners were awarded a prize of Rs 10,000 and certificate of achievement. They will also receive sponsorship for music training and album recording from the District Administration Kishtwar. In addition, Zulkar Nain and Rohan Bhandari were named the first and second

runners-up in the senior category, while Shreya Sharma and Sushat Aryan secured the same positions in the junior category. The first runners-up received Rs 7,000, and the second runners-up were awarded Rs. 5,000 in each category. All participants were recognized with participation certificates.

The guests, including DC Kishtwar, DC Doda and SSP Kishtwar, extended their heartfelt congratulations to the winners and participants.

Presenting the vote of thanks, the DIO expressed gratitude to all stakeholders, particularly Dy. SP Sajjad Khan, Ashok Ji, Sanjeev Sharma, local mentors, the instrumentalists and media persons, JKAACL representative Gulab Saifi besides the other stakeholders who contributed to the event's success. He also thanked anchors Awani Sen and Zorawar Singh, the TRC management, and Picture Time Theatre officials for their support and all were felicitated on the occasion. Special thanks were extended to the officers, officials, and staff of the Educational and Police Departments for their collaboration in ensuring the grand finale's success.

## SMVDU-SKUAST-J signs MoU

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KATRA: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) and Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu joined hands in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) ceremony held at SMVDU premises. With Signing of MoU by Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, JKAS, Registrar, SMVDU and Dr.



Sushil Kumar Gupta Registrar SKUAST, doors have been opened for cooperation between the two premier institutes.

The MoU signing event was graced by the presence of Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor SMVDU, Professor B N Tripathi, Vice Chancellor of SKUAST, Deans and Heads of Schools from SMVDU, Dr. R K Salgotra, Director Institute of Bio Tech, SKUAST Jammu, Dr. Anil Kumar, Dean Faculty of Agriculture SKUAST, Dr. Sushil K.

Sharma, Dean Faculty of Agriculture Engineering, SKUAST Jammu. On the occasion, Prof. Pragati Kumar articulated the significance of the partnership between SMVDU and SKUAST, emphasizing the importance of synergistic collaboration to drive academic and research endeavors to new heights. Dr. Shafaq Rasool, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs SMVDU gave a comprehensive presentation offering insights into the rich academic tapestry of

SMVDU. A brief overview of different programs being offered at SMVDU and introduction of new programs such as B. Tech (Biotechnology), Bachelors of Design (B Des), B. Tech in Mathematics and Computing, Design your Degree Program and offering B. Tech (Honors) and B. Tech with Minor Specialization from Academic Session 2024-25 at SMVDU was also presented. The Comprehensive presentation offering insights into the overview of SKUAST was delivered by Prof. B N Tripathi, Vice Chancellor SKUAST. With the signing of MoU, students pursuing different programs at both institutions stand to benefit from enhanced opportunities from cross-institutional collaboration, enriching their academic journey and preparing them for the challenges of the modern world.

## Lok Sabha Elections-2024: Counting Observers inspect counting halls, strong rooms at PG College Rajouri

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RAJOURI: The Counting Observers, Rajdeep Sanjay John and Sanjeev Kumar Bheera, visited Government PG College Rajouri today to oversee the preparations for the counting process scheduled for tomorrow.

The Observers were accompanied District Election Officer Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat, DIG Rajouri Poonch Range, Tjinder Singh; SSP, Amrit Pal Singh; AROs of all

seven Assembly Constituencies of Rajouri & Poonch districts and other officers associated with elections process also remained present during the visit of the Observers.

The Counting Observers inspected the counting halls and strong rooms that have been set up at Government PG College Rajouri.

It is pertinent to mention here that a total of 7 counting halls and 7 strong rooms

have been established at the PG College Rajouri to facilitate the smooth and efficient counting of votes on tomorrow. During the visit, the Observers thoroughly examined the facilities and infrastructure in place to ensure that all necessary arrangements have been made for the counting process.

Various aspects were discussed to ensure a seamless and transparent counting process. The Observers

expressed their satisfaction with the arrangements made for the counting and directed the officers and officials that the counting is done in a fair and peaceful manner.

The counting in the Anantnag Rajouri constituency is scheduled to take place tomorrow and all necessary steps have been taken to maintain the sanctity of the electoral process and uphold the democratic ethos of the Nation.

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