

Kishtwar Admin starts arrangements for Shree Hudh Mata yatra & Shree Singhasani Mata Yatra

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KISHTWAR: The District Administration Kishtwar has started the arrangements for the upcoming Annual Shree Hudh Mata Trisandhiya Yatra of Dachhan and Shree Singhasani Mata Yatra of Chittoo Paddar, starting on July 8 and July 2, 2024, respectively.

In this regard, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav on Wednesday chaired a joint meeting of line departments and the members of the Managing Committees of the Yatras to discuss the requirement of amenities and other logistics for the convenience of the pilgrims.

The meeting was attended by SSP Abdul Qayoom; CEO Kishtwar Development Authority Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma; ACD Phulail Singh; AD FSC & CA Shaqat Hussain Keen and other concerned district officers, ExENs, and representatives of the respective Managing Committees.

The members of management committees projected

various demands including the up-gradation of the infrastructure and availability of basic amenities like drinking water and uninterrupted power supply, shelters, sanitation and hygiene, transportation and security for the smooth conduct of the twin Yatras. The management committee members also informed the chair about the dates of commencement of both Yatras and scheduled halts at various locations along the route up to the shrines. Responding to the issues and needs, the Deputy Commissioner issued necessary directions to the concerned officers and Executive Engineers, asking them to make all arrangements and develop infrastructure at required locations for encumbrance-free pilgrimages, well before the start of the Yatra.

During the meeting, the SSP Kishtwar assured that comprehensive security arrangements and a fool proof traffic management plan will be put in place to ensure the convenience and

safety of the pilgrims throughout the pilgrimage. The concerned Executive Engineers and Wildlife authorities assured that the repair work on the bridge paths and wooden bridges at required locations en route to the Bhawan of both Shrines will be completed on priority well ahead of the start of Yatra.

The CEO, Kishtwar Development Authority, assured that an adequate number of logistics will be made available at halt points, including at Shri Gori Shankar Mandir Sarkoot and other base camps during these Yatras to provide a spiritual and devotional experience to the pilgrims.

The KDA will make necessary arrangements for the cleanliness, decoration, and lighting of the Shri Gori Shankar Mandir premises to create a serene ambience for Yatris during both Yatras.

JPDC authorities were asked to install additional Hybrid Solar Units at the required halt points en route

to the Shree Hudh Mata Yatra.

AD FSC&CA was instructed to ensure the accessibility and availability of ration and fuel in the depots for the convenience of Langar management committees.

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) was instructed to deploy doctors and paramedical staff during the entire progress of the Yatras.

Furthermore, directions were given for the deployment of the SDRF team at the base camps and Bhawans to ensure emergency response readiness.

The CEO, KDA, and the District Information Officer (DIO) were asked to seize the opportunity and promote the linkage between the Yatra and the tourism potential of these areas through hoardings at designated places.

The DC assured the management committee members that linking Yatra with tourism can be an effective way to promote the tourism destination and attract more visitors.

BJP's historic third victory in Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency: Col Mahan

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KATHUA: In a resounding demonstration of public support, Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua, led a triumphant victory procession for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Mahanpur, Nagrota, Basohli, and Plakh areas of District Kathua.

The procession was marked by the presence of several prominent figures, including Darshan Thakur, BJP Pardhan Basohli, Sumesh Spolia, Sushama Jamwal, Sonu Gupta, Shanti Bhushan, and Balbinder Singh, highlighting the unity and strength of the party's leadership and grassroots support.

Addressing the enthusiastic gathering, Col Mahan expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the people of the Udhampur Constituency, particularly those from District Kathua, for once again placing their trust in the BJP and Dr. Jitendra Singh. Dr. Singh secured a



BJP workers celebrating victory at Kathua.

record-breaking victory with 1.26 lakh votes, a testament to his popularity and the public's approval of his work. Col Mahan credited this impressive win to the extensive developmental work initiated and executed by Dr. Jitendra Singh over the past decade. He highlighted that these efforts have significantly improved infrastructure and public services in the region, resonating well with the electorate.

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less efforts were crucial in securing this electoral victory. He acknowledged their commitment to the party's mission and their role in mobilizing voters and ensuring a robust campaign.

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KVK Kathua celebrates World Environment Day in Said-Sohal

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KATHUA: KVK-Kathua under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu celebrated World Environment Day in Said Sohal village adopted under NICRA project of KVK, Kathua. The programme was carried out under the Dynamic leadership of Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu. The Chief Guest of programme was Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension SKUAST Jammu. At the outset Dr. Vishal Mahajan Chief Scientist & Head KVK Kathua welcomed the Chief Guest, Farmers and farm women.

Dr. Amrish Vaid in his address said that World Environment Day shines a spotlight on pressing environmental challenges. Each year, a distinct theme is chosen, tackling issues like climate change, global warming, and deforestation. This year, the theme of World Environment Day is - Land



KVK officials felicitating Dr Amrish Vaid, Director Extension SKUAST Jammu.

restoration, desertification and drought resilience. "According to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, up to 40 per cent of the planet's land is degraded, directly affecting half of the world's population. The number and duration of droughts has increased by 29 per cent since 2000 - without urgent action, droughts may affect over three-quarters of the world's population by 2050,"

Dr. Vishal Mahajan Chief Scientist & Head KVK, Kathua while welcoming the chief guest and participants said that the seed of World Environment Day was sown in 1972. The United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm, Sweden on June 5th, sparked critical discussions on environmental protection. To honour this pivotal moment, the first official World Environment Day was

celebrated a year later in 1973, and the tradition has continued on the same date ever since. World Environment Day raises awareness, mobilises action, and promotes environmental sustainability. Through campaigns, events, and initiatives, World Environment Day inspires individuals and communities to make changes, fostering a sense of urgency and addressing environmental challenges for a

sustainable future.

Dr. Anamika Jamwal Chief Scientist (Plant Protection) emphasized that the objective of Environment Day is to raise awareness, mobilise action, and promotes environmental sustainability. Through campaigns, events, and initiatives, World Environment Day inspires individuals and communities to make changes, fostering a sense of urgency and addressing environmental challenges for a sustainable future.

Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat Senior Scientist (Agril. Extension) discuss with the participants that World Environment Day, observed annually on June 5th, is a powerful reminder of our collective duty to care for the environment. We can all make a positive impact by embracing sustainable practices in our daily lives, conserving resources, and advocating for eco-friendly solutions. Remember, even small steps like planting trees, reducing waste, or supporting renewable energy contributes to a significant change. Let's

work together to ensure a thriving future for our planet. United Nations utilizes the occasion to stress on the fact that there is a need to encourage worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment.

In this event Sushant Sharma and Amit Kumar also shares the package and practices of different kharif crops and year round cultivation of mushroom.

During the event Progressive farmers Sudershan Sharma, Som Dutt, Mast Ram, Parveen Singh and farmwomen Raj Karni Devi also shared their experiences.

The queries raised by the farmers and farm women regarding production and protection technologies in agriculture and allied sectors were satisfactorily answered by the scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kathua. The programme was ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat. More than 300 farmers actively participated in the programme.

DC Doda reviews functioning of Juvenile Justice Board, Child Welfare Committee

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh reviewed the functioning of the Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee here today at a meeting held in the DC complex. The meeting discussed strategies and measures to enhance the activities and effectiveness of the twin institutions.

A thorough discussion took place on multiple parameters to improve the functions and activities of the Juvenile Justice Board. Deliberations centered on case management, rehabilitation programs, legal aid for juveniles, and coordination with other agencies. Emphasis was placed on ensuring that the board operates efficiently and that juveniles receive the necessary support and guidance.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning

Officer (CPO) Manesh Kumar; District Project Officer ICDS Project Poshan S. Parmjeet Singh; Chief Education Officer (CEO) P.L. Thapa and Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shakeel Ul Rehman. Also present were the chairperson and members of the Child Welfare Committee, members of the Juvenile Justice Board Doda, social workers, and representatives from the Women Cell of the Doda Police Station.

This meeting underscored collaborative efforts from all stakeholder departments and organisations to ensure the welfare of children and juveniles in the district. The meeting highlighted the need for continuous monitoring and evaluation, inter-departmental coordination, and capacity-building initiatives for all those involved in child welfare and juvenile justice.

Bharatiya Vidya Mandir organises summer camp

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UDHAMPUR: Bharatiya Vidya Mandir Udhampur organized the Summer New Teachers and Shishu Vatika Training Camp from 4th June and camp will remain continue up to 18th June at Bharatiya Vidya Mandir Udhampur (Nainital).

Camp was inaugurated by Bal Krishan, Seh Sangthan Mantri, Idaya Bharti North zone. Geetu Bangotra CEO Udhampur was the guest of honor. Students from various schools were present. There are 36 female teachers and 11 Male teachers participating in the training class. In his speech, respected Balkishan Ji gave information about the training class and its objective. Vidya Bharati is such an organiza-



Faculty members and students during the camp.

tion in the entire world which plays an important role in the all-round development of its students and teachers. Sa Vidya Ya Vimuktaye is the educational union of Vidya Bharati. It has its schools in 11 regions of the entire world in which Acharya Vikas Varg is organized twice every year. Along with this, the chief guest Geetu Bangotra Ji

blessed Vidya Bharati and praised her by saying that the moral values that are given to a student or a teacher in Vidya Bharati should also be there in other schools so that a student can develop in the field of moral values along with education. In the vote of thanks, the General Secretary of the BSS J&K Hari Bhushan Ji

thanked everyone present and the program was concluded with Vande Mataram. While Hari Bhushan Gen. Secy Bharatiya Shiksha Samiti Jammu Kashmir, Satish Mittal, Vice President Bharatiya Shiksha Samiti Jammu Kashmir, Pradeep Singh (Educational Incharge Bharatiya Shiksha Samiti Jammu Kashmir), Avinash (Pracharak of Udhampur Department of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh), Sunil Chalotra, (Provincial Training Coordinator), Imaam Chand Mittal, Treasurer Bharatiya Vidya Mandir Udhampur), Renu Sharma (Principal), Training Conducting Team, School Management Committee members were present.

LS Polls 2024: BJP celebrates party's victory, jubilant for third term of Modi

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BHADERWAH: To express their feelings after winning both Jammu division seats and achieving of magic number by NDA for government formation, workers and office bearers of Doda unit on Wednesday celebrated the party's victory in Lok Sabha elections after the results in Jammu and Udhampur parliamentary constituencies of J&K along with across the country.

The BJP workers and leaders danced to the drum beats and distributed sweets among people at Bhalla area of JK's Bhaderwah.

It is notable that Jugal Kishore Sharma was the Jammu-Reasi Lok Sabha seat and Dr. Jitendra Singh won Udhampur-Doda seat of Jammu and Kashmir.

The celebration held at Bhalla was participated by Ex MLA Dalip Singh



BJP leaders and workers during the celebration at Bhaderwah.

Parihar, DDC Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat, DDC counselor Yudhvir Thakur, District General secretary Sanjay Saraf, Workers, office bearers and huge gathering of locals.

The jubilations were held in Bhalla market area, in which large number BJP activists with party flags in their hands participated. They congratulated PM

Modi, and Party national president, J P Nadda and other senior leaders for NDA's victory in the elections.

Ex MLA Dalip Singh Parihar said that the despite alliance of more than 30 opposition parties, NDA will form government with Narendra Modi as prime minister for a third term.

"BJP-led NDA under the

leadership of Modi is forming the government for the third consecutive term, "Parihar added, saying that it's victory of development and people friendly initiatives of Modi Government.

DDC Vice Chairperson Doda Sangeeta Bhagat said people of the country right from Kashmir to Kanya Kumari have voted for a strong Government under the leadership of Modi. She congratulated people of Jammu division in reposing their faith in the party by electing Dr. Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma for third consecutive term from this region. "It's result of Modi Guarantee, for which people voted for us," she added.

General secretary Sanjay Saraf said that it's victory of PM's vision for overall development of all sections of the society.

JU's Bhadarwah Campus organizes plantation drive

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BHADARWAH: The Department of Geography at the Institute of Mountain Environment, Bhaderwah Campus University of Jammu, celebrated World Environment Day by organizing a plantation drive.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from both students and teachers who planted trees across the campus.

Marking this special occa-



Faculty members and students during the plantation drive.

sion, the department launched a new initiative wherein each first-semester student will plant a tree and commit to nurturing it throughout their two-year course. This initiative, spearheaded by Dr. Chhering Tandup, In-Charge Head of the Department of Geography, is supported by Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel, the Rector of Bhaderwah Campus.

Rector Bhaderwah Campus, Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel congratulated the students and faculty of the Department of Geography's

for their proactive efforts. He emphasized the critical importance of tree plantation, noting, "Plantation is the need of the hour. This initiative will not only beautify our campus but also play a vital role in mitigating environmental challenges."

Rector Bhaderwah Campus further said that the event underscored the collective commitment of the Bhaderwah Campus community to fostering a greener and more sustainable environment. "The Department of Geography's

ongoing efforts will serve as an inspiration for other departments and institutions to undertake similar environmentally conscious actions," he added.

Dr. Chhering Tandup Incharge Department of Geography highlighted the initiative's significance, stating, "Our goal is to instill a sense of environmental responsibility among students and contribute to the reduction of pollution, enhancement of the local ecosystem, and overall improvement of biodiversity on the campus."

Dr. Shayan Javed, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at Bhaderwah Campus, also spoke on the occasion and laid stress upon the students to work for the betterment of society by planting plant saplings. Present on the occasion were Hardeep Kour, Naveen, Ramana Devi and Muskan.

DC flags off Mata Chandi Mindal Yatra from Doda

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, flagged off the famous Mata Chandi Mindal annual Yatra here from Dak Bunglow amid reciting of religious slogans in praise of the Mata. The holy yatra proceeded on its long journey towards Mindal village in Himachal Pradesh. A beautifully decorated van, featuring the traditional Maa Chandi Trishul for darshan, was the highlight of the yatra.

Arrangements for langer and refreshments were made for the devotees, who were seen wearing traditional attire symbolizing Maa Chandi Rani. The procession saw a large gathering of both male and female yatris, par-



DC Doda Harvinder Singh flagging off Mata Chandi Mindal annual Yatra.

ticipating with full dedication and devotion to pay their respects to Maa Bhagwati.

The yatra, set to be completed in nine days, will travel through the Paddar Valley and culminate at the ancient Mindal Mata Chandi Temple

in Mindal village, Himachal Pradesh. Devotees from various parts of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Udhampur, and Jammu, participate in this annual pilgrimage.

During the flag-off ceremony, Deputy Commissioner

Harvinder Singh extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims, urging them to pray to Maa Bhagwati for peace, prosperity, and brotherhood in the country. He emphasized the spiritual significance of the yatra and encouraged devotees to maintain their devotion throughout the journey.

The Deputy Commissioner, accompanied by CPO Doda Manesh Kumar and Tehsildar Doda Dr. Subuh Ahmad Shad, assured that all necessary facilities and arrangements for a smooth and safe journey had been made by the district administration. The police department has deployed sufficient security and made traffic arrangements to ensure the safety of the yatris.

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