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Ashok Koul reviews 11-year celebration programmes, upcoming events

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KISHTWAR: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu Kashmir General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul convened an important meeting of the BJP District Kishtwar unit to take stock of the ongoing programmes being held as part of the nation-wide celebrations marking 11 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government. The meeting, held at the party office in Kishtwar, witnessed the presence of prominent BJP leaders and functionaries from across the district. Ashok Koul, while addressing the gathering, lauded the dedicated efforts of the Kishtwar unit in ensuring the successful execution of programmes under the 'Sewa, Sushasan, aur Garib Kalyan ke 11 Saal" campaign. He emphasized the importance of connecting with the grassroots to communicate the monumental achievements and transformative initiatives undertak-

en by the Modi government

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BJP J&K General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul and others at a programme.

over the past decade. "Every year under PM Modi's leadership has been a testament to decisive governance, inclusive development, and unwavering service to the poorest of the poor. From abrogation of Article 370 to Ayushman Bharat and PM Awas Yojana, people have witnessed real change in their lives," said Ashok Koul. He further directed the

party cadre to actively prepare for two significant upcoming events - the

Prasad Mookherjee on June 23, and the observance of Black Day on June 25 to denounce the imposition of the Emergency by the Congress government in 1975."The sacrifice of Dr.

Mookherjee must be remembered with utmost respect and commitment to his ideals. His vision for a united India was realized through the removal of Article 370. Equally, we must educate the youth about the dark days of Punyatithi of Dr. Shyama Emergency when democracy

Congress rule," Koul added. Shagun Parihar, MLA from Kishtwar, also addressed the gathering and reiterated the commitment of the local leadership to strengthen the party at the booth level. Kishtwar has seen development under BJP's governance, and it is our duty to communicate that effectively. We are fully geared for upcoming programmes and outreach initiatives," she said.

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District President Ravi Parihar highlighted the district's active participation in all national-level pro-grammes. "From Viksit

Bharat Sankalp Yatras to social service campaigns, Kishtwar BJP karyakartas have worked tirelessly to carry forward the Prime Minister's vision. We are ready to observe Dr. Mookherjee's Punyatithi with full reverence and mark Emergency Day as a symbol of our commitment to democracy," he stated.

Tariq Hussain Keen, State Secretary BJP, praised the unity and energy of the Kishtwar team. "Kishtwar BJP has become a strong and disciplined unit. Our strength lies in our grassroots connect and tireless commitment to organizational goals. Let us continue to work with the same zeal in the days to come," he asserted. Singh Rana,

Gaiav Prabhari Kishtwar, along with senior leaders including Chuni Lal Shan, Pardeep Parihar, Braj Mohan Hukam Sharma, Capt. Chand, Akshay Sharma, and many other dedicated Karyakartas, were present in the meeting and actively participated in the deliberations.

BCCI allows 2nd bone test, modifies AVP: Brig Gupta

player under 16, he is deemed

eligible to participate in the

Under-16 age-group competi-

tions for that particular year.

In the following year, the play-

er should automatically be

ineligible for the Under-16 cat-

egory. However, under the new

AVP guidelines, if the player is

still under 16 as per his birth

certificate, he will be allowed a

second bone test," the state-

The statement further said

"If the repeat test shows the

age under 16, he will be per-

mitted to continue playing in that age group. Girls in the 12-

15 age group are also subject

to the same process - an initial

bone test followed by a repeat

"This second test is, under-

standably, in view of the gener-

al perception that bone tests

may not be entirely accurate.

It can also be seen as a tacit

acknowledgement that the

procedure, however scientific it

is, has its limitations. The sec-

ond, rather the repeat test.

was approved by the Apex Council last week," the state-

test, if necessary.

ment added.

statement said.

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JAMMU: In a significant decision, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has modified the Age Verification Procedure (AVP), practised to curb age-fudging in junior cricket. Starting this year, the BCCI will permit a second bone test for players whose 'bone age' exceeds the threshold - 16 years for boys and 15 years for girls.

This was informed by Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration JKCA in a press statement issued here on Saturday.

"The decision was taken by the BCCI at its recent Apex Council meeting. Until now, the BCCI has been conducting bone tests for boys in the 14-16 age group. As per the prevailing practice, once a player's bone age is determined, one year is added to it. This adjusted figure - referred also as 'mathematical age' - is treated as the official age for eligibility in the BCCI age-group competitions. For instance, if Player X's bone age is assessed as 14.8 years, the BCCI adds one year, making it 15.8," the

ment further added. "Since that still places the

Normally, the bone test is conducted through an X-ray. These tests are carried out before the start of every domestic season, typically in the months of July and August. During this period, state associations are allotted specific windows, and a BCCI representative visits each state when the tests are done. On an average, around 40-50 boys and 20-25 girls appear for the tests in each state, which are conducted at an affiliated hospital.

A new method of cheating was uncovered by BCCI and state associations in recent years. In an attempt to avoid detection, some parents were reportedly sending younger ones to undergo the tests in place of the actual players. However, this impersonation tactic was identified by both the BCCI and the state associations. To prevent such manipulation, the BCCI representatives now insist on a valid Aadhaar document carrying the players' latest photographs before allowing them to undergo the tests

SP Rural Jammu seeks public cooperation for smooth, incident free conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra



highlighted as equally essential. Locals and shopkeepers were advised to remain alert and immediately report any suspicious persons, movements to the nearest police station; assist police with verification of all employees/staff working in

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KISHTWAR: In a significant public outreach initiative. Additional Superintendent of Police Kishtwar, Pardeep Singh along with SDPO Marwah

ASP Kishtwar conducts extensive tour of Marwah/Warwan



between the government and the people of remote areas. In addition to the public meetings, Addl. SPKishtwar also chaired crime review meetings at Police Station Marwah. Police Station Warwan, and Police Post Afti. Officers and officials were briefed to ensure strict compliance with all legal provisions; Act swiftly, professionally, and calmly in public handling issues; Maintain extra vigilance in view of the prevailing security scenario, especially after the recent Pahalgam terrorist attack. The tour concluded with a strong message of policepublic cooperation, administrative outreach, and reaffirmation of the police's dedication to maintaining law. order, and community welfare even in the most remote corners of Kishtwar district.

SP Rural Jammu with others at a PCPG meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In compliance with the directions of SSP Jammu. Police Community two Partnership Group (PCPG) meetings were held by SP Rural Jammu, one at Panjgrain, Nagrota and the other at Saloora, Jhajjar Kotli. The meetings were attended by the local public and shopkeepers along the National Highway, with the objective of strengthening cooperation

CCTV cameras at their premises to enhance security surveillance. During the interaction, several public issues such as between the police and the comdrug smuggling, illegal mining, munity ahead of the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and theft were also raised. On (SANJY)-2025 SDPO the spot directions were given Nagrota, SHO Nagrota, and by SP Rural Jammu to the SHO Jhajjar Kotli were also SDPO and SHOs concerned for priority redressal of these present during the meetings. The public was briefed on their issues vital role in ensuring the

The local community members expressed their full support smooth and secure conduct of the Yatra. While security forces and assured the police of complete cooperation in making are actively engaged in safeguarding the Yatra route, pub-SANJY-2025 a safe, smooth, and successful pilgrimage. lic vigilance and support were

On this occasion, in addition

to the members of the Bharat Vikas Parishad, Gandhi Nagar

branch, a number of State and

Regional level office bearers of

shops and establishments along Vijay Bhagat, conducted a comprehensive three-day the route; install high quality tour of the far-flung Marwah and Warwan areas of District Kishtwar.

During the visit, Police Community Partnership Group (PCPG) meetings were held at multiple locations, wherein the officers interacted with a large number of locals and listened to their long-standing grievances. The public raised several key issues, with major demands including:

Residents expressed deep concern that even after 78 years of independence, villages in Marwah and Warwan continue to remain

ASP Kishtwar, Pardeep Singh with SDPO Marwah, Vijay Bhagat during meeting with people.

without electricity, highlighting decades of infrastructural neglect. Locals demanded all-

weather roads and proper maintenance of existing routes, particularly the Margan Top road, which remains closed during winter months and cuts off the

region. Despite the installation of

DIG U-R Range conducts crime, operational review at PS Panchari



STATE TIMES NEWS UDHAMPUR DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range Sarah Rizvi visited PS Panchari to conduct a detailed review of crime trends and assess operational readiness in the area. She was accompanied by SSP Udhampur Amod Nagpure.

During the visit, she interacted with DySP Ops Asgar Malik, SHO PS Panchari and other police officers of the station and reviewed various aspects of law and order preparedness. She directed intensified patrolling, strict tenant

and migrant verification and regular random checks at hotels & lodges, especially important given Panchari's status as a tourist destination to detect any suspicious activity

DIG also emphasized activating and closely coordinating with VDG members in the area to enhance grassroots vigilance and local security support.

SSP Udhampur shared updates on security measures and assured all-out efforts to maintain peace and vigilance in the area.

mobile towers, network signals remain poor, and no internet connectivity is available in most areas. The public requested the administration to ensure reliable and fast communication services.

People demanded that chopper services, which are occasionally provided in winter, be made available throughout the year for emergencies and connectivity.

Addl. SP Pardeep Singh assured the public that their genuine issues will be projected before the concerned departments for appropriate and time-bound redressal. He reiterated the commitment of the police department to act as a bridge

DC inaugurates Press Club Poonch

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POONCH: The long-awaited dream of the journalist community in Poonch was finally realized on Saturday as the Deputy Commissioner of Poonch, Vikas Kundal inaugurated the new Press Club, marking a significant milestone after 78 years of independence. The press fraternity has expressed its deep gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner for granting this much-needed space to journalists, who have long awaited such a facility. The people of Poonch also extended their thanks to Vikas Kundal for his farsighted decision in favor of the Fourth Estate. The ceremony was marked by the presence of senior civil and police administration officials, including Additional Superintendent of Police Mohan Lal, alongside other dignitaries. Prominent figures in the press community such as NS Talwar (Chairman, Press Club), Randhir Singh Journalist (President.



DC Poonch, Vikas Kundal inaugurating new Press Club.

Association Poonch), Rajesh Tandon, Salil Raina, Ishrat Bhatt. Rajesh Khajuria, Aitsham Bhatt, and Pradeep Khanna (Senior Radio Presenter), JB Singh, Ramesh Bali, Ishrat Bhat, Munish Sharma, Niaz Shah, Rajesh Khajuria, Neelam Ajnabi, Nipun Khajuria, Shahzad Bhatt, Bhopinder Singh were present during the inauguration. They, along with all the members of the Journalist Association and Press Club, expressed their heartfelt thanks to the Deputy Commissioner and DIO, Basharat Hussain, for their tireless efforts in fulfilling the long-cherished dream of the journalists of this border town. The Press fraternity also assured the district administration of its wholehearted support in highlighting the developmental works being carried out for the betterment of the people of Poonch.

The newly inaugurated Press Club will remain open to all members of the Press fraternity in the district, marking a new chapter for journalism in the region.



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JAMMU: In connection of International Yoga Day, Bharat Vikas Parishad, Gandhi Nagar Branch, Jammu, in collaboration of Bharatiya Yoga Sansthan, organized a Yoga session in the air conditioned hall of Shiva Temple, Sect. 1, Nanak Nagar, Jammu. Prof. Sudesh Kumar Sharma, Director, Central Sanskrit University (CSU), Jaipur Campus, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Prof. Sharat Chander Sharma, President, BVP, Gandhi Nagar Branch, presided over the function.

The programme commenced with lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries.

Prof. Sharma welcomed and thanked the guests and the participants, besides highlighting the significance of the Programme. He exhorted the participants to not to limit their yoga prac-

BVP Gandhi Nagar Branch celebrates

International Yoga Day

tice to the International Yoga Day, but to make it a part of their routine. Only then, they shall have the full and multifarious benefits of Yoga. In his address, Prof. Sudesh

Kumar Sharma said that Yoga is a unique gift from India to the whole humanity, the significance of which is now dawning all over the world. Through yoga, we can uplift not only ourselves but also others, physically, mentally and spiritually.

Sharat Chander

Bharat Vikas Parishad, practiced Yoga under the guidance of Dinesh and Yash. They included BVP State President, Sunita Gupta, Regional Activities Convenor Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, State Seva Convenor Gurmeet Singh, former Central office bearer Dr. Devraj Sharma, former State President Bharat Bushan Sharma, former President Gandhi Nagar Branch Sushil Ojha, former Secretary and Present Joint Secretary Organization Chandra Uday Sharma, Organized Secretary Ved Prakash Verma, Vice President Tilak Raj Sharma, Kuldeep Sharma, Secretary Vikas Bhardwaj, Treasurer Ranjan Gupta, Branch Seva Head Rajani Gupta, and Head of the Ladies section Shashi Abrol.

and ensure visitor safety.