

Sham Lal flags-off Budda Amarnath Yatra from Kameshwar Temple Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR: The first batch of 9-day long Buddha Amarnath pilgrimage left Bhagwati Nagar base camp at Jammu on Friday and the batch comprising 1,056 pilgrims was received at Dumi village on Jammu-Poonch National Highway by an impressive bike rally of Bajrang Dal led by Balkar Singh (Prant Suraksha Pramukh Bajrang Dal). SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat, Deputy Director Indoor SKPA Udhampur was also present on the occasion to welcome the Yatra, observing all traditional religious rituals. Bhavesh Bhai Thakur, Senior Bajrang Dal functionary from Gujarat was also accompanying the Yatra.

Earlier, Yatra was escorted to historical Kameshwar Temple in Akhnoor where senior BJP Leader Sham Lal



Senior BJP Leader Sham Lal Sharma, Mahamandleshwar Rameshwar Dass flagging off Budda Amarnath Yatra from Akhnoor.

Sharma, Mahamandleshwar Rameshwar Dass, SSP Mohan Lal Bhagat, Dr Krishan Lal Bhagat Ex-MLA, Jagdish Bhagat BJP District

President, Ravi Verma, Sonia Verma and other functionaries of VIHP/ Bajrang Dal welcomed the Yatra. The pilgrims were offered snacks and tea

soon after their arrival. After paying obeisance at Kameshwar Temple, the pilgrims left for Poonch. The Yatra was flagged-off from temple by former Minister Sham Lal Sharma, Mahamandleshwar Rameshwar Dass and others. Pertinent to mention here that this year, pilgrimage is taking place after a gap of two years as it remained suspended in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID restrictions. J&K police, army as well as paramilitary forces have been deployed for the safety of Yatra, while various other measures have been taken for convenience of pilgrims.

Others present on the occasion included Tehsildar Babu Ram Choudhary, Pardeep Singh, Pardeep Choudhary, Raj Kumar, Raju Kumar, Mukesh Kumar, Vicky Kumar and Kaka.

TAD issues selection list of Top 20 meritorious students

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SRINAGAR: Tribal Affairs Department (TAD) has issued a selection list under Top 20 meritorious scheme on Friday. Earlier in the month the department launched the scheme which aims to felicitate the top 20 students who have passed matriculation examination during the session 2021-22. Desirous students were asked to apply under the scheme with relevant details for consideration.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary informed that a total number of 184 students were shortlisted by the department from hundreds of applications received through portal. After proper scrutiny and evaluation a total number of 22 tribal students have been selected under 'Top 20' scheme since there was tie among three students at 20th spot. The scheme is being implemented through the Education wing of the Tribal Research Institute.

The cut-off point in today's select list was declared as 96% with 14 girl students figuring in the list of total 22 students, an official informed.

The selected students shall be felicitated in an impressive ceremony scheduled to be held soon. As per the guidelines of the scheme these students shall be provided a laptop worth Rs. 50,000/- and Scholarship upto Rs. 25,000/- shall be provided to each student.

Pertinent to mention here, the department has for the first time initiated an exercise to assess the state of education viz a viz tribal students, literacy levels prevalent among the tribal population, and based on such surveys development of a comprehensive education plan to address specific educational needs of the tribal students.

Dir Information holds brainstorming session with 1st Batch of student volunteers from Jammu Div



Director Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Akshay Labroo chairing a session.

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JAMMU: Director Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Akshay Labroo along with senior officers of the Directorate of Information held the first brain-storming session with 1st batch of students volunteers who had registered through a public google link to volunteer for creating digital content for various social media platforms of the Information department of Jammu and Kashmir.

The volunteers belong to different universities of Jammu division, the volunteers gave innovative and new age suggestions for creating digital content of the youth, by the youth, for the youth of J&K.

Similar brainstorming session will also be held with volunteers of the Kashmir division in the next week. Director Information said that the priority of the Information is now to move away from conservative conventional methods of communication and rapidly embrace the digital revolution in media and communications.

Amarnath Yatra: Chhatri Mubarak reaches Sharika Bhawani temple Batch of 835 pilgrims leaves Jammu for cave shrine

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SRINAGAR: Chhatri Mubarak -- the saffron-robed holy mace of Lord Shiva -- was Friday taken to the ancient Sharika-Bhawani Temple here for special prayers as part of the ongoing annual Amarnath Yatra.

In connection with annual Swami Amarnath Ji Yatra-2022, Chhatri Mubarak Swami Amarnath Ji was taken to Ancient Sharika-Bhawani Temple, Hari Parbat to pay obeisance to the Goddess on the occasion of Shrawan Shukla Paksha Pratipada as per the age-old traditions, the custodian of the mace, Mahant Deependra Giri said.

Sizable number of Sadhus and devotees participated in the prayers that lasted for about 90 minutes, he said.

Goddess Sharika-Bhawani popularly known as 'Tripur Sundari' amongst the mystics, is believed to be Ishat Devi (Presiding Deity) of the Srinagar city who manifested herself in a figure of Shila (Holy Rock) at Hari-Parbat.

Meanwhile, a batch of 835 Amarnath pilgrims, the smallest so far this year, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here this morning for the twin base camps in Kashmir, officials said.

The pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in a convoy of 35 vehicles amid heavy security of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in the morning, they said.

The officials said 306 pilgrims heading for Baltal were the first to leave the Jammu camp in 16 vehicles, followed by

the second convoy of 19 vehicles carrying 529 pilgrims for Pahalgam.

The number of pilgrims visiting the cave shrine has fallen drastically in the last three days mostly due to bad weather conditions, they said. While 3,862 pilgrims left for the cave shrine from Jammu on Monday, 2,189, 1,147 and 1,602 devotees left for Amarnath from here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, respectively. Till Thursday, a total of over 2.70 lakh pilgrims had offered their prayers at the cave shrine, housing the naturally formed Ice-Shivlingam, the officials said. With this, a total of 141,358 pilgrims have left from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp for the Valley since June 29, the day the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

A total of 36 people, mostly pilgrims, have died during the ongoing Amarnath Yatra. Additionally, 15 pilgrims died in the flash floods at the Amarnath cave shrine on July 1.

Rahul Sahai calls on President J&K Bank Jammu Division



Chairman PHDCCI Jammu, Rahul Sahai presenting a sapling to Sunit Kumar, President J&K Bank Jammu.

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JAMMU: A delegation led by Rahul Sahai Chairman PHDCCI Jammu Chapter along with Kuldeep Gupta, Co Chairman and Senior members Shantanu Gupta, Arush Mahajan from IT sector and Amarpreet Singh, Resident Officer, PHDCCI Jammu met Sunit Kumar President J&K Bank Jammu, here on Friday.

Sahai said that there is a great need to create awareness amongst the Start Up's, MSME's regarding various financial schemes of the bank available for them. He proposed that educational programs can be conducted in Universities, Industrial areas in collaboration with PHD Chamber.

He suggested designing loans according to requirement of students so that purpose of producing local skilled man-

power be accomplished. Other suggestions like Robust Digital Marketing, Online banking training videos, Single window complaints redressal, Marketing of properties on auction, Opening up new SME branches near new Industrial estates, At Par Netbanking / Mpay services with other banks, Reward program for regular account were given. Issues like Account statements not showing all entries, Disparity in Rate of interest, Mishandling of

Customers, Genuine Valuation of Mortgaged Properties, Reduction in valuation charges, Payout on Auto loan business, Direct incentives to dealership manpower were also discussed.

Sunit Kumar said that due consideration will be given to all the issues and suggestions. Rajesh Dubey, Deputy General Manager, Zonal Head Jammu and Rohit Kumar In charge Advances and other officials of J&K Bank were also present in the meeting.

Damages, water-logging due to rains proved failure of UT Admn, JMC: Sawhney Seeks resignation of Mayor, Deputy Mayor



Former Minister J&K Yogesh Sawhney addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: To discuss issue of immense damages and water-logging caused in various parts of Jammu city and complete failure of JMC and J&K administration in handling the situation, former Minister J&K Yogesh Sawhney General Secretary PCC, while speaking during a Press Conference, accused Jammu Municipal Corporation of total failure this time in handling the situation, stating that the Corporation was not prepared in advance for something that happens every year and therefore a lot of damages were caused, which could have been prevented. "As it is a massive failure of Jammu Municipal Corporation, Congress demands resignation

of Mayor and the Deputy Mayor from their posts," said Sawhney, urging LG to sack Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

During the press conference, the congress leader also briefly commented on Smriti Irani row stating that BJP Minister should first look in the mirror before saying anything against Congress President. He further conveyed condolences to bereaved families of two pilots, one of whom belonged to R S Pura and who lost their lives in IAF's MiG-21 crash at Barnier district, calling it a great loss and a most unfortunate incident.

He further asked UT administration and JMC to take responsibility for the havoc caused in Jammu city

besides initiating compensatory and rehabilitation actions at the earliest. He also urged BJP government at the center to stop their 'Jumals and Scams' like Smart city scheme, which he called as publicity stunts and not developmental mission, as proved during recent rains. Sawhney said that failure of BJP on all levels is quite clear and demanded immediate remedial steps for compensating the losses, which Jammu people have suffered.

Others senior leaders present on the occasion included Suhil Sharma Spokesperson JK PCC, Dr Ramakant Khajuria Vice President DCC, Uttam Singh Chib Ex-Councilor JMC and Arif Malik.

Note: Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.

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Dr Jitendra addresses new IAS officers, redefines their role for 2047

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NEW DELHI: While addressing the new IAS officers of 2020 batch undergoing 3-month stint as Assistant Secretaries in the Govt of India, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday redefined their role for 2047.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invocation of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" Dr Jitendra Singh said, the next 25 years are critical for India because these will be the years of ascent of India's ascent in the global arena.

Therefore, the current lot of IAS officers is privileged



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing an interactive session for IAS officers at IIP4, New Delhi.

in 2047, is the question, he said.

In his concluding remarks, Dr Jitendra told the young civil servants that gaining knowledge from institutions like IIPA will help them to meet the various decision-making challenges, which they will face in the States and the Districts and conveyed his best wishes to officers in all their future endeavours.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE					
Tender Notice No.: 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR/ 120-2022-23-ADEN-II/FZR, 121-2022-23-ADEN-LDH, 122-2022-23-Sr.DEN-IF/FZR, 123-2022-23-ADEN-LDH, 124-2022-23-ADEN-LDH, 125-2022-23-ADEN-LDH, 126-2022-23-ADEN-II/FZR, 127-2022-23-ADEN-II/FZR, 128-2022-23-ADEN-II/FZR, 129-2022-23-ADEN-II/FZR, 130-2022-23-ADEN-LDH, 131-2022-23-ADEN-LDH, 132-2022-23-ADEN-LDH					
Sr.DEN-II/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below listed tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date-30.08.2022 up to 11.00 AM on 20.08.2022. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.					
Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.					
Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System	Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Time	Bid Closing Date/Time
Open	Works	Single Bid System	28.07.2022	16.08.2022	30.08.2022 15.00 hrs.
SN.	Tender No.	Details of Tender			
1.	120-2022-23-ADEN-II/FZR	Through Fitting renewal (71.25 Km) of the existing 52 kg/60Kg PSC sleepers at Km 20.00 to 90.15 Km, SRR Line No. 3 (0.00 to 0.600 Km) & MXH line No. 5 (0.00 to 0.500 Km) (71.25 Km) on JUC-FZR section under ADEN-II/FZR.			
2.	121-2022-23-ADEN-LDH	Through Fitting renewal (22.919 Km) of the existing 52 kg/60Kg PSC sleepers at Km 36.00 to 37.00, 371.00 to 376.65 to 384.00, 411.00 to 413.00 (UP line) Km 406.431 to 413.00 (DN line) (22.919 Km) on SRL-JUC section & Increasing Sleepers Density by manual 2.398 Km from M+7 to M+8 density at various locations from Km 409.00 to 412.00 (UP & DN) lines BG Track on SRL-JUC section under ADEN/LDH.			
3.	122-2022-23-Sr.DEN-II/FZR	Strengthening/Repair and other misc. Works to c.i.c.w. TBR 137.793 Km on FZR Yard (Km 0.00 to 4.992), F2P Yard (Km 0.00 to 2.00), SRL-JUC (Km 376.50 to 386.10 to 371.00 to 380.60 Km line, Km 383.00 to 386.10 to 3.10 Km (UP line), Km 386.87 to 389.00 (UP & DN) lines) 4.26 Km, SRL-JUC (Km 389.60 to 399.00 to 94.40 Km, PGW-NSJ-JJ (Km 52.30 to 67.00 & 22.77 to 23.94 = 15.87 Km, NSS-RHU Km 1.00 to 7.35 = 6.35 Km, sections (Total Km 55.572) at various locations under ADEN/LDH in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-II/FZR.			
4.	123-2022-23-ADEN-LDH	Misc.P-Way Works for track maintenance in the Main line section of SSE/P-Way/LDH in the jurisdiction of ADEN/LDH.			
5.	124-2022-23-ADEN-LDH				