### Shia Federation Jammu Province extends gratitude to LG Administration



Delegation of Shia Community meeting Admin officials.

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POONCH: Representatives of Shia Federation Jammu province extended their grat- $_{
m the}$ Administration in general and Civil and Police Administration district Poonch in particular for making elaborate arrangements for successful culmination of the Ashura Processions in different parts of the district. Besides they also appreciated the administration for making adequate efforts for maintaining uninterrupted power and water supply during the period from 1st to 10th Muharram throughout the district par-

Majalis were being held.

They extended their heartfelt thanks to Yasin M Chowdharv Deputy Commissioner Poonch Mughal DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range, Vinay Sharma SSP Poonch and all the sectoral civil and police officers for providing basic facilities and maintaining law and order during these days

Representatives of Shia Federation and Local Shia Anjumans also thanked Manoj Sinha Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and district administration Srinagar for allowing 8 th Muharram ticularly in the areas where Procession and for making cessful culmination.

Representatives of Shia Federation who spoke include Maulana Sved Mukhtar Hussain Jafri Patron Shia Federation Alhaj Shokat Kazmi member advisory board, Alhaj Mohammad Bashir Mir Vice President , Alhaj Jafar Hussain Wantoo President District Shia Federation Poonch. Mohatshim Bhat Ahatsham Joint

Presidents and members of Anjuman Jaferia Poonch, Tanzeem ul Momneen Mandi, Anjuman Gulshan e Hussaini Palera, Anjuman Jaferia Surankote-Mendhar, Anjuman Jaferia Gursai, Anjuman Imamia Mendhar and many other anjumans louded the efforts of district administration and Sunni Brothers, members Civil Society , Gurudawara Purbandak Committee, Sikh Sangat, Sansatam Dharam, Imtiaz Salaria councillor Mohd Prominent Social leader Taj Mir, Sunni Youths for their

# PARVAAZ Qualifying Test Witnesses Remarkable Turnout District Administration extends support for successful conduct at GDC Poonch

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POONCH: The District Administration of Poonch played a pivotal role in facilitating the successful conduct of the PARVAAZ Qualifying Test under the Parvaaz programme of Mission Youth

The qualifying test, which aims to select eligible candidates for free coaching for civil services examinations, was organized at the prestigious Govt. Degree College Poonch.

Administration's proactive approach and unwavering support in providing necessary logistical arrangements and coordination helped ensure the smooth execution of the examination. The collaborative efforts of

the District Administration and the Mission Youth J&K brought forth an overwhelming response from the youth of the region, signifying their aspirations to excel in civil services and contribute to the nation's governance.

produce the organic vegeta-



Admn officials along with college faculty.

A total of 261 candidates were allotted for the qualifying test, demonstrating the eagerness of the youth to participate in the initiative. On the examination 154 candidates appeared to take the test, a commendable turnout that highlighted the commitment of the youth towards realizing their dreams of serving the nation in administrative capacities.

The Nodal Officer, ADC Poonch, Principal Degree college Poonch, ČEO

Education Poonch, DTO, Tehsildar Haveli ,Duty Magistrate, Naib Tehsildar Haveli Assistant Nodal office Superintendent and Dy. superintendent, invigilators and supporting staff and police personnels detailed for duties played a crucial role in overseeing the facilitation and coordination of the examination process under overall supervision of District Magistrate Poonch. The commitment and dedication of the staff deployed

along with the support other stakeholders, created an enabling environment for the candidates to exhibit their knowledge and capabilities with confi-

 $\operatorname{PARVAAZ}$ Qualifying Test not only served as an assessment of academic proficiency but also provided candidates with valuable exposure to the competitive examination format. It equipped them with experiences and insights that will be instrumental in their journey towards becoming successful civil servants.

As the examination papers are evaluated, successful candidates will be provided with the opportunity to receive free coachnations, further strengthening their preparation for the prestigious challenge

District Administration extends its heartfelt appreciation to all the entire nation.

the candidates who participated in the test and acknowledges their determination to excel. It also expresses gratitude to the Mission Youth J&K for their visionary initiative and efforts in empowering the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

The successful conduct of the PARVAAZ Qualifying Test underscores the combined commitment of the District Administration and the Parvaaz programme in nurturing the talents of the region's youth and empowering them to contribute to the nation's progress and development

Moving forward, the District Administration reaffirms its dedication to supporting such initiatives that promote education, skill development, and empowerment of the youth, ensuring that they become responsible and valuable assets for the growth and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir and

### KVK Reasi educates farmers on hydroponics technology ogy can be very useful to

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) educated and provided the technical guidelines on hydroponics technology to the farmers here at KVK, Reasi under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.BN Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof.SK Gupta SKUAST-J. Sr. Scientist &

Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr.Banarsi Lal said that hydroponics technology is an efficient technique for the production of safe and fresh organic vegetables. He said that this technol-

ogy is very simple, labour and water saving. He added that this technology has the potential to attract the youths towards agriculture



KVK scientist educating women.

dling towards this sector. He informed that the plants are grown in an inert substrate such as the perlite, coconut fiber, vermicullite etc. in the hydroponics unit and also discussed on the water use efficiency in the hydroponics system. He expressed that the demand of organic, safe and high quality vegetables is increasing dayby-day and through this technology one can produce the quality organic vegeta-

informed that in this technology plants are grown without soil and there are least chances of infestation of insects-pests, diseases and weeds in the crop. He further said that the hydroponics technique requires less space and has an immense scope in future also. He informed that this technology can be considered as an efficient method of farming in modern era when the climate is impacting the agriculture. He also

bles especially in the urban and semi-urban areas. Dr.Suja Nabi Qureshi, Scientist said that in this technology plants get the nutrients in a uniform way and added that the crops like lettuce, tomatoes, capsicum, cucumber etc. can be grown in this system of farming. He further said that waste areas in the house can be utilized for the hydroponics as the crops are grown in the soilless culture. He informed that nutrient rich solution is circulated through the automated electronic pump. He added that even the landless people can also adopt this technology and fetch returns. He added that the hydroponics technology solves number of technologies such as lack of soil, space, water and even time. Many farmers of the area are visiting the KVK, Reasi campus and taking keen interest in this innovative technology established at KVK, Reasi.

## Reserve Categories of Reasi register protest against dilution of ST status

Bakerwal REASI: Gujjar Community of Reasi along with their animals registered a strong protest in front of Dak Bunglow Reasi against recently introduced Scheduled Tribes

Order(Amendment) Bill, 2023 in Lok Sabha by Tribal Affair Ministry through which Pahari speaking people along with three other upper castes are added as scheduled tribes.

The peaceful protest was registered under the flag of All Reserved Categories Joint Action Committee of Jammu and Kashmir and Gujjar Bakerwal Welfare Society Reasi. While addressing the media persons Er.Shabir Ahmed vice president of GB Welfare Society Reasi told that the tribals of the Jammu and Kashmir are being slaughtered at the hand of ruling dispensation. G.D. Sharma commission is a blunder that hoodwinked Govt. of India with distorted facts it must be rolled back at any cost he added. If this does not happen they will unleash their animals on roads and Prime Minister and Home Minister of India would be responsible for any untoward incident.



Members of reserve category staging protest at Reasi.

Mudassir Ahmed another member said that the tribal community is peaceful and nationalist who always lead from the front in the hour of

He recalled the insurgency time in J&K when Gujjars of Hill Kaka Poonch, Rajouri and Reasi in collaboration with Indian Army wiped out the militant from the land. Adv. Ajay Salalia and other members from the SC and OBC community also extended their support to the protest. They impressed upon the relevance of the constitution and said that this is not merely an attack on the STs but also an attack on the vision of Dr. BR Ambedkar and Constitution of India. The dilution and inclusion of upper castes in scheduled tribe is not accepted at all every law abiding citizen of the country condemn and discard it. He blamed on the ruling Govt. for its anti-minority and anti-dalit stances. Salalia emphasized on the unity of all reserved categories and assured the tribals that all reserved categories would come out in this struggle of justice. Other prominent personalities who were part of the protest included Shobana (Sarpanch Dangakote), Vaneet Panjgotra (Naib Sarpanch Aghar Ballian)Mohd  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{k}\mathbf{h}\mathbf{t}\mathbf{e}\mathbf{r}$ President) Mohd Sadeeq of Talwara (GB.Gen Secretary) Mohd Altaf, Sameer Khan (Social Activist) and

## Central team to visit Telangana from Monday for taking stock of damage due to floods, rains

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HYDERABAD: An Intercaused by floods in the state following the recent heavy rains.

The team will be led by Disaster National Management Authority (NDMA) Advisor Kunal Satyarthi and would consist of representatives

ministries/departments Agriculture, Finance, Jal Shakti, Power, Road Transport and Highways and National Sensing Centre Remote (NRSC).

The Central team is being dispatched to Telangana on the instructions of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, said Union Minister and Telangana BJP president G Kishan Reddy on Sunday, after visiting various rain-affected areas in

At least 18 people lost their lives in various rain-related incidents due to the downpour that lashed Telangana during the past week, officials had said.

Kishan Reddy, who visited Moranchapally village of Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, asked the Telangana government to utilise the money available currently under State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) for taking up flood relief activi-

Reddy tweeted: "Visited vari-

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#### ous rain-affected areas. Interacted with residents and Ministerial Central Team took ground updates. Assured (IMCT) will visit Telangana on the compensation of Rs 4 lakh Telangana from July 31. Upon to the families who have missed their family members in the floods. Ordered the officials to

expedite the works to find the whereabouts of the missing. Also I Conveyed to them various measures being undertaken by Govt of India, Ministry of Home Affairs on request of my call to Hon'ble HM Shri @AmitShah ji for rescue and

relief activity Relief work gained momentum on Saturday as rainfall came to a halt in many parts of

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao supervised the relief operations during the day speaking to ministers and Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari, an official release said on Saturday night.

In view of urgency of the matter, the Central team will visit assessment of damage based on IMCT visit and further upon submission of the state government's detailed memorandum. the Central team may visit the state again for the second time.

The heavy rains during the past one week led to inundation of low-lying areas and damage to agricultural fields at several places in the state.

The Met Centre here said heavy rain is very likely to occur at isolated places in Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial. Nirmal. Javashankar Bhupalapally, Mulugu, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Mahabubabad districts of Telangana from 8.30 AM of August 1 to 8.30AM of August 2.

13.13 lakh girls, women went missing between 2019 and 2021: Govt data 13.13 lakh girls and

women went missing in the country in the three years between 2019 and 2021, with Madhya Pradesh accounting for the highest at nearly two lakhs, closely followed by West Bengal.

According to the Union Home Ministry data, tabled in Parliament last week, 10,61,648 women above 18 years and 2,51,430 girls below that age went missing between 2019 and 2021 across the country.

The data was compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). In Madhva Pradesh.

NEW DELHI: More than 38,234 girls went missing In the national capital, between 2019 and 2021. according to the data provided to Parliament.

A total of 1,56,905 women and 36,606 girls went missing from West Bengal in the same peri-In Maharashtra, 1.78.400 women and 13,033 girls went missing in the said period.

In Odisha, women and 16,649 girls went missing in the three years while 49,116 women and 10,817 girls went missing  ${
m from}$ Chhattisgarh in the said period.

the Union Among Territories, Delhi recorded the highest number of

1,60,180 women and missing girls and women. women 22,919 girls went missing between 2019 and 2021 while in Jammu and Kashmir, 8.617 women and 1,148 girls went missing in the said peri-

> The government also informed Parliament that it has taken a number of initiatives for the safety of women across the country, which include the enactment The Criminal Law (Amendment), Act, 2013, for effective deterrence against sexual offences.

Further, the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018, was enacted to pregent penal provisions, management, Safe City including death penalty. for the rape of girls below the age of 12 years.

The Act also mandates completion of investigation and filing of charge sheets in rape cases in two months and trials to be completed in another two months

The government has launched the Emergency Response Support System which provides a pan-India, single internationally recognized number (112) based system for all emergencies, with computer-aided dispatch of field resources to the location of distress. Using technology to aid Projects have tioned in the first phase  $_{
m eight}$ cities Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Delhi. Chennai, Kolkata Hvderabad. Lucknow and Mumbai.

The home ministry launched a cybercrime reporting portal on September 20, 2018, for citizens to report obscene content. The home ministry also

launched the National Database on Sexual Offenders on September 20, 2018, to facilitate the investigation and tracking of sexual offenders across the country by law enforcement agencies.

## Go for alternative crops if paddy re-transplantation not possible by Aug first week in Punjab: Experts

CHANDIGARH: As the recent flood wreaked havoc in many parts of Punjab, leading to extensive damage to the paddy crop, experts have suggested farmers grow alternative crops like maize, pearl millet, vegetables and moong if resowing of the Kharif crop is not possible by the first week of August.

Many areas in Punjab were hit after heavy downpours lashed the state from July 9 to 11, flooding vast expanses of agricultural fields besides paralyzing everyday life.

More than six lakh acres of fields were flooded and of which paddy needs to be resown over two lakh acres, said a senior official of the Punjab Agriculture depart-

ment. Maximum area under paddy was hit in Patiala,

Sangrur, Mohali, Rupnagar, Jalandhar and Fatehgarh Sahib districts.

Overall 19 districts of Punjab were hit by floodwa-

Farmers whose paddy crop was hit by floodwaters have been asked to resow the summer crop by the first week of August with experts saying otherwise the harvesting will get delayed and will also eventually impact the wheat

crop sowing in November. There are several floodaffected areas in Punjab where fields continue to remain submerged and will take several more days to recede even as farmers are racing against time to resow the paddy crop.

Moreover, it takes several days for paddy seedlings to be ready for re-transplantation. Silt and stones left by

the floodwater of overflowing rivers in agricultural fields are also posing a challenge for growers for the transplantation of the paddy crop. "If resowing of the paddy

crop is not possible by August 7-8 because of submerged fields, farmers will be asked to grow alternative crops like maize and moong, said Gurwinder Singh, director of the state agriculture department.

 $\bar{\text{M}}\text{aize}$  crop will be used as fodder for cattle, said the

The moong crop can fetch remunerative prices, besides improving the soil health and it can be ready within 60-65 days, the official said.

Puniab Agricultural University, Director of Education, Gurmeet Singh Buttar said farmers can grow vegetables,

August and they can also go oilseeds crop September in case paddy could not be resown.

Paddy growers, whose crop got damaged in floodwaters, have been advised to go for resowing of the Kharif crop with short-duration rice varieties PR 126 and PUSA basmati 1509.

As against the long-duration varieties that take 110 to 130 days for maturity, the PR 126 variety matures in 93 days, thus giving sufficient time for the sowing of the next wheat crop.

"PR 126 variety matures in 93 days after transplantation and it will be ripened by November 10-12 and thereafter, the wheat crop be sown," said Buttar.

lated. The agriculture department and PAU will be giving

and basmati 1509 varieties to flood-hit farmers, said

Paddy crop, which is a major Kharif crop in Punjab, is mainly sown during June and July. Punjab grows paddy over 31 lakh hectares. The exact damage to agricultural crops will be assessed after the flood water recedes, said the officials. A few days back, Puniab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had said the state suffered a loss of nearly Rs 1,000 crore because of the floods caused by the recent heavy downpour but also said the exact amount was yet to be calcu-

He had also said that people would be compensated for the loss of every single penny.

### PM Modi will settle abroad after losing LS polls: Lalu

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PATNA: Rashtriya Janata Dal president Lalu Prasad on Sunday claimed Prime Minister Narendra Modi was worried about losing next year's Lok Sabha polls and looking for a sanctuary abroad.

Prasad made the remark when his comments were sought on Modi's "Quit India" jibe a few days ago when the PM had accused opposition parties, which have formed the new coalition "INDIA", of corrupnepotismtion,

appeasement politics. "It is Modi who is planning to quit... This is the reason why he is visiting so many countries. He is looking for a place where he can cool his heels and enjoy pizzas, momos and chow mein," he said.

Peals of laughter followed the wisecrack of the

RJD supremo whose ability to lighten up a situation with the use of earthy humour has been legendary.

The ailing septuagenarian made a rare public appearance at a function organised by his elder son and Bihar minister Tej Pratap Yadav.

Prasad also said he was looking forward to the next meeting of "INDIA" at Mumbai scheduled next month which he would attend alongside his archrival turned ally Nitish Kumar, the Bihar Chief Minister.

"We must keep the unity

intact and defeat the BJP. Narendra Modi is trying subvert Constitution, but we shall foil the bid," Prasad said.

He also blamed the Centre for the ongoing strife in Manipur.