

YOUNG BITES TEAM IN RUSSIA

Indian community celebrates growing India-Russia relations

MOSCOW: Talking to Young Bites, members of Indian community expressed their happiness with the growing strength of India and Russia relations. Large number of Indian diaspora members had assembled in beautiful city of Moscow to welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi who is on two day visit to Russia Federation. Modi also addressed the Indians living in Russia.



Ambassador of India H. E. Vinay Kumar invites Vijay Gupta, Editor-in-Chief, Young Bites to an address to the community by PM Narendra Modi on July 9, 2024 at The Ballroom, Hotel Carlton, Moscow.



Mukesh Kumar Singhal, having lived in Russia for 25 years said, "Russians have a deep affection for Indians, which is reflected in their warm hospitality and mutual respect. We are proud that Modi ji is visiting Russia, as these visits symbolize the strengthening of ties between the two nations. We are hopeful that the relations will further get strengthened."



Pramod Kumar, Punjabi Sabha president, "We are quite excited about the visit of Modi ji. This visit marks a significant moment for the Punjabi community, as it underscores the government's ongoing efforts to strengthen cultural and religious ties. The opening of the Kartarpur Sahib corridor between India and Pakistan, a key initiative led by Prime Minister Modi, has been widely appreciated by Punjabis worldwide".



An elderly Indian community member said, "PM Modi is world leader and relations between Russia and India have been strengthened under his leadership. Indians are very proud of Modi's leadership and the way he has led a corruption free government for last ten years. I am proud of achievements made by India".



A group of students studying in Russia said, "We are quite excited about visit of PM Modi. Students are eager to interact with PM in Moscow. We are very happy. Prime Minister Modi's visit is expected to strengthen the longstanding ties between India and Russia which is beneficial for all the people."

Putin & Modi's friendship heralds new era in India-Russia relations

■ **VIJAY GUPTA**

MOSCOW: As Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarks on his first official visit to Moscow after winning third term as PM, the camaraderie between Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin is evident, symbolizing a new era in India-Russia relations. The visit, anticipated by many, marks a significant milestone in the partnership between the two nations.

Talking to Young Bites, Manoj Kotwani, President of Indian Business Alliance said, "The friendship between Modi and Putin is seen as a driving force behind the strengthened ties. Their mutual respect and collaborative approach have led to several joint initiatives. This visit is expected to further consolidate these efforts, paving the way for more robust economic and strategic cooperation".

Kotwani who is living in Russia for last 35-years said that focus remains on enhancing the bilateral relationship, ensuring mutual benefits, and exploring new avenues of cooperation. "This visit marks a pivotal moment, promising a strengthened alliance and a brighter future for both countries", he said.

It is important to mention here that Indian diaspora is keenly waiting for

interaction with Modi. About 300 people of Indian origin will attend the meeting.

Modi's visit underscores the ongoing efforts to simplify trade and investment processes between India and Russia, reinforcing the ease of doing business. The partnership is poised to grow stronger, with both leaders committed to fostering economic growth and strategic collaboration.

DC Rajouri reviews preparedness for emergency situations arising amid monsoon



DC Rajouri Om Prakash Bhagat chairing a meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Om Prakash Bhagat chaired a meeting to review the preparedness to meet any eventuality in the Monsoon season.

The officers from different departments briefed the meeting about their measures to tackle the situation arising due to rains. A comprehensive discussion was held on important points such as the identification of flood-prone areas, land loss areas, traffic management in flood-affected areas and others. Officers were instructed to maintain a close vigil on these areas and increase the public awareness about the potential hazards.

Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat, emphasized the importance of coordination

among all stakeholders to effectively mitigate the impact of the monsoons. The Irrigation and Flood Control (I & FC) department was asked to ensure proper repair and desilting of irrigation canals and keep issuing regular updates regarding the water level in the rivers/streams. The officer from the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) was directed to ensure a proper drainage system from Phalayana to Salani on NH144A. The SDRF was asked to stay fully prepared and ready to quickly respond in case any such situation arises.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the officers to remain prepared to respond promptly in case of any emergency arising out of heavy rains. He stressed the impor-

ance of being proactive and taking preventive measures to minimize the impact of monsoons. He also asked the officers to ensure that all necessary equipment and resources are in place and that the emergency services are on high alert. The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the need for a coordinated approach to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents during the monsoon season.

The meeting was attended by OC BRO 58 RCC, Ankit Uniyal; EXEN PWD (R&B) Rajouri, Sardar Khan; EXEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; EXEN PDD Rajouri, Mohd Rashid; EXEN Jal Shakti Mechanical, EXEN I&FC; DySP Civil Defence/SDRF, Jabeen Lone; DySP, Latif Ahmed and other concerned officers.

DC Ramban inspects facilities for Shri Amarnathji Yatris, reviews security scenario

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMBAN: Amid the ongoing Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2024, Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary along with Senior Superintendent of Police Anuj Kumar today inspected various facilities created for the pilgrims at Lamber, Banihal, by the District Administration Ramban and Sevadars (Volunteers).

The DC asked the officers to regularly monitor the availability of essential amenities and maintain close coordination with security agencies to

The Deputy Commissioner inspected the health, sanitation, and boarding and lodging arrangements made by the District Administration. He emphasized the need for vigilance and instructed concerned officers to monitor all tasks related to their respective departments closely.

Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner advised the Langer organizations to ensure the quality of food being served to the Yatris. He stressed the importance of adhering to all instructions issued by the government and



DC Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary inspecting facilities for pilgrims at Lamber.

guarantee a safe and hassle-free Yatra experience for the pilgrims. The inspection and review aimed to provide a comfortable and secure environment to the devotees undertaking the Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

administration, and maintaining sanitation and hygiene in and around their Langer sites.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by SDM Banihal, Rizwan Asgar, along with senior officers from the security forces.

DC Udhampur reviews flood preparedness measures



Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai chairing a meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: In a proactive measure to deal with any eventuality during the monsoon season, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai on Monday chaired a meeting with officers from various line departments to review and discuss their flood preparedness strategies.

The meeting was held in the Mini Conference Hall in the DC Office Complex and attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan, and senior officers from the District Administration, NDRF and SDRF.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of

inter-departmental coordination in managing emergencies effectively. She stressed the need for robust flood prevention measures in vulnerable areas. The meeting decided to activate control rooms at all levels to facilitate information sharing and respond to distress calls from the public promptly.

The DC directed the PWD, PDD, PHE, and Flood Control Department to establish a roster for flood duty to monitor river and Nallah levels. All agencies were instructed to keep their resources and manpower ready for any emergency. Concerned officers were directed to inspect flood-prone locations in their areas with the assistance of Lambardars and Chowkidars and implement preventive measures. They

were also asked to stay vigilant and report any unusual rise in water levels in rivers and Nallahs to the control room daily. The Municipal authorities were instructed to conduct special drives for drain cleanliness, sanitation, and fogging in Udhampur town.

All officers were directed to organise Swachhta drives and raise public awareness in their respective areas.

Rotary Club of Rajouri Grand celebrates Anna Poorna Diwas

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEWSHERA: Rotary Club of Rajouri Grand has started the new Rotary Year 2024-25 with a meaningful community service effort on Anna Poorna Diwas. In the program organized under the chairmanship of Rotary Club of Rajouri Grand President Rotarian Dr. Sachin Vaid, ration was distributed to the families living in slums at their doorstep. On this occasion, Rotary Club of Rajouri Grand Secretary Rotarian Abdul Saboor; Charter President Lokesh Bakshi, Rotarian Amardeep Singh, Rotarian Rohit Gupta, Rotarian Rakesh Gupta, Rotarian Umesh Sharma, Rotarian Rajesh Mehta etc. were present. Same President Rotarian Dr Sachin said that the leaders and members of Rotary Club of Rajouri Grand are dedicated to continue such impactful initiatives during the Rotary Year 2024-25, which aim to bring positive change in the lives of needy people.

Authorities issue clarification on Desilting Operation of D-10 and D-11 Canals

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA: Responding to a media report on desilting of D-10 and D-11 Canals, the concerned authorities have clarified that desilting of the D-10 canal has been completed up to a functional length of 7,400 meters. However, the section from RD 7,400 meters to RD 11,000 meters has not been desilted because this portion of the canal has been non-functional for an extended period. Given its non-operational status, resources have been allocated to more immediate and functional requirements to ensure efficient use of available funds and labor. Clarifying further,

they said that desilting of the D-11 canal has been successfully carried out. Irrigation facilities are being provided to farmers based on the availability of water, ensuring that their agricultural needs are met. Any accumulated silt and jungle growth during the regulation period will be promptly removed to maintain the flow of water and ensure continuous irrigation. The administration is committed to maintaining and improving irrigation infrastructure to support local agriculture. The focus remains on optimizing resource allocation to ensure maximum benefit to the farmers.

PM National Apprenticeship Mela held at Government ITI Udhampur

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: Prime Minister National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) was organized today in the Government ITI Udhampur under the aegis of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Government of India and supervision of Skill Development Department J&K.

Arun P. Gupta, Chairman IMC of ITI Udhampur, inaugurated the mela as the Chief Guest. Around 200 pass outs of ITIs/other Institutes and about ten Prominent Industrial

establishments of Udhampur participated in the Apprenticeship Mela.

The programme started with lighting of the Lamp by the Chief Guest & other distinguished dignitaries. Superintendent ITI Udhampur Er. Ravinder Singh Bhatti welcomed the Chief Guest Arun P. Gupta, Representatives from DIC Udhampur, & other dignitaries present in the programme.

The Superintendent ITI gave a detailed account of the Apprenticeship Training Scheme. The Superintendent ITI, in the

capacity of Assistant Apprenticeship Advisor District Udhampur, also assured to extend every type of help to Industries/Establishments and potential apprentices in the registration and contract generation.

Representatives from the Office of General Manager DIC Udhampur also sought the cooperation of the industry people in making the scheme a success by involving the youth of the area in their establishments and imparted training to them as per their need or

requirement to set an example for others to follow. They also exhorted the students to come forward and take the benefit of the Scheme.

Fareed Ahmed Sheikh (Mela In-charge) spoke at length about the Apprenticeship Scheme and stressed upon the youth to stay away from the menace of drug abuse and contribute towards development of the Nation by getting the best skill training as per their interest.

While speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest

appreciated Superintendent ITI Udhampur for putting in extra efforts to promote this youth friendly scheme in Udhampur District.

He called upon the industry representatives to come forward and enroll maximum students as per their requirement to make this scheme successful in the district. He also called upon the students to take maximum benefit of this "Earn while you learn Scheme".

At the end, Sandeep Singh, Supervisor, ITI Udhampur presented a vote of thanks.