My life is dedicated for welfare of people: Saroori

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KISHTWAR: In a major political event, former minister Ghulam Mohammad Saroori returned to his hometown Inderwal in Kishtwar for the first time since rejoining the Congress party. A massive reception was held in Sinthan, where thousands of supporters gathered to welcome the veteran leader. His return is being seen as a turning point for the Congress in the Chenab Valley region, once a stronghold under leaders like Saroori, Abdul Majid Wani, Mohammad Sharief Naiz, Vikar Rasool Wani and Ashok Kumar.

The Congress party organized a grand and emotionally charged public gathering at Sinthan to celebrate the return of senior leader and former minister Ghulam Mohammad Saroori. This marked his first visit to Inderwal, Kishtwar since rejoining the Congress, and thousands of enthusiastic supporters turned out to greet him with fervor and pride. In his passionate

Mallikarjun President Kharge, UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, LOP Lok Rahul Gandhi, Sabha, General Secretary AICC Organisation. K. - C Venugopal, General Secretary AICC Incharge J&K, Dr Sayeed Naseer CLPHussain, Leader Ahmad Ghulam Mir. President J&K Congress, Tariq Hameed Karra and others for facilitating his return. He reaffirmed his lov-

alty to the Congress, calling it

India's only truly secular

Ghulam Mohammad Saroori being welcomed at Inderwal.

party capable of tackling address, Saroori expressed deep gratitude to Congress poverty, inequality, and other national challenges. Reflecting on his political journey, Saroori reminded the public that he was elected MLA three times with overwhelming support and remained active in public service even during the past

decade when he held no official position. "My life is dedicated for the welfare of the people," he said and added whether I am an MLA or not, I have always remained in

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public service. My doors are open to all."

He launched a scathing attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), accusing it of dividing communities and eroding the distinct identity of Jammu and Kashmir. Saroori strongly condemned the abrogation of Article 370 and the revocation of J&K's statehood, reiterating the widespread demand for the restoration of full statehood. Addressing local concerns,

Saroori criticized the government for the long-pending construction of the vital Singhpora Tunnel and raised issues regarding unpaid dues under schemes like Jal Jeevan Mission and MNRE-GA. He accused the current administration of neglecting the interests of ordinary citizens. Looking ahead, Saroori urged Congress workers to stay united and work diligently to regain the party's influence in the region. He set an ambitious goal of win-

Director Sericulture visits cocoon

auction market at Udhampur

ning all three Assembly constituencies in Kishtwar in the upcoming elections and encouraged cadres to prepare for a grand reception for senior Congress leaders expected to visit Chenab Valley in the near future.

Prominent figures present at the grand reception included Irshad Ahmed Sheikh, Piyaray Lal Shan, Firdous Ahmed Mingnoo, Anas Munshi, Ravi Kumar, Noor Hussain, Atta Mohammad, Asif Malik, Akhtar Hussain Butt, Tariq Malik, Sajjad Ahmed, Ghulam Qadir Sheikh, Chowdhary Manzoor Bumal, Bashir Ahmed, Irshad Ahmed, along with thousands of Congress supporters from across the region.

The event not only marked Saroori's symbolic political comeback but also sparked fresh momentum for a revitalized Congress campaign in Jammu and Kashmir's Chenab belt.

Rajiv Jasrotia reviews status of agricultural schemes in Jasrota constituency

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KATHUA: MLA Rajiv Jasrotia on Saturday chaired a comprehensive review District meeting atAgriculture office, Kathua. The meeting was convened to review the progress on fund utilization under CAPEX, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) and NABARD for the financial year 2025-26 besides assessing the status of issuance of fertilizer and pesticide licenses across the Union Territory. The meeting was attended by department employees and officers of District Kathua.

The Chief Agriculture Officer District Kathua presented detailed updates on scheme implementation, challenges encountered and strategic measures to expedite the pending activities. Jasrotia underscored the need for timely execution, optimal fund utilization and enhanced inter-departmental coordination to ensure the benefits of these schemes reach the grassroots level.

Jasrotia reviewed the advancements made under HADP, which has been instrumental in promoting sustainable agricultural practices and improving the farmers livelihoods. He observed that special attention should be given to ensure the expenditure under HADP, CSSs and CAPEX projects align with the overall goal of infrastructure development in the sector in Jasrota constituency. He also had detailed discussion on CSS projects-Krishonnati Yojana, focus-



ing on key flagship schemes like PMKSY, PDMC, SMAM, RAD, RKVY, PKVY, ATMA, NFSM and others aimed at boosting the rural prosperity. Jasrotia speaking on the

occasion suggested establishing a Centre of Excellence for

Entrepreneurship in Precision Vegetable and Floriculture Farming in Kathua district, accelerating bee hive insurance coverage, prioritizing completion of Kathua District unit tracking through the KSOT App and developing a comprehensive calendar for national and international exposure visits for the farmers of Kathua District.

Jasrotia also emphasized for resolving the fertilizer and pesticide licensing issues, particularly those faced by krishiudyamis, strengthening district-level enforcement wings, ensuring GPS-based tracking of fertilizer movement and intensifying regular monitoring of pesticide manufacturers and retailers. The meeting concluded with formulation of a time-bound action plan focused on fast-tracking project implementation and strengthening the agricul-

Jasrotia emphasized the need to create awareness among farmers about the various schemes available to them, ensuring they can benefit from these initiatives. The meeting discussed the schemes currently running in the Jasrota constituency, including those that have been completed

constituency.

and those that are still underway. The MLA instructed the department officials to ensure that farmers are well-

informed about the various schemes and their benefits. improve the implementation process to ensure that the schemes are effectively reaching the farmers besides regularly monitoring the progress of the schemes and address any challenges or issues that arise. The meeting underscored the importance of prioritizing farmer welfare and ensuring that they have access to the resources and support they need to thrive. By creating awareness about the available schemes and streamlining their implementation, the government aims to empower farmers and enhance their livelihoods. added Jasrotia

Notification for Haj 1447 (Hijri)/2026 (CE) issued

STATE TIMES NEWS **RAMBAN:** The District Administration Ramban informs Haj aspirants that the Haj Committee of India (HCoI) has invited online applications for Haj 1447 (H) - 2026 (CE) from 7th July to 31st July 2025.

Applicants must read the guidelines and undertakings on www.hajcommittee.gov.in before applying. They must have

Machine-Readable International Passport issued on or before 31st July 2025 and valid at least up to 31st December 2026.

Applications can be submitted via www.hajcommittee.gov.in or through the official app "HAJ SUVIDHA" available on iOS and Android.

Eligible applicants are advised to apply within the deadline.

UDHAMPUR: Director Sericulture J&K, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat visited the Cocoon Auction Market, Udhampur, where hundreds of silkworm rearers and buyers participated. He inspected arrangements and reiterated the aim to ensure smooth, transparent auctions. He noted that over 60,000 kg of cocoons had been procured, with 2.5 crore worth of transactions and Rs 1600/kg as the highest price. About 1600 silkworm rearers have sold produce since July 1. In view of the large turnout, the

market will continue for one more week. He stated that efforts are being made to strengthen market linkages and provide doorstep support to farmers. Currently, over 70% of cocoon produce is sold outside J&K. Cocoon auction markets across Jammu aim to connect sellers with buyers from within and outside the UT for better returns. The Director was accompanied by District Sericulture Officer and department officials. The visit highlighted the department's commitment to supporting silkworm rearers and sustainable sericulture practices.



SMVDIME hosts JANAN 2025-The Operative Obstetrics Congress KVK Ramban concludes 15 days Certificate STATE TIMES NEWS

course on INM for Agricultural Input dealers

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RAMBAN: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Ramban, SKUAST Jammu today concluded 15 days certificate course on Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) for the unemployed rural youths of district Ramban at Dhalwas. The course was conducted under the leadership of Dr B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu and under the supervision of Dr Amrish Vaid, Director SKUAST Extension Jammu. The course was organized by Dr Raj Kumar, Senior Scientist & Incharge, KVK Ramban. 14 youths from different Blocks district ofRambanwere trained for this certificate course. 15 days certificate on INM is pre--requisite for availing licence for the business of fertilizers and plant nutrients. Keeping view the

key role inputs dealers in providing technological information to the farmers, this certificate course is mandatory for the fertilizers dealer aspirants.

During the course, series of lectures, exposure visits, method demonstrations and practicals for enhancing knowledge and upgrading skills on soils and fertilizers of aspiring fertilizer inputs dealers and Krishi Udhyamis were conducted by the experts from KVKs, SKUAST Jammu, Deptt. of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Ramban and Department of Horticulture. Dr Aiay Gunta Scientist & Head, KVK Poonch was the resource person on the last day of the programme. He spoke on balanced fertilizers use for proper nutrient management of agricultural crops. He also highlighted the

importance of Soil Health cards. While addressing the participants he also briefed about modalities for getting fertilizer licence

Dr Raj Kumar, Senior Scientist & Incharge, KVK Ramban while speaking during the concluding programmes of the course informed that nutrients are very essential for proper growth and development of plants and obtaining maximumyield through proper and judicious use of manures and fertilizers and bv providing balanced nutrition to the crops. In the absence of proper nutrition, crop gets seriously affected which in turn affect the yield of the crop. He briefed that organization of this 15 days INM course in the Ramban district will benefit not only the input dealers/youths but also the farmers of the Ramban district.

KATRA: The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME), in collaboration with the Jammu Obstetrics & Gynaecological Society (JOGS) and the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, proudly hosted JANAN 2025 - The Obstetrics Operative Congress from July 12-13, 2025, at the Sanjeevani Auditorium, SMVD Narayana Superspeciality Hospital Complex, Kakryal. This two-day national congress was dedicated to advancing operative obstetric techniques and promoting excellence in women's



Guest. Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd.), Member, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), along with the Guest of Honour Anshul Garg, CEO, SMVDSB, and Special Guest Alok Kumar Maurya, IFS, Additional CEO. SMVDSB The dignitaries lauded SMVDIME's remarkable progress as a growing centre of excellence, commending its commitment to delivering advanced, patient-centric care and high-quality academic training in the region.

A key highlight of JANAN 2025 was the first-of-its-kind cadaveric workshop held in the Jammu region, offering a rare and valuable hands-on opportunity for participants to enhance their anatomical knowledge and surgical expertise under the mentorship of renowned experts. The scientific programme was robust and diverse, fea-

healthcare across all regions.

turing Live workshops on life-saving obstetric interven-A highlight of Dr. Ashok tions during catastrophic Bhan's address was his childbirth, training in strong emphasis on the advanced suturing techurgent need to reduce the niques, expert lectures on urban-rural female health high-risk pregnancies, divide. He underscored the thromboprophylaxis in pregimportance of uplifting rural nancy, the role of hypoglymaternal health, ensuring caemic agents in infertility,

underlining its academic rigor and professional value. The grand success of JANAN 2025 was driven by the visionary leadership of Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Patron and Executive Director. SMVDIME, along with the committed efforts of Dr. R.C. Sharma, Organising Chairperson; Dr. Arun Arora, Scientific Chairperson; and Dr.

Manjusha Bajaj, Organising Secretary. Their collective dedication transformed the congress into a landmark event in the field of operative obstetrics. The vote of thanks was

brought together over 150 delegates from across the country, including leading gynecologists, healthcare professionals, senior faculty members, and postgraduate students.

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The congress was formally inaugurated by the Chief

and eries, empowering women through robust, community-centered healthcare systems. His visionary remarks inspired the audience to work collectively towards achieving inclusive and accessible maternal

equitable access to safe deliv and vaccination protocols for women and adolescent girls, interactive panel discussions led by national experts, offering practical insights and evidence-based practices. The conference was award-

ed 12 ICOG credit points and 8 JKMC credit points,

Obstetrics & Gynaecology SMVDIME, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the dignitaries, distinguished faculty, participating delegates, and the entire organizing team for their contributions to the resounding success of the event.

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GDC Neeli Nallah, GDC Majalta forge alliance for Skill enhancement, Sports Tournaments

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UDHAMPUR: GDC Neeli Nallah signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GDC Majalta to foster collaboration in the fields of academic enrichment.

The event was graced under the esteemed presence of the Principal of both colleges, Prof. (Dr.) Seema Arora, Principal GDC Neeli Nallah and Prof. (Dr.) Shalini Sharma, Principal GDC Majalta.

The occasion was marked by the presence of Lal Chand, DDC Chairman as special guest of the event.

The MoU aims to promote joint initiatives such as Skill Development, Sports Tournaments, Education,

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Training Program, Sports Training Sessions, Workshops, Facilities Enhancement. Faculty Exchange Program to enhance student's practical

knowledge and physical fitness. The MoU will also develop closer ties between the colleges by utilizing each other's expertise and forge stronger synergies



therance of their respective and common objectives for overall academic collaboration between the two institutions. Both the Principals signed the MoU and exchanged the documents. The colleges also agreed to

share resources and upgrade sports facilities to provide students with state-of-the-art infrastructure and opportunities to excel.

A key highlight of the MoU is Faculty Exchange Program, which will enable faculty members from both institutions to share expertise, conduct joint training programmes, and mentor students for overall personality development.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principals of both colleges and DDC Chairman expressed optimism that this partnership will open new avenues for students and faculty alike, strengthening the spirit of collaboration and holistic education.

The MoU is expected to benefit hundreds of students by equipping them with essential

skills, promoting a culture of sportsmanship, and ensuring access to modern facilities and expert guidance.

With this landmark collaboration, GDC Neeli Nallah and GDC Majalta reaffirm their commitment to nurturing talent, promoting excellence and preparing students to meet the challenges of a dynamic world. The MoU stands as a testament to both institution's vision

of empowering youth through quality education, skill enhancement and holistic development, paving the way for a brighter, stronger future.

The organizers of the event were Dr. Sunil Tanoch, IQAC Convenor and Prof. Rekha Sharma, Convenor Career and Counselling Cell.

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POONCH: Director Health Services Jammu, Abdul Hamid Zargar, chaired a district-level review meeting at CMO Office Poonch to evaluate health schemes and service delivery.

CMO Poonch, Pervaiz Ahmed Khan presented a detailed PPT on key indicators and achievements.

Dr. Zargar reviewed performance in e-Sahaj, ambu-



lance referrals, TB elimina-NCD screening, C-section tion, e-Sanjeevani services, availability, oxygen plant

functionality, blindness control programme, ASHA activities and IDSP moni-

toring via IHIP. He appreciated the district team and issued on-spot directions to address service gaps. He emphasized community engagement, digital reporting and capacity building for field staff. The meeting concluded with a pledge to improve healthcare in remote areas



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