

DC Poonch pays visit to yatra sites, finalises Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra preparations

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal visited various yatra sites today and give final touch to the arrangements for the upcoming Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra. The Deputy Commissioner undertook an extensive inspection of all key locations including College Ground (Base Camp), and various accommodation sites. Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik, ASP Poonch, the Tahsildar Haveli and officers from line departments were present. During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner



DC Poonch, Vikas Kundal reviewing arrangements.

reviewed essential facilities such as power, water supply, sanitation, toilets, lodging, security arrangements, vehicle parking and langer (community kitchen) services. He

appreciated the efforts made by the organizing committee and concerned departments in ensuring timely preparations.

To further enhance the

experience of pilgrims, the Deputy Commissioner issued on-the-spot instructions to all line departments to address any remaining gaps and ensure uninterrupted

services throughout the Yatra period. He emphasized the need for inter-departmental coordination and proactive response to ensure the smooth conduct of the Yatra for devotees arriving from across the country. All concerned officers and department heads assured full cooperation in delivering top-notch facilities at all designated locations including the Poonch Base Camp, Dashnami Akhara and Mandi Mandir. The district administration is committed to ensuring that this sacred pilgrimage is conducted in a safe, smooth, and spiritually enriching manner for all devotees.

Dy CM inspects site identified for construction of Dak Banglow, PHC at Kangri



Dy CM Surinder Choudhary during tour of Nowshera.

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NOWSHERA: Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary today conducted an extensive tour of Nowshera constituency to assess the status of development works besides taking stock of people's grievances. During the visit, the Deputy Chief Minister met several public delegations who apprised him of their issues, including road connectivity, water supply, electricity, healthcare facilities and other developmental concerns.

The Deputy Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to the concerns raised by the residents, assuring prompt action on the same. The Deputy Chief Minister also visited village Kangri and Pind to inspect the location identified for construction of a Dak Banglow and Primary Health Centre (PHC). The Dy CM said that both the projects have their own importance especially PHC as it is directly linked to the health of people living in far

flung and adjoining areas. Enroute Nowshera, the Dy CM also visited Rajal Dak Banglow where he assessed the facilities being provided to the pilgrims of Shri Budda Amarnath Yatra. He interacted with the pilgrims and inspected the langar facility besides other provisions made for them including medical aid, drinking water and sanitation. Earlier, the Deputy Chief Minister visited the house of Parvez Ahmed and expressed solidarity with the bereaved family.

SSP Udhampur chairs ops-cum-crime review meeting & Issues Directions for Upcoming Independence Day celebrations



SSP Udhampur, Amod Nagpure chairing a meeting.

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UDHAMPUR: Senior Superintendent of Police Udhampur, Amod Nagpure chaired an operations-cum-crime review meeting at District Police Lines Udhampur. The meeting was attended by Addl. SP Udhampur Sandeep Bhat, Sr. PO DPO Udhampur, DySP DAR, DySP Hqrs,

SDPOs Ramnagar/Chenani, DySP Ops Udhampur/Basantgarh/Latti, all SHO's and IC PPs of the district. A detailed Police station wise review was conducted on investigation of criminal cases, inquest proceedings, crimes against women, action against drug peddlers and bovine smugglers.

Progress on tracing missing persons, arresting absconders, solving theft/burglary cases, and execution of court processes was also discussed. SSP appreciated the efforts of Udhampur Police in maintaining law and order and stressed on timely updation of CCTNS. Officers were directed to ensure quality investigation, proper record-building, and prompt grievance redressal. In view of the upcoming Independence Day, SSP instructed all officers to enhance checking, conduct anti-sabotage exercises, and work diligently on every security-related aspect to ensure smooth and incident-free celebrations. SSP reiterated Udhampur Police's commitment to maintain peace and law & order while continuing the fight against crime and drugs.

Free medical camp conducted



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RAJOURI: Paras Health Superspeciality Hospital Srinagar in collaboration with Rotary Club Rajouri Grand and Matrix Hospital Rajouri conducted a free mega health camp for people of Rajouri and Poonch districts. The camp was conducted at Matrix Hospital in Jawahar Nagar, Rajouri with patients from across the twin border districts Rajouri and Poonch attended it and took benefit of free OPD and other services. A team of doctors from different specialisation examined the patients offering them treatment alongwith guidance and awareness. Rtn.Amit Sawhney president Rotary Club Rajouri said that our club will conduct such type of camps in future also to cater the need of the people of twin district. The camp was conducted under the overall supervision of Rtn.Dr.Visushi Badayal.Rtn.Unmesh Sharma secretary Rotary Club Rajouri Grand thanks the team of matrix hospital and the doctors and staff of PARAS Hospital Srinagar for their cooperation and tirdlees OPD.Rtn.Amardeep Assistant Governor also grace the occasion. Other members of the club present were Rtn. Lokesh Bakshi, Rtn. Dr. Gopal Sharma, Rtn.Dr.Sachin Vaid, Rtn. Hitesh Kapoor and others.

Vocational training Program concludes at RESTI Ramban

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RAMBAN: SBI Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI) Ramban concluded its "Soft Toys Maker & Seller" training program with a valedictory function on the institute's campus. The event was graced by District Development Council Member Renuka Katoch as the Chief Guest. The program began with a Tilak ceremony and floral welcome. Director S. Harvinder Singh welcomed the Chief Guest and highlighted RSETI's contribution since its inception in 2012 towards empowering rural youth, especially women, through self-employment training programs. The DDC member congratulated the trainees for successfully completing the course and lauded RSETI's efforts in promoting skill development and entrepreneurship. She urged the participants to leverage their skills to contribute towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji's vision of

"Viksit Bharat 2047". Senior faculty Anrik Singh Raju briefed the chief guest about the training modules, hands-on learning and awareness sessions on government-sponsored schemes like PMEGP, MUDRA, JKREGP and banking procedures. He informed that trainees were guided on enterprise setup and self-employment opportunities during the program. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and distribution of certificates to the trainees who successfully cleared the final assessment. The customary RSETI Special Claps marked the end of the ceremony, celebrating the spirit of achievement and empowerment. This training is part of SBI RSETI Ramban's continuous efforts to equip local youth and women with marketable skills and entrepreneurial knowledge, enabling them to start small businesses or secure meaningful self-employment.

84 Bn CRPF celebrates Raising Day

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RAMBAN: The 87th CRPF Raising Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the 84 Battalion CRPF Headquarters, Boom Chanderkote, Ramban. The event was marked by a series of activities honoring the sacrifices and services of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) towards the nation. CRPF, initially raised as the Crown Representative Police on 27 July 1939, was rechristened as the Central Reserve Police Force in December 1949. It is the largest Central Armed Police Force in India, with nearly 250 battalions deployed across the country in various conflict theatres including J&K, the North East, Punjab, LWE states, and in operations like counter-terrorism, anti-naxal, VVIP security, election duties and more. Since 2009, the 84 Bn CRPF has been deployed in Jammu and Kashmir and is



presently stationed in Ramban district, securing the crucial NH-44 stretch of 47 km. The unit ensures the smooth passage of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra convoys, SF convoys, and other vehicular movement in the region. During the celebration, Commandant N. Ranbir Singh, officers and personnel of the 84 Bn paid rich tributes to the martyrs of CRPF who laid down their lives in the line of duty. The Commandant addressed the gathering, recalling the glo-

rious history and distinguished legacy of the CRPF and urged the personnel to continue serving the nation with dedication and valor. As part of the "Cleaner and Greener Planet" initiative, a plantation drive was also organized in which nearly 500 saplings were planted. The day concluded with a series of sports competitions, cultural performances, and a traditional Bada Khana, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from all officers and personnel.

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RAJOURI: A meeting was organized by Shiv Sena Hindustan in village Karal (Gangol) of Nowshera, District Rajouri, under the chairmanship of State Chief, Jammu and Kashmir, Pandit Rajesh Kesri. The meeting aimed to raise awareness among the youth about the dangers of drug abuse and to encourage them to stay away from it. The meeting saw participation from local residents, youth, and dignitaries, including Sarpanch, Panch, Gram Pradhan, and Lambardar. The meeting was attended by prominent dignitaries, including Nowshera President Rakesh Kumar, Rinku Chaudhary, Vikash Chaudhary, Kuldeep Choudhary, Meenu Devi, and several Shiv Sainiks. Kesri emphasized the need for collective efforts to combat drug abuse, stating that it is a challenge that requires cooperation from the community,



SSH members during the meeting at Rajouri.

police, and government. He highlighted the role of Pakistan in promoting drug abuse among the youth, using it as a tool to destabilize the region. Kesri praised the police for their efforts in taking action against drug peddlers and smugglers, including demolishing their properties. Kesri stressed that community participation is crucial in the fight against drug abuse. He urged the residents to work

Kesri said that drug abuse is a serious issue that can have long-lasting and far-reaching consequences for individuals, families, and communities. The impact of drug abuse on younger generations is particularly concerning, as it can affect their physical and mental health, education, and future prospects. Drug abuse leads to physical dependence and addiction, which can be challenging to overcome. Drug abuse causes a range of health problems, including mental health issues, cardiovascular problems, and increased risk of overdose. Drug abuse also leads to social and economic problems, including strained relationships, loss of employment, and financial instability. Prevention and support are critical in addressing drug abuse among younger generations, added

Kesri. Kesri maintained that educating young people about the dangers of drug abuse and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle is crucial. He suggested providing access to support services, such as counseling and treatment programs, for individuals struggling with drug abuse besides encouraging community involvement and support in preventing drug abuse and promoting healthy lifestyles. It is essential that we take a proactive approach to addressing drug abuse among younger generations. By working together, we can provide young people with the support and resources they need to make informed choices and lead healthy, productive lives. Let's join hands to prevent drug abuse and promote a healthier, safer future for our younger generations, said Kesri.

Kisan Mela-cum-Exhibition organised

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KISHTWAR: A One-Day Kisan Mela-cum-Exhibition under Centrally Sponsored Scheme MIDH was successfully organized by Department of Agriculture Sub Division Marwah at Village Chatroo in the Kishtwar District, drawing enthusiastic participation from over 300 farmers across the region.

The event was graced by Member Legislative Assembly Inderwal Constituency, Payare Lal, who attended as the Chief Guest, lending encouragement and support to the farming community. The Mela was aimed at promoting awareness of government development schemes, showcasing live demonstrations of modern agricultural practices, and strengthening the outreach of allied sectors including animal husbandry, horticulture, fisheries, and rural development. Various departmental stalls and exhibitions of agriculture and allied sectors were set up, offering hands-on information and technical guidance to farmers.

The event featured live sample exhibitions of high-yielding crops, advanced farming tools, and demonstrations of innovative agri-tech solutions, drawing significant interest from participants. As part of the program, awards and prizes were distributed to progressive farmers for their exceptional contributions and adoption of innovative practices, encouraging others to follow suit. Two specially abled farmers were also recognized and awarded for their contribution in production of high quality organic Garlic in Rahthal Village. In his address, the MLA praised the efforts of the agriculture Department in organizing and emphasized the government's commitment to doubling farmers' income and uplifting rural livelihoods. He urged farmers to actively engage with ongoing schemes and embrace sustainable practices. The event concluded on a high note, with farmers expressing satisfaction and appreciation for the informative sessions, live exhibits and government support.

Gyan Ganga Math, Rajouri becomes devotional during holy Shravan month

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NOWSHERA: On the occasion of auspicious month of Shravanamas, SVS Gyan Ganga Math, Rajouri becomes devotional with "Maha Shiv Abhishek" puja performed at Shiv Mandir in the ashram here on Sunday morning under the supervision of His Holiness Atul Pithadishwar Rajguru Acharya Mahamandleshwar Shri Shri 1008 Shri Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj along with group of acharyas and devotees who came here from different parts of the district as well as from other parts of the country. During the puja, Swami Ji said that there is no better teacher than Shiva to end the disorientation of life. Make Shiva your Guru for a happy life. Ask them for answers to your questions, problem solving, wish fulfillment and angelic help. Lord Shiva belongs to everyone who has to go somewhere to get him. After that a huge Bhandara was also organised in the ashram where Prashad was distributed among the devotees. After that, Swami Ji proceeded towards Shiv Mandir, Lamberi where another "Maha Shiv



Abhishek" puja was performed in the afternoon with same procedure. In Shiv Abhishek Puja the Shivaling is bathed with Water, Milk, Ghee, Curd, and Honey followed by an offering of Bilva Leaves, essential for gaining Shiva's blessings. Chanting of Powerful mantras like "Om Namah Shivaya" and Maha Mrityunjaya are also recited during the puja for spiritual energy and protection. It is pertinent to mention here that Shiv Puja is being organized everyday in the evening on the occasion of holy Savan month (Shravanmas) at Gyan Ganga Math, Shiv Kashi, Sunderbani. A large number of devotees are reaching there for the worship. On this occasion, Shri Swami Ji Maharaj is telling the devotees in detail about the month of Savan

through his discourses. During this, he said that there is no other Guru than Lord Shiva. In his discourses, Swamiji said that Shivatva is a mysterious element. No one knows the true essence of Pinakdhari Shiva. But as it has been said that only you know your pagant, and no one else knows. That's why only Shiva can explain the element of Shiva. He himself appears again and again and makes this rare element of his accessible. This corporeal form of his is addressed by the name of Guru. Therefore, when Shiv Shankar himself became a Guru in the form of a body. Incarnates, then only they can reveal their Shivatva. This also proves that the Guru who imparts the knowledge of Shiva is the form of Shiva himself.

MLA Akhnoor directs immediate action on sanitation, fogging

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AKHNOOR: In a comprehensive review meeting held on Saturday, Akhnoor MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat met with the Executive Officer of Municipal Committee Akhnoor, Mohammad Yaqoob, to address a range of civic issues plaguing the town. The meeting focused on sanitation, conducting regular fogging to prevent vector-borne diseases, cleaning of clogged drains, and replacing dysfunctional street lights.



MLA Akhnoor Mohan Lal Bhagat chairing a meeting.

MLA Bhagat issued strict instructions to the EO to ensure that all these works are executed within a week's time. He emphasized the need for sustained cleanliness and a hygienic environment for residents, stressing that municipal services must be proactive rather than reactive. Furthermore, the MLA directed the officials to prepare a dedicated development project plan for Akhnoor town. The proposed plan should aim to enhance civic

infrastructure, cater to the long-term needs of the town, and uplift public amenities in a systematic manner. EO Mohammad Yaqoob assured that necessary steps will be initiated without delay and that the concerns raised during the meeting will be addressed on priority. Prominent figures including Banwari Lal, former Municipal Committee Chairman Deepesh Singh, and former Councilor Rakesh Malhotra were also present in the meeting.

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