

# Chhari Yatra starts from Poonch for Budda Amarnath Shrine



Acharya Shri Shri 1008 Mahamandleshwar Swami Vishavatanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj taking out Holy Chhari Mubarak Yatra from Poonch.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: The Holy Chhari Mubarak Yatra, led by Acharya Shri Shri 1008 Mahamandleshwar Swami Vishavatanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj, was taken out on Tuesday here from Dashnami Akhara Mandir complex Poonch to Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Shrine at Rajpura, Mandi.

The yatra commenced after performing special Puja and Havan amidst chanting of

Vedic Mantras at Akhara Mandir Poonch. Besides head priest-Swami Vishavatanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj, many religious personalities gathered for the Holy Yatra.

Deputy Commissioner, Inder Jeet; DIG Rajouri Poonch Range; Dr Mohd Haseeb Mughal; SSP, Rohit Baskotra; ADC, Dr Bashrath Hussain; senior Former legislator, Ravinder Raina; Ex MLC, Vibod Gupta were among oth-

ers present on the occasion. After the Pooja and Havan, a grand religious congregation was addressed by Swami Ji. Prominent civil society members of different communities also participated in the congregation manifesting the traditional communal harmony, brotherhood and peace in the region.

It is said that this ancient Shrine of Lord Shiva, is situated at the place in Himalayas, where Rishi Pulatsya- the grandfather of the King Ravana of Lanka, had worshipped for many decades. Pulast River flowing down from Loran-Mandi mountains of Pir Panjal (Himalayas) to Poonch and PoK has been named after the name of this great Saint.

The Chari Mubarak will remain in the temple for two days and will be brought back on the next day of Raksha Bandhan.

## Seminar held on communal harmony & national integration



Organisers along with students and faculty.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: On the eve of 75th Independence Day's Amrit Mahotsav, a seminar for the promotion of communal harmony and national integration was organized by the Social activist and organizer of Peace and Harmony Lekh Raj Raina in the premises of Christ High School Lamberi under the chairmanship of Principal of the School Mathew Kellenath as Chief Guest.

Youth, staff members, prominent persons, social

activists of the area and guardian of the students were present in the seminar. About 20 students expressed their views with songs, poems, speeches, drama & skits.

Organizer of the seminar Lekh Raj Raina stressed that being the citizen of a secular and vast country, it is our prime duty as well as responsibility to work for peace and harmony. Prizes were also delivered by the organizer of the seminar Lekh Raj Raina.

## I-Day-2022: SSP Kathua holds inter-state coordination /security review meeting

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATHUA: In order to review the general security situation in the district ahead of forthcoming 75th Independence Day celebrations, SSP Kathua R.C Kotwal on Tuesday chaired an interstate coordination and security review meeting at Conference Hall DPL Kathua with SSP Pathankot (PB), SDPO Dalhousie (HP), Officers of CAPF and Supervisory Officers including SDPO's, SHO's, IC PP's of the district. During the meeting all the participants have been advised to strengthen the interstate border security grid, NHW/Border security grid for peaceful conduct of forthcoming national event. Besides, counterparts were also advised to have coordination at SDPO/SHO level, share information about interstate drug peddlers, bovine smugglers, history sheeters, notorious elements and



SSP Kathua R.C Kotwal chairing a meeting.

enhance patrolling on Inter-State borders. They were also asked to layout joint nakas and conduct checking of vehicles originating from Border and NHW to foil the nefarious designs of ANEs/ASEs. Moreover, representative of Army and CAPF were also requested to depute their manpower for joint CASO and anti tunneling exercise along the IB which are being conducted regularly besides monitoring of drone activities in the border area. SSP Kathua further stressed upon the officers to step up vigil and security in the district to check any attempt of infiltra-

tion, drone dropping and movement of anti national elements. Thereafter a crime review meeting was also held with the supervisory officers, SHOs, IC PP's of the district and during meeting they were directed to focus on disposal of cases, especially NDPS cases, inquest proceedings, absconders on merit. All the SDPOs/SHOs/IC PP's of the district were directed to ensure proactive policing and take effective steps in their respective AoRs so that targeted results are achieved.

## 90 vaccinated, 1,056 samples collected in Ramban

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer Ramban, Dr. Suresh, the Health Department on Tuesday administered Covid vaccination to 90 persons in the district. Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance. The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC. As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, the Health Department has collected 1056 samples including 270 RT-PCR and 786 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 90 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

## Rashtriya Hindu Vahini frames body for Samba district



Newly elected members of RHV posing for photograph.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A meeting of Rashtriya Hindu Vahini Jammu and Kashmir was held in District Samba under the chairmanship of National President Vinay Hindu. In the meeting, along with the announcement of the name of the State General Secretary Sapna Hindu, the unit of District SAMBA was also announced, Amit Sharma was appointed as the

District President of the District Samba Rashtriya Hindu Vahini, Satpal Hindu was appointed as the General Secretary, Atresh Dutta and Ravarinder Singh was appointed vice-president district Samba. CA Sunny Sharma was appointed Youth President District Samba and Rahul Sharma Youth Vice President District Samba. President Sunita Hindu was appointed as Women's

Cell, District Samba. Manju Nargotra has been appointed as the Women's General Secretary, District Samba. Congratulating all the newly appointed office bearers, the National Jammu Women President Pooja Hindu District, District Doda Ramban Kishwar in-charge Manju Thakur, Surekh Hindu Manju Hindu, Mohinder Hindu also present in the meeting.

In the meeting, State President Rajinder Hindu congratulated all the newly appointed office bearers of

the district and said that the district should cooperate with each other. The newly appointed General Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir, Sapna Hindu said that all sections of the Hindu society of Jammu and Kashmir should take the organization forward! In the meeting, the newly appointed District President Amit Sharma said that I express my gratitude to the state who has entrusted me with the work, I will try my best to fulfill it. In the meeting, Incredible Bakshi State Contact Head, District Jammu Women President Pooja Hindu District, District Doda Ramban Kishwar in-charge Manju Thakur, Surekh Hindu Manju Hindu, Mohinder Hindu also present in the meeting.

## Kanwar Yatra taken out at Gourikund



Devotees taking out Yatra.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Like ever year, this year too, annual Kanwar Yatra was taken out from Gourikund to Shree Shool Panieshwer Mahadev Temple Sudhmahadev in Tehsil Chenani of District Udhampur on Tuesday.

According to District president AIF Vimal Sharma, volunteers of

Aware India Foundation (AIF) and local devotees participated in Yatra for peace, prosperity and tranquility and to encourage nationalism among youth of Jammu and Kashmir and country. Vimal Sharma said that Kanwar Yatra taken out continuously for the 7th time which was flagged off by Raj Kumari (retd)

## RSETI Ramban trains 35 youth in Dairy Farming & Vermi-compost making



A participant being given certificate.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: The Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI) Ramban, has trained a group of 35 youth in Dairy Farming & Vermi Compost Making here at Kawana (Khari) District Ramban.

During the 10 Day training programme, trainees were imparted different skills including, Treatment of animals (Cow and Buffalo), Breeds of Cow, Artificial Insemination etc.

A Video film on dairy man-

agement, vermin Composting, Organic farming and procedure to set up Dairy Farm was also screened for the trainees.

The trainees were also acquainted with EDP (Entrepreneurship Development Program) including Time Management, Problem Solving, Risk Taking & Goal Setting.

The Branch Manager, J&K Bank Khari, Jugal Kishore & JCO 23RR Buzla, Anit Kumar Singh was the Chief

Guest at the valedictory function. Branch Manager Khari interacted with the trainees and shared his views on self-employment. He highlighted the Government Sponsored Schemes for the upliftment of Rural Youths in the field of Self Employment and educated them about the Technical skill.

Senior Faculty Amrik Singh also interacted with the trainees and advised them to take the benefits of Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) Loan, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana(PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY) & Tarun, Kishor, and Shishu Mudra Loan schemes and wished them best of luck for future endeavors.

The trainees thanked the SBI RSETI Ramban for conducting 10 day training programme in Khari.

## Army organises cycle rally at Pallanwala



Children participating in cycle rally.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AKHNOOR: Army along with Youth and Sarpanchs of Border Villages in Pallanwala organised a cycle rally from Milan Di Kui to Pahariwala War Memorial to commemorate 75 Years of Independence. The Cycle Rally commenced from Milan Di Kui, a border village on the Line of Control on Tuesday.

Participants from border Villages of historic plains of Pallanwala, witness to all major wars with Pakistan enthusiastically took part in the rally. The

rally culminated at Pahariwala War Memorial by paying obeisance to all bravehearts who made supreme sacrifice while protecting our motherland. The rally aimed at channelising youth towards country's efforts in becoming a great nation. The participants distributed National Flags to villagers enroute in sync with Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign. The participants pledged to protect and preserve the integrity and rich heritage of the country alongside the Indian Army.

## Ashrooa observed in Ramban

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMBAN: Ashroa, marking the martyrdom of Prophet Muhammad's (SAW) grandson, Imam Hussein (AS) and his faithful companions in the battle of Karbala 1400 years ago, was observed in district Ramban on Tuesday.

A mourning procession was taken out by the Shia muslim community members at Chanderkot from Inambada to Karbala via main market amid religious slogans praising the martyrdom of Imam Hussain and his 72 warriors.

Imam Basharat Hussain, who led the procession, while talking to people said the day marks the victory of the truth over evil.



Mourning procession being taken out at Ramban.

Meanwhile, the civil and Police Administration Ramban had made foolproof security and other necessary arrangements for the convenience of devotees.

To boost the solidarity in the society prominent citizens, members of civil society and people from different religious communities were also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile the Shia community members organized Shabeels (drinking water) and distributed food among the general public.

Dy. SP, Pardeep Singh, Tehsildar, Rafiq Ahmed, Doctors along with ambulances and other officers were present on the occasion.

## Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee provides ration, financial assistance to rain-affected family

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RS PURA: Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee Rathana Camp on Tuesday provided ration and financial assistance to a family living in village Rathana.

Pertinent to mention here that Kutch house of Sumro Devi, who lives in the village, had collapsed due to torrential rains the other day, due to which she had suffered a lot.

In this regard, the members of Gurdwara Management Committee and Panchayat representatives reached the woman's house and provided ration and some financial help.

On the occasion, local people including BDC

Chairman RS Pura Tarsem Lal Sharma, Sarpanch Gurdeep Singh Saini, Pradhan Kulwinder Singh, Sarpanch Surjit Chaudhary, Panch Ratanlal Ravi Kumar were also present, who said that all possible help would be provided to Sumro Devi in near future also. They also assured all possible assistance for construction of her house at the earliest.

BDC Chairman, Tarsem Lal Sharma assured the Panchayat representatives that steps would be taken to make her Pucca house and efforts would also continue to provide all possible help.

## Reasi Forest Division, 6th Bn CRPF organise plantation drive

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATRA: A plantation drive was organised in Katra Block of Forest Range Katra of Reasi Forest Division under the overall supervision of Conservator of Forests, West Circle, Rajouri Vivek Verma DFO Reasi, Jyotsana.

Commandant CRPF 6th Battalion Y. R. Bonkar was the Chief Guest on the occasion and started the plantation drive by planting the Jamun sapling. He also assured that the saplings which have been planted during the programme will be taken care of.

DFO Reasi Jyotsana, addressed said that the aim of this plantation drive is to



Dignitaries planting a sapling.

generate awareness among the people for the importance of planting trees. She emphasized the role of trees in protection of the environment and human survival and urged the planting of more and more trees.

SP Katra Amit Bhasin, SDPO Katra Kuljeet Singh, Range Forest Officer Katra Sourabh Damral, Block Forest Officer Sugam Bral among other Forest, Police and CRPF officials were present on the occasion.

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