

53rd Shat Chandi Mahayagya from August 25 at Baba Sidhgoria Temple Paloura

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JAMMU: The 53rd Shat Chandi Mahayagya, Hawan Pujan, Sant Samelan is being organised by Mahant Kuldeep Singh Paloura Wale at Baba Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura, Jammu from 25th August (Thursday) to 04th September 2022 (Sunday) where all the devotees will take part in Mahayagya and listen Shrimad Bhagwat Katha during the programme. Addressing a press conference Mahant Kuldeep Singh alongwith Team Jammu Chairman Zorawar Singh Jamwal and Surinder Singh Gilli former President Yuva Rajput Sabha said that it was great pleasure and a mat-



Mahant Kuldeep Singh alongwith Team Jammu Chairman Zorawar Singh Jamwal during a press conference.

ter of pride that the 53rd Mahayagya is being organised and invited all the devotees to get immersed in the religious fervour during the Mahayagya followed by Langar on daily

basis.

Giving details Baba Kuldeep Ji said that Shrimad Bhagwat Katha by Bal Brahmehari Dr. Mahant Shri Sat Naryan Dass ji Maharaj will be held from 28th August to 04th September while other religious programmes will commence from August 25, 2022.

The religious programme will start on 25th August 8 am with Jal Yatra followed by Mandap Pujan and Yagya from 8 am to

12 noon on August 25 and Shrimad Bhagwat Katha from 2 pm to 5 pm daily from August 28 to 4th September.

The Shoba Yatra from Paloura will start at 3 am and culminate at 7 am on September 04 while Puran Ahuti and Bhandara will be organised at 12 noon on September 04, 2022.

Baba Ji also informed that accommodation and food for Pandits and Mahatmas will be arranged daily by the Baba Sidhgoria Ashram Paloura at the temple premises.

The managing committee members include Satish Sharma, Narwal Wale, Atul Sood Shiv Nagar, Saawan Soi Rroop Nagar, Jaipal Palourar, Suresh Kumar, Laswada, Sonu Baba, Paloura, Jyot Baba, Paloura, Pt Kuldeep, Sunderbani, Virender Singh, Badodi, Ashok Singh, Corporator, Kaku Manhas, Paloura and Mohit Gupta, Janipur.

KVK Jammu conducts inservice training programme



KVK Jammu officials during a training programme.

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JAMMU: A training programme titled "Quality Seed production in Field Crops" for the extension functionaries of an Department of Agriculture was organised on Monday by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Jammu working under the administrative control of SKUAST-Jammu under the leadership of Prof. J P Sharma Honorable Vice Chancellor and guidance of Prof. S K Gupta, Director Extension SKUAST-J. The extension functionaries of all the Sub Divisions from the Department of Agriculture attended the training programme. Dr. Punit Choudhary, Chief Scientist & Head KVK Jammu stressed on liaisoning between the allied departments and SKUAST-Jammu.

Dr Ram Phool Punia, Jr. Scientist, AICRIP Weed, SKUAST-J and Dr Amitesh Sharma, Scientist Plant Breeding deliberated on the weeds their different type of controls, weedicide formulations, promotion on use of multinozzle Knapsack Sprayer with sensitization on Natural farming. The programme was followed by elaborative presentation by Dr Anjani Kumar and Dr. Vishal Raina, Associate

Professors, Mega Seed SKUAST-J on Good agricultural practices in field crops and role quality seed processing in increasing seed multiplication ratio. Dr. Muneeshwar Sharma, Scientist, Plant protection also discussed the different aspects of Biopesticide formulations and their efficacy Natural. The programme was coordinated by Dr Amitesh Sharma, Scientist KVK Jammu.

Other KVK staff members, Dr. Rameet Kour, Dr. Sheetal Badyal, Er. Ashish Katoh, Satbir Singh and Dr. Raju Gupta also participated in the training programme. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Prem Kumar, Scientist Fisheries KVK Jammu.

Cows dying due to widespread disease, Govt sleeping: Ravinder

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JAMMU: A large number of bovine animals especially cows are infected and dying due to wide spread disease in several parts in Jammu division but the government is sleeping and has not initiated serious campaign to save them.

Senior Congress Leader and former MLC Ravinder Sharma expressed great concern over the wide spread infection to large number of bovine animals especially cows, in Jammu division and said that government fails to launch save animals campaign by pressing into service men and resources. Sharma said that animals are suffering a lot and farmers are facing great hardships due to lack of adequate human resource, facilities and medicine/vaccines with the department in the periphery. A large number of animals are infected in the entire rural belt but no major initiative is seen on the ground by the government. He said during his tour of several parts of Sunderbani- Kalakote Nowshera areas in Rajouri district, he found a large number of cows having been severely infected with the prevalent disease but farmers are finding themselves helpless in the absence of adequate arrangements in place by the government.

Sharma appealed to the Lt Governor to immediately direct more effective measures and campaign to save cows and press into service all trained resources and other facilities in all parts to save animals and the economically distressed farmers.

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JAMMU: National Executive Member, Bharatiya Janata Party and former minister, Priya Sethi on Monday urged the J&K Government to consider the genuine demands of Home Guard workers who have been struggling since long for revision in their honorarium.

In this regard, Priya Sethi on the directions of BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina, today met Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and vociferously raised the issue of Home Guard workers who are struggling since last so many years regarding various issues. She also submitted a memorandum to Divisional Commissioner in support of Home Guard workers.

She mentioned that presently the Home Guard employees of Delhi UT are getting Rs 25000 per month, in Pondicherry UT they are getting Rs 28530, Lakshadweep employees Rs



BJP J&K leader, Priya Sethi handing-over charter of demands of Home Guards to Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar.

27000, Chandigarh HG employees Rs 41524 where as in J&K they are getting only Rs 2700 which are totally injustice with them.

Priya Sethi mentioned that in 2015 the Supreme Court had directed all the states and union territories to revise the honorarium of Home Guard workers but except Jammu and Kashmir all the states have honoured the directions of the top court. The former Minister appealed to the Lt Governor of J&K UT to take a sympathetic view of the problems

and issues being faced by the Home Guard workers and revise their honorarium at the earliest so that they would have a sigh of relief.

Those who accompanied Former Minister included Kamla Sharma, President All J& K HG WA, Sandeep Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Shobha Singh, Pawan Kumar, Rajik Ahmed, Mir Taiq, Mohd Islam, Variender Singh, Ranjeet Sharma, Sanjay Sharma, Pawan Kundal, Rohit Kumar, Parkas, Farooq Ahmed and others.

ADGP Security visits Central Pool Security Line DPL Jammu

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Security J&K, Dr. S.D Singh Jamwal, on Monday visited Security Central Pool Jammu where he inaugurated a newly constructed park inside the Security Line premises and dedicated to Shaheed Dy. SP Manjeet Singh, who laid down his life while fighting with militants at Poonch in the year 2003.

After the inauguration of the park, the ADGP held a brief discussion with the supervisory officers and took stock of the functioning of security Central Pool Jammu.

He congratulated the participants for the duties performed by them during one and half month long Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra which concluded without any untoward incident.



ADGP Security J&K, Dr. S.D Singh Jamwal inaugurating newly constructed park at DPL Jammu.

Similarly, the officers and jawans were also congratulated for their dedication and devotion towards duties performed by them for peaceful conduct of Independence Day Celebrations-2022.

A Darbar of Jawans and officers was held at Central Pool, Security Jammu in order to know their griev-

ances/problems being faced while performing security duties.

Addressing the Darbar, the ADGP Security J&K briefed the Jawans and officers to work professionally and without compromising the security norms.

Later, the ADGP assured Jawans & Officers that their problems shall be redressed on priority.

Panthers oppose move to allow outsiders to vote in J&K

Seek amendment in Representation of People's Act 1950

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party, in a meeting of the State Secretariat of the party held under Chairpersonship of Jay Mala Chief Patron of the party at its office at 30-B Gandhi Nagar Jammu, has strongly condemned the move of the government to allow the outsiders to be registered as voters in Union Territory of J&K.

Vilakshan Singh, President of J&K National Panthers Party while addressing a press conference has sought amendment in Section 19 of the Representation of People Act, 1950 which allows a person ordinarily residing in a constituency to be a voter in that constituency.

Singh said the section 19 of Representation of People Act, 1950 should be amended so far as it applies to the state of J&K.

Singh said that u/s 12(b) of J&K Representation of People



President JKNPP, Vilakshan Singh addressing a press conference.

Act 1957 a person who was not a "permanent resident" of the state was disqualified for being a voter in any assembly constituency in J&K.

But the J&K Representation of People Act 1957 was repealed and central Representation of People Act 1950 was made applicable to the J&K by virtue J&K Reorganization Act 2019.

Singh said that after the amendment of Article 370 of Constitution of India, people of J&K particularly the people of Jammu province from Lakhampur to Poonch are already facing threat to their jobs and lands.

He said that all the outsiders who would be registered as voters in J&K would be registered as such in constituencies of Jammu province only as no one shall dare to settle in Kashmir province due to utter failure of the government to protect the lives of members of the minority community in Kashmir Province.

Vilakshan said that MLAs chosen by outsiders in Jammu Province would never be able to project the concerns of the Dogra Community in the assembly.

He said that BJP had sensed that Kashmiris won't accept BJP at all and the

Dogras having been deceived by BJP won't give it another chance to form government in the UT.

Having analysed the ground position, BJP would abuse provisions of section 19 & section 20 of Representation of People Act 1950 with an aim to change election results in its favour. Singh said that if Section 19 of Representation of People Act 1950 is not amended so as to restrict right to caste vote to the original residents of UT only, Dogra identity which is already fading would become extinct.

He said the experiments of the centre with J&K must come to an end and the statehood should be immediately restored. He appealed to the people of J&K, particularly the people of Jammu Province right from Lakhampur to Poonch to strengthen the hands of J&K National Panthers Party in its fight against the dictatorial attitude of the central government.

Jammu Forest Division organizes plantation drive

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JAMMU: To promote the plantation of Pipal and Bargad trees, plantation drive was organised on Monday by Jammu Forest Division in association with NGOs the Inner Wheel Foundation and New Jan Foundation at Village Sidhra along the Bank of River Tawi. During the drive the students of Bal Sishu Shiksha Kendar also participated and planted the sapling of Pipal and Bargad.

The newly planted saplings will not only play a vital role in the surrounding ecosystem but will also beautify the Banks of River Tawi, said B.M Sharma, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.

Ravi Kumar Kesar Ex Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF J&K was the Chief Guest on the occasion, who along with B. Mohandass, Conservator of Forests East Circle Jammu also planted the saplings.

Anup Kumar Soni, Divisional Froest Officer Jammu encouraged the students and the members of NGO to adopt the plants and to further encourage the family members, fellow colleagues and other citizen to come forward with J&K Forest Department for organisation of large scale plantation drive in future.

Reva Raina, Vijay Sharma and other members of Twin NGOs applaud the efforts of J&K Forest Department.

LG Mathur attends ESM Rally & Pension Adalat

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LEH: The Lientenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, on Monday attended the ex-Servicemen (ESM) Rally and 175th Raksha Pension Samadhan Aayojan organised by Fire & Fury Corps, at Rinechen Auditorium in Leh.

The two-day event also includes Veer Nari Meet and Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) Day celebration.

General Officer Commanding (GOC) 14 Corps, Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta; GOC Leh Sub Area Major General Sunit Mehrotra; Ashok Chakra awardee, Naib Subedar Chhering Mutup; Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Nangyal; Mukesh Kumar Sinha, Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (PCDA) Prayagraj, MVC Col Sonam Wangchuk, Director, Zila Sainik Welfare Office (ZSWO) and President, ESM League, Retd Subedar Major Sonam Morup were



Lt Governor Ladakh, RK Mathur, visiting a stall during ex-Servicemen rally.

present during the event.

Appreciating the sacrifices and service of ESM to the country during the wars, LG Mathur stated that organising such rallies would provide a platform for ESM and veer Nari to develop a bond between themselves, share their experiences and also to resolve issues related to their pension, etc. LG Mathur advised the ESM to prepare themselves for two careers after retirement from their service. He stated that the Administration would work to ensure that various beneficial schemes of the

Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW) are made accessible to all the ESM and Veer Naris.

LG Mathur informed about various initiatives taken by UT Administration to benefit ex-servicemen, viz. providing Rs 5 lakh compensation to kin of martyrs in the Galwan War, 6% reservation in government jobs, etc. He informed that there is also a demand from ESM to provide training for homestay. He stated that Administration would ensure that homestays prove to be a beneficial business for ESM.

Dogri Sanstha releases Jagdeep Dubey's 'Vikarn'

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JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu, a pioneer literary organization working for mother tongue Dogri and Duggar cultural traditions since 1944, on Monday released eminent Dogri writer Jagdeep Dubey's collection of three theatre plays entitled 'Vikarn' in a function at Govt. Women College Parade, here.

The book contains three plays namely Suttar, Ladai Kadun Mulkag & Vikarn revolving around different themes. This is his 3rd collection of plays after Galoor and Dangar. Padamsri Jitender Udhampuri was Chief Guest on the occasion, Prof. Lalit Magotra President Dogri Sanstha presided over the function whereas Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' an eminent English, Hindi and Dogri writer was Guest of Honour.

In his address, Jaitender Udhampuri recalled the



Dogri Sanstha Jammu members releasing Jagdeep Dubey's collection of three theatre plays entitled 'Vikarn'.

contributions of litterateurs hailing from Ramnagar from where Jagdeep also belongs. He said that Jagdeep Dubey has proved his worth as a short story writer and playwright for Akashwani and Doordarshan. He welcomed his new book that will help theatre activists to stage new plays.

Prof. Lalit Magotra while complementing Dubey for the book said that Dogri plays were much wanted and this book has surely enriched that part of Dogri literature. He hoped that now the theatre directors

will get more plays to exhibit their creative inputs by staging these plays which are appreciable for their contents and plots.

As Guest of honour, Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' said that Dubey has been a well known name in literary circles both as a playwright and short story writer.

On this occasion eminent theatre activist Raj Kumar Bahurupia presented a detailed paper on the book. The program was conducted by poetess and broadcaster Promila Manhas who also present vote of thanks as well.