

Tourism Deptt, Reasi Admn host Dogra Food Festival

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REASI: To commemorate the celebrations of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" under the initiative of "Meri Maati, Mera Desh", the Directorate of Tourism Jammu in collaboration with District Administration Reasi and JK Rural Livelihood Mission on Friday organized a mega event titled "Dogra Food Festival" at Duggardhani, Kheral Panchayat in District Reasi in celebration of the local ethnic cuisines and rural spirit of women folk for self employment, self employment and rural livelihood opportunities.



Officials of Tourism deptt and district administration during the fest.

The event started with formal welcome of the visiting dignitaries Sh. Vivekanand Rai Director Tourism Jammu, Babila Rakwal Deputy Commissioner Reasi and Sunaina Sharma Mehta Joint Director Tourism Jammu. The guests were welcomed by applying vermilion, presentation of "Mata ka Chunari" and tying Tricolor themed homemade Rakhis to all the guests. Pertinent to mention here that the Tourist Reception Centre Kheral had been functioning as "Duggardhani: Naari Ki Pehechaan" which is a unique concept on the pattern of Village Haat wherein local women serve home cooked meals to the visitors and tourists. It is being run by

the local Self Help Group cluster registered under JK Rural Livelihood Mission and is providing livelihood opportunities to the local women. They also sell handicraft and handloom products made at the local level along with pickles, Masala and other articles.

National Flag was also unfurled on the occasion by the Deputy Commissioner Reasi followed by ceremonial recital of National Anthem and pledge taking ceremony. Plantation Drive was also carried out within the premises of the Tourist Reception Centre Kheral which was led by Director Tourism Jammu Vivekanand Rai, Deputy Commissioner Reasi Babila Rakwal

and Joint Director Tourism Jammu Sunaina Sharma. Dogri Parola Art decoration was also one of the high-light points of the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Tourism Jammu Vivekanand Rai said that such unique initiative of the Tourism Department and District Administration Reasi has become successful due to the efforts and zeal of the local women who tapped this opportunity to showcase their talent and uplift their livelihood opportunities. He congratulated the local women and hoped that such endeavours shall be replicated in other tourist areas as well.

While addressing the gathering,

Deputy Commissioner Reasi Smt. Babila Rakwal said that the efforts of the local women working at Duggardhani are commendable. She also thanked the Tourism Department for providing these local ladies with such an opportunity to earn livelihood while presenting their hidden talent before the world on such a great platform.

Joint Director Tourism Jammu Sunaina Sharma said that these women folk are a role model for the entire generation and our society. They are leading from the front and managing not only their homes but also entering into active business by bringing their hidden talent out to the world and thus, shaping their own destiny.

Among others present on the occasion were Anshumali Sharma Assistant Commissioner (Revenue) Reasi, Sugandhi Banotra Assistant Director Tourism Jammu, Ambika Bali Assistant Director Tourism Katra, Suresh Singh Tehsildar Reasi, Mehak Mahajan Tehsildar Bhogal, Jugal Kishore District Programme Coordinator JKRLM, Anita Cluster Head Duggardhani among other officials of Tourism Department and District Administration Reasi.

CJM Reasi frames charges in forgery & cheating case

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REASI: LD. CJM Reasi framed charges in Challan produced by Crime Branch Jammu against accused Shub Dutt, son of Krishan Chand, resident of Kundra, Tehsil and District Reasi in Case FIR No. 35/2021 under sections 420/465/467/471 IPC.

Briefly stating the facts of the case are, that complaint was lodged by one Sanjay Kumar alleging that accused Shub Dutt who is working as Lineman in PHE Department under SRO 43 from last 16 year has produced fake Education Certificates at the time of joining as there is five years age difference between original documents and documents produced at the time of joining. The academic record collected from Govt. Middle School Kundra Reasi as well as Govt High School Bagdhar reflects that accused Shub Dutt is having two Date of Births i.e. 17-01-1965 and 05-07-1970. Beside this record of Govt. High School of

Bagdhar reveals that accused has never taken admission in that school and the school Certificate produced by the accused of the said school at the time of his appointment is fake. So accused in connivance with the others are involved in the commission of the offence of cheating and forgery and used a fake and forged document as genuine and has obtained benefit thereof, thereby causing wrongful gains to himself and corresponding loss to the Govt of J&K. LD. Counsel for the accused argued that to fall under the category of forged documents, it is not sufficient that the document has been made or executed dishonestly or fraudulently. Further, LD. Counsel contended that there is no material on record to affect that accused used fake/forged documents to get appointment in Jal Shakti Department district Reasi under SRO 43 of J&K.

Ashwani Kumar LD. Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of UT of

J&K Crime Branch, Jammu effectively argued that there is sufficient material on record which connects the accused with the commission of offences as alleged to be committed by accused as such, accused be charged under said offences and prosecution is allowing to produce the evidence.

After going through the initial complaint filed by the complainant, contents of FIR, Challan, Statements recorded by I/O U/S 161 Cr.PC and material annexed herewith, Hon'ble court find that prima facie accused has committed offence U/Ss 420/465/467/471 IPC as such the accused cannot be discharged at this stage. The accused Shub Dutt is accordingly charged U/Ss 420/465/467/471 IPC who denied the allegation and claimed to be trial.

Challan in above Case FIR was produced by Crime Branch Jammu in the court of LD. CJM Reasi on Dec 26, 2022.

Poonch Police takes out Har Ghar Tiranga Rally



Police officials taking out rally at Poonch.

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POONCH: The District Police Poonch today took out a 'Har Ghar Tiranga' rally under the supervision of SSP Poonch Vinay Kumar. The rally which comprised of over two hundred cops including officers, commenced from District Police Lines which passed through Nakhani Wali road, Parade Ground, Main Bazaar, Alapeer road and concluded at Police memorials, near SSP office Poonch. While talking to reporters the SSP Vinay Kumar said that during this rally Tiranga Flags were distributed to the people with a message that we all are one and are ready to sacrifice our lives at the time of need. Prominent among others participated include Addl SP Mushin Ahmed, DSP OP Aijaz Ahad, Dy SP DAR Mohama Shafiq, SHO Deepak Pathania, Inspector Rajbir Singh, Inspector Opinder and others.

DIG UR Range reviews security arrangements for I-Day, Kounsernag Yatra

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REASI: Mohd Suleman Choudhary, DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range conducted security review meeting for Independence Day-2023 and Kounsernag Yatra at District Police Office Reasi.

Meeting was attended by Amit Gupta SSP Reasi, Y.R Bunker Commandant CRPF 6th Bn, Sh. R.C Kotwal CO IRP-1st BN, Col. Manjinder Singh Military Station Reasi, Taslima Khan 2 I/C 126 Bn, Lt. Jasjeet Singh 4 FTD, Mohit Sharma 58 RR, ASP Katra & Reasi, SDPO's, Officers from CID SB/CI, DCIO/IB Reasi and intelligence.

In the meeting discussions were held regarding security arrangements for forthcoming Independence Day and Yatras during the month. All



Mohd Suleman Choudhary, DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range chairing a meeting at Reasi.

the officers shared their inputs & arrangements to DIG for peaceful conduct & celebrations of Independence day-2023 and yatras.

SSP Reasi briefed about various security arrangements in place for the peaceful conduct of these events in co-ordination with intelligence agencies and security forces deployed in the district.

DIG also expressed his concern to contain if there is any attempt to revival of militancy in the district by adopting a pro active

approach and alertness of highest level.

The Officer reviewed security drill of vital installations including SMVD Shrine, yatra route, safety and security of pilgrims visiting to pay obeisance to the Shrine on daily basis. Deputy Inspector General of Police further directed to conduct joint security drill with CAPF for security of the shrine and mentioned it as top priority of police of this jurisdiction.

Suleman Choudhary further stressed upon verifica-

tion and census of migrants in and around Katra town, pony porters and others in the towns to check the entry of any suspicious element in the area. He further directed to conduct checking of the hotels and other residential accommodations meticulously for verification of character antecedents of the person visiting there. Social media monitoring and generation of human intelligence was top among the directive of the Officer. Further directed to use full energy of jawans and give 100% for peaceful conduct & celebrations of Independence Day-2023.

Meeting ended with the positive note on Coordination and Cooperation between all the security forces & sister agencies.

Amrit Vatikas created in Nowshera Forest Division under 'Vasuda Vandan'



Forest officials along with locals during the programme.

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NOWSHERA: Nowshera Forest Division created 31st Amrit Vatikas under "Vasuda Nandan" event after formal launch of "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign starting from 9th of August by planting/supplying 75 indigenous plants in each Amrit Vatika with active participation of PRI members, school children, other local people of concerned panchayat, staff of RDD and other departments under the Banner of JK Green Drive. Range Officer Lamberi/Sunderbani Sudesh

Kumar told that 21 nos Amrit Vatikas were created in different Panchayats coming under ambit of Sunderbani forest Range and 10 Amrit Vatikas were created in 10 Panchayats coming under ambit of Lamberi forest Range till 11 August and all other panchayats shall be covered upto 15th of August. The whole programme was conducted under close supervision of Divisional Forest officer, Nowshera Satyendra Maurya and Conservator of Forests, West circle Rajouri Vivek Verma.

GDC Khour organises "Maati Ka Naman" under Meri Maati Mera Desh



Students and faculty during the programme.

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KHOUR: In a heartfelt tribute to the essence of national pride and unity, a special programme titled "Maati Ka Naman" was organised at Govt. Degree College Khour. The event brought together Teaching and Non-Teaching

staff of the college, NSS volunteers and college students. About 50 students participated in this programme. Senior faculty members Prof. Seema Sudan, Prof. Tarsem Lal, Prof. Anju Bala were also present in this event. Students along with

faculty members & Principal of the college held National Flag on one hand and Maati on the other. The programme "Maati Ka Naman" aimed to foster a deep connection with the motherland, paying homage to the soil that binds the diverse threads of India together. "Maati Ka Naman" rekindled the flame of patriotism, fostering a sense of belonging and responsibility towards the nation. Through events like "Maati Ka Naman," the college aims to instil a sense of national pride among the students. The programme was organised by NSS PO Prof. Gurvinder Kour under the guidance of Dr T K Sharma, principal of the college.

GHS Tanda Kangri organises Meri Maati Mera Desh Tiranga rally



Students and faculty taking out rally.

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SUNDERBANI: Students of Government School taken out Tiranga rally under Meri Maati Mera Desh.

As the part of "Meri Maati Mera Desh" Campaign, students of Govt High School Tanda Kangri organized a Tiranga Rally.

Speaking on the occasion, the Sarpanch Anil Kumar said that the rally is a part of "Meri Maati Mera Desh" Campaign to honour the martyrs of freedom struggle and local heroes. He appealed the people to actively support the campaign to make it a grand salute.

MESBAI holds General Body meeting

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UDHAMPUR: Military Engineer Service Builders Association of India (MESBAI) branch Udhampur holds first general body meeting which was chaired by MESBAI Chairman Darshan Proach while Hony Secy Sandeep Gandotra was stage secretary who manage the activities of house smoothly.

After election of Udhampur Branch, today Darshan Proach addressed the first house general body meeting to discuss the strategy for smooth run of house and overall welfare of builders also. Speaking in the meeting Sandeep Gandotra readout agenda of meeting includes as one person shall be appointed as computer operator to run branch office,



Office bearers of MESBAI during the meeting.

process of release of PG should be accelerated, to raise special donation/welfare fund, control very low rates invariably quoted in tenders, involvement of user/PMG without any technical knowledge, DCS are made by dept based on old quoted rates by contractor, delay in finalization of Deviation order and star rates, makes of command not in contract and many more viable issues related to the builder were raised and discussed at threadbare.

However chairman assured the house to take up their genuine issue with HQ and Chief engineer Northern command and other concern quarter for its early redress. Other who present in meeting were Bikram Slathia, Anil Senson, Sanjay Sharma, Naresh Kumar, Sr. Builder Vijay Gupta and Inderjeet Sharma, Kush Pachyala, Umesh Mahajan, Joginder Singh, Lucky Khajuria and many more.

Bhadarwah police organises Mega Tiranga Rally

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BHADERWAH: To celebrate Nation's Journey of Freedom, progress, soil and valour, Bhaderwah Police organised a Tiranga Rally in Bhaderwah on Friday.

The rally was flagged off by ASP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma along with SDPO Bhaderwah Wasim Mehmood and SHO Bhaderwah Jatinder Singh Rakwal from New Bus Stand Kotli, in which beside Personnel of Police and Para Military forces, senior citizens, locals residents, Ex-Servicemen league, hundreds of students of Government and private schools participated.

The rally was commenced from New Bus Stand Kotli



Police personnel along with locals during the rally.

and after passing through different areas including College Link Road, Pasri Bus stand, Masjid Mohalla, Sadar Bazaar, Takiya Chowk, Seri Bazaar, Lakshmi Narayan Chowk and Chobia Link road, culminated back at New Bus Stand, where all participated in National anthem.

ASP Bhaderwah Vinod

Sharma said that we organised a Mega Tiranga Rally at Bhaderwah as a unified celebration commemorating the Nation's journey of freedom and progress, under 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' Campaign.

"Huge participation in rally gives the message to all sections of the society that people here are peace-loving and

want peace and progress," ASP added.

Local Neeraj Manhas appreciated Bhaderwah Police for involving all sections of the society in Tiranga Rally at Bhaderwah. "Huge gathering in Tiranga Rally proves that People of Bhaderwah always respect National flag and people in uniform," Manhas added.

Participating students also expressed their gratitude to Bhaderwah Police for organising Tiranga Rally in Bhaderwah and involving them to get themselves connected with their nation.

A student Vanshita Bharti said, "I am feeling very proud after participating in Tiranga Rally in Bhaderwah to pay our respect to the martyrs."

participating. Dr. Rajni Bala and Dr. Deepika Sharma diligently performed the duty of judging the art.

To encourage more participation in future events, Dr. Slathia promised to give certificates of appreciation to the student participants.

Week long plantation drive culminated at UIET Kathua Campus

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KATHUA: University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Kathua Campus (JU) concluded its highly successful one-week plantation drive with a spectacular valedictory ceremony, showcasing the institution's commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable practices. The event witnessed the participation of esteemed guests including the Chief Guest Prof. R. D. Sharma, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu and Founding Rector Kathua Campus; Guest of Honour, Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning, University of Jammu and Former Rector, Kathua Campus; Special Guest, Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director, Poonch Campus (JU); Keynote Speaker, Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Chief Engineer, JKPCD Ltd, Jammu.

The valedictory event witnessed an array of noteworthy activities. It was marked with the establishment of the exclusive "Navgrah Vatika" inaugurated by Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua



Saplings being distributed among dignitaries.

Campus (JU). The programme also included a series of engaging activities aimed at fostering environmental awareness among students and the larger community. As part of the celebration, amidst the rustling leaves, all the guests united and nurtured the earth by planting saplings hoping for greener tomorrow. The invited guests also visited various gardens prepared by the students within campus which emphasize the importance of green spaces and biodiversity.

Prof. R. D. Sharma, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu and Founding Rector, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu congratulated the

entire team of UIET for successfully organising the plantation drive.

Prof. Meena Sharma, Former Rector, Kathua Campus and Dean Planning, University of Jammu applauded the efforts of the entire UIET community in organizing and participating in the plantation drive.

Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director, Poonch Campus, University of Jammu shared his experiences and wisdom, emphasizing the role of young minds in shaping a better future for the mother earth.

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Chief Engineer, JKPCD Ltd, Jammu in his keynote address eulogized UIET's unwavering

commitment to environmental sustainability and preservation.

Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector, Kathua Campus (JU) expressed her delight over the overwhelming success of the one-week plantation drive and the heart-warming response from the campus community.

Dr. Sourabh Shastri, I/c Coordinator, UIET welcomed and expressed his gratitude to the distinguished guests on the valedictory function. He said that the entire event was a testament to UIET's unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship and its role as a catalyst for positive change.

Dr. Nisha Choudhary coordinated the whole programme and Dr. Shivani Sharma delivered vote of thanks.

Principals of different Government Degree Colleges and Higher Secondary Schools of Kathua district, Retd. Principals, people of Civil Society, Officers and staff of Forest Department and Social Forestry, teaching faculty, non-teaching staff, and students of the Campus were also present.

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