

Budha Amarnath Chhari Yatra concludes with chanting of Mantras

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POONCH: The Budha Amarnath Chhari Yatra 2024 concluded successfully with the completion of all rituals. The Chhari Mubarak was ceremoniously returned to Dashnami Akhara in Poonch, marking the end of this significant pilgrimage. The event was presided over by Shri Shri 1008 Swami Vishwatamanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj, who led the conclusion ceremony.



of the Yatra showcased the strong coordination between

the district authorities and the religious bodies, ensuring a safe and fulfilling experience for all the devotees. Several notable figures were present at the event, including ACR Poonch Qadeer ul Rehman, Yatra Officer Dr. Punit Kar, CMO Poonch Dr. Zulfiqar Ahmed, Deputy CMO Dr. Parvaz Khan, Superintendent Dr. Nusrat Bhatti, DySP Headquarters Pankaj Sudan, SHO Poonch, Advocate Rajinder Singh (Public Prosecutor), Advocate Sunil Sharma, Basant Ram Sharma (President of Dashnami Akhara Poonch), Master Khaterpal (President of Sanatan Dharam Sabha Poonch), S. Balbir Singh, Youghal Sharma, Lokesh Sharma, Kamaljeet Singh, Raj Sharma, Advocate Ronak Sharma, and Balram Sharma. The event's stage was managed by Secretary Rohit Sharma.

Army holds drug awareness talk



Army officials along with students during the programme.

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REASI: Mental health issues, performance pressure, growing emptiness, social networking and changing socio-economic condition are affecting the youth of the country, making them vulnerable to addictive distraction. The abuse of drugs and alcohol is by far the leading cause of preventable illness and premature death in our society. Indian Army with the aim

organized a lecture to spread awareness about dangers of drug abuse amongst the teenagers and its ill effects in the society and body at higher secondary school Barakh, Reasi District. The focus of the awareness lecture was to enlighten local people about increasing drug menace and its harmful effects, both physical and mental. Local people were made aware as to how one time use of drugs

to deal with stress or to get a momentary high or to just 'fit in' with his or her peers, affect their lives as well as their family. The attendees were also informed about the ill effects of Tobacco consumption & how does it leads to oral cancer among people. The locals expressed their gratitude towards Indian Army for organizing such awareness programs and seminar on social issues.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Changa, Bhatyas, Gundoh and adjoining areas will remain affected on August 21, 23, 25, 27 and 29 from 7 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to Budhal, Kewal and adjoining areas will remain affected on August 24 from 10 am to 1 pm.

BJP committed to address unemployment: Ajay Choudhary

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KATHUA: BJP is fully committed to tackling unemployment and providing job opportunities to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

This was stated by Ajay Choudhary, District Secretary, BJP Kathua and owner of JK Manpower while speaking at the job camp organized today in Barwal village.

Speaking on the occasion, Ajay Choudhary emphasized the significance of the employment camp, which was specifically organized to connect job seekers with suitable employment opportunities. The event witnessed a substantial turnout of enthusiastic young individuals eager to secure jobs and build a stable future.

Ajay Choudhary informed that JK Manpower is offering a wide range of positions across various sectors, catering to the diverse skills and needs of the job market. These positions include technical workers, office staff, housekeepers, security guards, household staff, cooks, and laborers, ensuring that there is something for everyone, he added.

Choudhary further encouraged local youth to take full advantage of these camps, emphasizing the importance of being proactive in pursuing the opportunities being made available to them.

By participating in such initiatives, young people can not only secure employment but also gain valuable experience and skills that will benefit them in the long term, he added.

NC sole guarantor for welfare of masses: Bimla

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SAMBA: J&K National Conference is sole guarantor for welfare of the masses especially for the women folk, and if people will pave way for this party to enter power corridors in J&K, their problems will vanish forever like a dream.

This was stated by Bimla Luthra, State Vice President Women Wing and former MLA Jammu while addressing a Convention of Party's Women Wing at Lower Kotli in Bari Brahmana.

The meeting was organized under the chairmanship of Sodagar Gupta, District President Samba JKNC Samba. The meeting was arranged by Rajni Devi District President Women Wing, JKNC Samba with the main support and dedication of Block President Shushma Devi.

In the meeting, Vijay Lochan, Chairman JKNC SC Cell Jammu was the Guest of Honour; Mohinder Singh, Sr. leader Samba; Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone Block presidents Swarn Singh Charak (Block Bari Brahmana), Prem Singh (Block Parmandal), Joginder Kumar (Block Vijaypur) and Bua Dutta (Block Samba); Sat Paul



Bimla Luthra, NC State Vice President Women Wing chairing a public meeting at Samba.

Block (Ramgarh); Ajay Sharma (Vice President Samba); Bharata Bushan (Secretary Central Zone Jammu); Nar Singh (President Labour Cell Jammu); Puran Chand Ex President MC (Bari Brahmana); Jaswant Singh (District Secretary Samba); Rahul Attri (Youth leader); Rajeshwar Singh (Youth leader) and Raju Padgotra were also presented.

Earlier, Rajni Devi apprised the senior NC functionaries about pitiable condition and the problems related to widow pension, inflation, kitchen budget and above all sky-rocketing unemployment in J&K.

Bimla Luthra, who was the Chief Guest of the convention, said that there is no doubt that the National Conference is the sole guarantor of people's inter-

ests and for adding persistency, NC cadre has to maintain close contact with the people for knowing their problems and finding ways to resolve them on priority. She asserted that the women's wing has always watered the values of the National Conference and is like a strong pillar which always stood by the party leadership to make it a force to reckon with in J&K. Bimla Luthra said that National Conference has always stood for women rights and will continue to do the same as it is indigenous to the party's norms and ethos. She castigated BJP leadership over its failure to contain inflation in the country. "Household budgets are dwindling under directionless policies of helmsmen but there is no one to rectify the

err", she said, adding that women are the worst sufferers of unprecedented rise in prices of essential commodities as every day they have to think of doing new compromises to sustain life, reflecting the failure of government. She said that under NC Government, there was 50 percent seats reserved for girl students in J&K but under the incumbents there is only rhetoric and nothing else.

Vijay Lochan, Chairman JKNC SC Cell, in his address, voiced concern over the plight of marginalized sections in Jammu and Kashmir, stating that they are facing step-motherly treatment under the current dispensation. He stressed that only the National Conference can guarantee equitable development and justice for all, regardless of their background. Lochan emphasized

the importance of unity and collective action in supporting the leadership of Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, as they have consistently worked for the welfare of the people. He urged the public to come together and strengthen the hands of the Abdullahs in the forthcoming Assembly elections, reiterating the National Conference's unwavering commitment to peace, prosperity, and inclusive growth in the region. By voting for the National Conference, he added, the people would ensure a better future, where every section of society receives its fair share of development and opportunities. Sodagar Gupta and Rakesh Singh Raka said that National Conference is a secular party and that is the reason behind its popularity in all the nooks and corners of the union territory unlike BJP, which has meager presence in some pockets in only Jammu region with its leaders always fearing defeat in polls in those areas as well. They asked the party cadre to continue with the good work by remaining in touch with the people and also focus on problems of women folk in their areas to address them on priority.

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NGO Anti Crime Bureau sanitizes Govt. Schools



NGO members during the drive.

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BISHNAH: NGO, Anti Crime Bureau under the Supervision of its Chairman Sham Lal Gupta, Sanitizes Govt High Secondary School and Govt Middle School Sarore, Team Members Started Sanitation and Fogging Drive at Government Schools in Panchayat Sarore, Block Bishnah.

On behalf of the Volunteers of Organization rooms, Corridors of the School were Sanitized, the drive was carried out to rescue children from Various Infections, the school administration thanked the Steps of the organization. Principal and Teachers of both the

Schools appreciated Steps of NGO and its Chairman for considering and completing their demand at urgent.

Both the Sarpanches of Panchayat Sarore Upper and Lower Sh Gopal and Sh Vipin Appreciated Works of NGO Anti Crime. State President of NGO Sahil Gupta was also present during this drive and briefed that NGO Anti Crime Bureau will continue to Sanitize the Govt Schools in coming time and NGO is Working without any govt aid in the society.

Volunteers Manmohan Singh, Sajan Kumar, Rohit Kumar, Vansh Mehra, Rakesh Sharma and others were Present in the Sanitation Drive.

Charak appraised about condition of lanes & drains in Bari Brahmana

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BARI BRAHMANA: President Dogra Sadar Sabha and former Minister, Gulchain Singh Charak has raised concerns over the deteriorating state of infrastructure in Bari Brahmana.

In this regard, residents of Mohalla Welfare Committee of Ward No 6 today met with G.S Charak and apprised him of various pressing issues affecting the residents, particularly the condition of the lanes and drains. The residents highlighted their demand for maintenance of the lanes, clogged drains and accumulation of waste thus creating unhygienic conditions. Amidst rise in dengue cases across the Jammu region, they demanded immediate necessary action to prevent

future health risks. In addition to the sanitation issues, the residents also voiced concerns about the overall cleanliness of the ward. The delegation also raised the issue of increasing incidents of theft in the locality, which have left residents feeling vulnerable. They urged for enhanced security measures and better vigilance to curb the growing crime rate.

A particularly alarming issue voiced by the residents was the presence of old high-tension and low-tension wires dangerously close to houses in the lane of Rich Harvest School. Furthermore, the delegation demanded the installation of speed breakers near Ratna Resort on the Bari Brahmana-Bishnah Link Road, an area known for frequent accidents, to ensure

road safety for pedestrians and motorists alike.

Gulchain Singh Charak, after listening to the concerns of the delegation, assured them of his full support in addressing these issues and called upon the local administration to take swift and effective action. He urged upon the government to deploy special personnel to oversee the maintenance of the area and to ensure that the basic infrastructure, including sanitation and security, is properly managed. He also called for the immediate replacement of Old LT wires with rubber-coated cables to avert the potential risk to human lives. In response to the grievances, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Incharge Youth Wing of Dogra Sadar Sabha, led a

delegation of the Mohalla Welfare Committee Ward No 6, Bari Brahmana to meet with the senior officials of the Municipal Committee Bari Brahmana. During the meeting, he discussed the issues raised by the residents and sought prompt solutions to address them effectively.

The Executive Officer Bari Brahmana and other staff members assured to take immediate necessary steps required to mitigate the issues raised during the meeting and thanked the public for assuring their full cooperation to the municipal committee officials.

Others comprising the delegation included Inderjeet Bhagat, Roshan Lal Choudhary, Yash Paul, Om Prakash, Jagdev Singh, Rakesh Singh, Heemraj, Ramesh Kumar, Ashok Kumar, and others.

J&K Assembly Elections 2024: DEO Reasi briefs political representatives, media on MCC, ECI guidelines



DEO Reasi Vishesh Mahajan chairing a meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: District Election Officer Reasi Vishesh Mahajan on Tuesday convened a meeting with representatives of political parties to brief them about Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and other applicable guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in view of the upcoming J&K Assembly Elections 2024.

The DEO emphasized the necessity of obtaining prior permissions for election-related activities such as campaigning, rallies, and the

use of loudspeakers. He stressed the importance of adhering to the MCC to ensure free, fair and transparent elections. He outlined the responsibilities of political parties and their candidates in maintaining the integrity of the electoral process.

The DEO further provided detailed information on expenditure monitoring, setting a spending limit of ₹40 lakh for each Assembly Constituency. He thoroughly guided the representatives on obtaining necessary forms,

permissions and adhering to the schedules that need to be followed during the election period.

The meeting was attended by SSP Reasi Gaurav Sikarwar, ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samayal, ADC Kulbushan Khajuria, Addl. SP Iftekar Ahmed, Dy. DEO Rakesh Kumar, RO-56 Gulabgarh, RO-57 Reasi, RO-58 SMVD, DIO (Info) and other concerned officers, along with representatives of political parties.

Later, the DEO Vishesh Mahajan addressed a press

conference at the VC hall of the Mini Secretariat to brief the media about the preparations for the upcoming Assembly Elections. He said polling in the District is scheduled to be held on September 25, 2024, the second phase of the elections. He provided key details regarding the election schedule. He informed that the last date for filing nominations is September 5, 2024, while the scrutiny of nominations will be conducted on September 6, 2024 and the deadline for the withdrawal of candidatures is September 9, 2024.

He also appealed the public to participate enthusiastically in the upcoming assembly elections. He briefed the media about various ICT applications of the Election Commission of India, including eVIGIL, SUVIDHA and the voter helpline.

Assembly Elections-2024: Expenditure Observer interacts trainee polling staff

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RAMBAN: The Election Expenditure Observer for District Ramban Sulekh Chand Jain today visited the venue of training for polling staff being conducted by the District Administration under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary. The training is being imparted to the staff associat-



Election Expenditure Observer Sulekh Chand Jain chairing a meeting at Ramban.

ed with the polling process to ensure smooth conduct of the Assembly elections in the district.

The Expenditure Observer was accompanied by the Deputy District Election Officer (DEO) Ramban, Abdul Jabar. The Observer interacted with the trainee staff being imparted training in the operation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) systems. Addressing the participants,

the Expenditure Observer emphasized the importance of making the most of the training to enhance their skills in operating EVMs and VVPATs and to acquire the essential knowledge required for the successful conduct of the elections.

During the interactive session, the Deputy DEO responded to the queries and concerns raised by the participants regarding their polling duties, ensuring that all doubts were clarified.

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KISHTWAR: The District Election Officer (DEO) Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan today chaired a meeting with key officers to assess the district's preparedness for the smooth, free, fair, and transparent conduct of the upcoming Jammu & Kashmir Assembly Election 2024.

The meeting was attended by SSP Abdul Qayoom; ADDC/Nodal Officer Model Code of Conduct (MCC), Ghulam Rasool; RO AC 49-Kishtwar(ADC), Pawan Kotwal; RO 48-Inderval(Dy. DEO), Idrees Lone, RO 50-Nagseni Paddar(SDM Paddar), Amit Kumar; SDM Marwah Mohammad Ashraf; DIO Shafkat Keen; Election NT, Angrez Singh Jasrotia, along with other officers and officials from the Election

Assembly Elections-2024: DEO Kishtwar reviews action plan for crucial democratic process



DEO Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan chairing a meeting.

Cell. The DEO conducted an in-depth review of various aspects crucial to the election process, including Training Management, Law and Order enforcement, the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign, EVM Management and the functioning of different committees, control rooms and surveillance teams. The discussion also covered the operations of the Election Expenditure

Monitoring Committee and Media Monitoring Committees, enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct, Ballot Paper Management, Computerization and Cyber Security plans, Traffic Management Plans, Communication Plans, and ensuring Assured Minimum Facility (AMF) at all polling stations.

The DEO issued specific instructions to the concerned Nodal officers, directing them to ensure that all logistics and other arrangements

are completed within the stipulated time.

Speaking at the meeting, the SSP provided a comprehensive update on the security plan chalked out to ensure smooth conduct of the Assembly elections in the district. He outlined the constituency-wise deployment of security personnel and emphasized the need for a foolproof and comprehensive communication plan.

The DEO also emphasized the importance of verifying the polling station list on the

District Website and ensuring that I-Cards are issued to all members of the Election Management team. He further reviewed the manpower management plan for the elections, including the lodging and boarding arrangements for polling staff and security personnel. He instructed the concerned EROs and AEROs to ensure that the intermediate strong rooms are fully prepared at all designated locations within a week to facilitate the hassle-free and smooth conduct of the Assembly elections.

The DEO Kishtwar urged officers and stakeholders to work in close coordination and to ensure that the upcoming Assembly Elections are conducted with the highest level of efficiency and success.

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