

Shri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations begin with Grand Shobha Yatra at Narsingh Dev Ji Temple Ghagwal

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SAMBA: The district of Samba came alive today with a vibrant celebration on the eve of the Shri Krishna Janmashtami festival, as devotees gathered in large numbers to participate in a grand Shobha Yatra at the historic Narsingh Dev Ji Temple in Ghagwal. The event was carefully arranged by the Shri Narsingh Temple Committee under the guidance of the Deputy Commissioner of Samba, who also serves as the Chairman of the Temple Committee.



DC Rajesh Sharma, SSP Vinay Kumar and others during the Shobha Yatra.

The Yatra was officially inaugurated at the Narsingh Temple complex by Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma, in the presence of SSP Vinay Kumar. The procession featured a beautifully decorated chariot carrying the idol of Lord Shri Krishna and traveled through the villages of Raguchak, Malani, and

Lala Chak. Devotees from these villages joined the procession, enhancing the spiritual fervor of the event. A brief halt was made at the Rajpura Ram Temple, where participants were offered refreshments by local residents. The Yatra then continued its route through the villages of Sanura, Randhwal,

Jatwal, and Tappal, before returning to the Narsingh Temple complex. Local communities played a vital role in the event's success by providing food, water, and other refreshments at various stops along the route, ensuring all participants were well cared for. The atmosphere was filled with devotion as the sounds of bhajans and kirtans echoed, with children dressed as characters from the life of Lord Krishna adding a colorful touch to the festivities. In his address, Sharma highlighted the importance of such events in promoting community spirit and preserving cultural heritage. He expressed his gratitude to the participants, local

communities, and volunteers for their enthusiastic involvement and support. The event was attended by several notable dignitaries, including ADC Jagdish Singh, SDM Sunaina Saini, Tehsildar, BDO and other senior officials from the district administration. Members of the Temple Committee, along with numerous volunteers and representatives from various political parties, were also present, underscoring the significance of the occasion. The Shri Narsingh Temple Committee, known for its dedication to upholding religious and cultural traditions, has been organizing the Shobha Yatra annually as part of the Shri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations. The event also includes a Jagran and a grand fair, which attract thousands of devotees and visitors each year, further enhancing the cultural fabric of the region.

Brahmin Sabha Kathua to honour meritorious students on Sept 5



Sabha members after the meeting at Kathua.

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KATHUA: A meeting was held on Sunday at the Brahmin Sabha in Kathua to discuss the upcoming felicitation ceremony scheduled for September 5. The event will honor meritorious students from the Brahmin community for their outstanding academic performance. This annual ceremony aims to encourage and recognize the achievements of these talented students. Dr. Dushyant Ubbat, the president of the Sabha, highlighted that the primary goal is to motivate

young achievers and acknowledge their success in the field of education. Vice President Colonel Ved Prakash Sharma emphasized that such events promote awareness and inspiration towards education within the community. The Sabha's General Secretary, Sat Pal Mansotra, shared that students from across the district who have shown remarkable academic excellence have been invited to the event. Chief Organizer Surinder Mehta added that

honoring students serves as a significant motivator and helps elevate the educational standards within the society. Youth President Manuj Kesar urged all members of the Brahmin community to actively participate in the program and support the students. The meeting was attended by several key members, including Ajay Sharma, Rakesh Sharma Bhabli, Deepak Parashar, Bal Krishan Sharma, Master Amarnath Sharma, Suresh Sharma, and Subhash Sharma.

Election preparedness reviewed in Rajouri

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RAJOURI: District Election Officer (DEO) Rajouri Abhishek Sharma on Sunday chaired back to back meetings with district Nodal Officers and enforcement departments to assess the preparedness for the Assembly Elections 2024 and step up surveillance to keep check on violation of ECI guidelines, including Model Code of Conduct.



DEO Rajouri Abhishek Sharma chairing a meeting.

The meeting was marked by an in-depth discussion on several key aspects of the election process, including the transportation of polling staff and Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), training of polling personnel, and the operational readiness of control rooms. Key topics of discussion also included the welfare of polling parties, complaint redressal mechanisms through the control room, voter facilitation centers, duties of micro observers, home voting schedules, webcasting arrangements,

and the implementation of Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) and Model Code of Conduct (MCC) guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI). The meeting saw the participation of several distinguished officials, including ADDC Raj Kumar Thapa, ADC Rajeev Khajuria, and various Nodal Officers.

In the following meeting, the DEO issued several key directives to the enforcement agencies. The Excise and Taxation Officer (ETO) was instructed to strictly monitor and prevent the illegal sale of wine.

He asked to enforce proper billing practices to curb the illegal stocking of alcoholic beverages. The State Tax Officer (STO) also directed to provide detailed reports on any seizures made during the election period. Emphasizing the importance of the Election Surveillance and Monitoring System (ESMS), the DEO highlighted the importance of maintaining election integrity. The Legal Metrology Department was directed to ensure that petrol pumps maintain a

reserve stock of petrol and diesel specifically for election vehicles. The Divisional Forest Officers (DFO) of Rajouri and Nowshera were tasked with providing track for the movement of polling parties. They were also asked to share the details of checkpoints (Nakas) to enhance security measures. In a move to improve communication infrastructure, telecom operators were instructed to survey the latitude and longitude of polling stations to assess signal strength and submit

their findings. Additionally, telecom companies were encouraged to adopt some polling stations under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. A comprehensive communication plan was deemed essential, and the DEO directed that the delivery of Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) must be ensured by the postal services. In cases where voters have relocated, the EPICs should be handed over to the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) for proper distribution. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDCC) Raj Kumar Thapa, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Rajeev Khajuria, DFOs of Rajouri and Nowshera, ETO, STO and other Nodal Officers of the enforcement agencies.

Kavinder lambasts Mehbooba, Omar for taking stand against Indian Govt

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta on Sunday lambasted PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and NC Vice President Omar Abdullah for persistently taking stands which are contrary to the policies of Indian Government and also the interests of India.



Former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta during the meeting.

Addressing a gathering after listening to PM Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat Programme, the BJP stalwart leader said that Mehbooba Mufti is misleading people in J&K by giving assurances which are unachievable. Citing her statement that her party will fight to recog-

nize the MBBS degrees of students who have attained degrees from other countries but the same are not recognized by the government, Kavinder said, it is unfortunate that few political leaders have the habit of taking stand contrary to the government of India, and cre-

ating mayhem in the society. He said that if the government has taken a decision not to recognize MBBS degrees attained from Pakistani soil, there should have been certain logical reasons and challenging the same for petty political mileage is nothing but sheer

opportunism, which the people understand well and shall not fall prey into such gimmicks. Kavinder also criticized Omar Abdullah over his remark welcoming the JEI leadership to participate in polls as independents because of the ban imposed

on their organization. He said that despite knowing well the reasons behind the ban on JEI, the NC leader is encouraging the controversial leadership of that organization only to create chaos in the peaceful democratic process being scheduled in J&K to elect the genuine people to run the government. He said that the man who despite enjoying a stature in one of the main political parties of J&K has himself refused to take part in the democratic process of polls, is supporting the people of 'dubious mindset' to be in fray in polls shows the duplicity and hypocrisy of that individual (Omar) and his party.

ABVP Baderwah constitutes new City Unit



Newly constituted unit of ABVP Baderwah.

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BHADERWAH: ABVP Baderwah District Convenor Rajeev Sharma announced Baderwah city units for the session 2024-25 in which Manjeet Bhagat was elected as City President, Jobish Kumar for the responsibility of City Secretary.

The full executive was announced by city president Manjeet Bhagat, which include City joint secretary - Priyansh Sharma, Lakshmi kant, Nitika Sharma, Simiriti Rathor. City Girls incharge - Priyanka; Social Media Convenor & Co Convenor - Ashish Sharma & Amit Singh; Media Convenor & Co Convenor - Mohit & Nitten; Convenor student for development (SFD) & Co. Convenor (SFD) - Paramjeet & Karan Rathore; Sevarth Vidyarthi (SFS) Convenor & Co. Convenor (SFS) - Amit Thakur & Ajeet; Rashtriya

Kala Manch Convenor - Sanchi Sharma; Sports Incharge - Akshay and Executive Members - Pankaj, Ashish, Krish katoch. ABVP Doda congratulated newly appointed members of ABVP Baderwah city unit and wishes them good luck for their future and we also hope that these students will work hard for the upliftment of the students and betterment of the society.

JKTJAC organises meeting; raises burning issues

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JAMMU: A special meeting was organised by Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) at Khari Ramban under the leadership District President Hari Lal Nag and Zonal President Ferooz Murza in which UT President Vinod Sharma and UT Publicity Secretary Javed Bali were present as special invitees. The meeting was attended by a large number of teachers of zone Khari and its adjoining zones.

While speaking on the occasion Mr Vinod Sharma highlighted the burning issues of the teaching fraternity and appealed the LG administration to resolve them for the welfare of thousands of these teachers. Highlighting the genuine issue of Old Pension Scheme Mr Sharma said that JKTJAC has always been raising the issue of Scrapping of NPS and implementation of old Pension Scheme and UPS is just half given by the government and it needed to be implemented fully.

Meanwhile on the occasion more than 50 teachers from different other organizations of teachers joined JKTJAC and assured to work for the welfare of thousands of teachers as JKTJAC is the largest organization of Jammu and Kashmir UT that always raises genuine issues and gets them resolved. Others who also spoke on the occasion were:- Sham Sharma(UT

Advisor), Sukesh khajuria(UT Press Sec), Khazan Singh(UT coordinator), Bhusan khajuria, Sandeep Sharma, Kirpal Singh Sumbria, Asgar Ali, Javed Iqbal, Javed Saleem, Bilal Ahmed Malik, Javed Ahmed, Khurshid Ahmed Madni, Fareed Ahmed Luhar, Fardos Iqbal, Fardos Ahmed Sheikh, Mohd Saleem Naik, Mohd Iqbal, Shahbaz Naik, Mohd Arif Wani, Zubair Ahmed Khanday, Mohd Ramzan Mir, Mohd Younis Kutay, Shah Nawaz Ahmed Naik, Mohd Amin Wani, Mohd Iqbal Wani, Latief Ahmed Bhat, Javed Iqbal Wani, Bilal Ahmed Bhat, Shakeel Ahmed Pachu, Fyaz sab, Mohd Amin, Zaffar Sab, Bashir Ahmed Hali, Mohd Yousof, Ghulam Nabi Pachu, Mohd Ayoub Guth, Manzoor Ali Padder, Mohd Ashraf Guth, Mohd Abbai Bhat, Ab Rof Butte, Ab Rashid Guth, Zubair sab, Mohd Ayaz, Khurshid Ahmed, Mohd Iqbal, Rafiq Anjum, Farana Malik.

Quality QCFI Delhi Chapter - 17th Chapter Convention on Quality organised at SMVDU

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KATRA: This convention was inaugurated by Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean Academic Affairs of SMVDU as the Chief Guest.



In his inaugural address, he emphasized on quality improvement of life using eight dimensions of quality given by Professor David A Garvin. He congratulated QCFI - Delhi Chapter for spreading the need of Quality Concepts in all the sectors across India. Dr. Purohit shared his views on various quality concepts. A K Verma, Hon. Secretary during his welcome address said that our chapter is committed to reaching all kinds of organizations in the manufacturing and service sector. At SMVDU this is the 3rd convention where participants are going to share success stories. G Venkataraman, Chairman QCFI Delhi Chapter is especially concerned about sharing the best practices, like

structured problem solving and TQM, with the students from the interior parts of the country so that we achieve much greater heights of operational excellence. And this will help the Skill India mission to not only achieve but surpass the fulfillment of goals. During last few years QCFI organized all conventions on TQM, Kaizen, Quality Circles and 5S etc in Engineering Colleges and University. In this convention 250 participants of 53 teams from more than 32 organizations such as Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers, Bharat Electronics, RG Industries, Spark Minda, Vardhman Industries, Hero

MotoCorp, NTPC, Ralson, JCB, Tata Power, Roop Polymers, Gabriel India, Lumax Auto, Mondelez, etc. presented their success stories. Valedictory Session was chaired by Prof. Supran Sharma, Director DQA, SMVDU. During his address he emphasized on the need of Building Quality Culture to face the present global challenges. Aniruddha Kaushik Chief Judge congratulated all the teams and management of participating organizations for providing their employees a stage to share their success stories. He also shared opportunities for improvements in

their next projects based on Pre evaluation and case study presentations. Case study presentations were evaluated by Dr Irfan UIHaq, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Dr Varun Dutta faculty SMVDU along with Jury team from organizations Arun Kumar-Mankind Pharma, Sanjay Kapar-JCB, Poonam Paul-Vardhman. Dr S B Purohit. Students from various schools of SMVDU played an active role in the smooth conduct of the convention. The teams were duly felicitated. Credit of success in organizing and coordination goes to B. K. Bhatia, Placement Officer SMVDU and Ashwani, Ankita and Santosh of QCFI Delhi Chapter. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU conveyed thanks to QCFI for organizing chapter convention at SMVDU and stressed on effective use of quality circles in solving day to day problems in the organizations.

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