

Reconstruction of Gulmarg Maharani Shiv Temple progressing rapidly: Dharmarth Trust

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Dharmarth Trust has stated that the reconstruction and restoration of the ancient Shiv Temple, commonly known as the Maharani Temple in Gulmarg is progressing rapidly. The temple was originally constructed in 1915 by the Maharani of the Dogra Royal Family of erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir Princely State. The Temple was reduced to ashes in an unfortunate and tragic electrical fire on 5th June, 2024.

Vikramaditya Singh, former MLC and Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, had visited the temple site on the same day as the fire incident. He personally took charge of overseeing the reconstruction process and directed the Dharmarth Trust to prioritize the rebuilding of this important Hindu religious



site, ensuring it is restored to its former glory while preserving its historic and architectural heritage. He has been personally conducting weekly review meetings and site visits to ensure timely progress.

In a statement issued today, Brigadier R.S. Langh (Retd.), President of the Trust, expressed satisfaction with the pace of the reconstruction, stating that the work has progressed rapidly within a short span of less than three months. "The

Trust has been working diligently to restore the temple. Once finished, the temple will be reopened to the public, allowing devotees to once again offer their prayers at this sacred site."

He further expressed his deepest gratitude to the Chairman - Gulmarg Development Authority, DC Baramulla, Local Administration, J&K Police and the Indian Army for their support and cooperation rendered during this time.

SKUAST-J provides exposure to school students on Agriculture Education

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JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Jammu marked its silver jubilee year with the Agriculture Education Exposure Programme for school students, under the NAHEP-IDP project.

The event was held under the patronage of Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N. Tripathi, with Dr. R.C. Agrawal, DDG Agricultural Education, ICAR, as the Chief Guest and Dr. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jammu, as the Guest of Honour.

In his presidential address, Prof. Tripathi expressed gratitude to the students and their teachers, emphasizing the crucial role of agriculture in national development.

He encouraged students to embrace their individuality and goals, highlighting perseverance and big dreams as essential for success.



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LG Adm to preserve, restore ancient temples: Ranvijay

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JAMMU: Ranvijay Singh, Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, on Thursday expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the Government's unwavering dedication to the restoration and preservation of ancient temples and heritage sites in Jammu and Kashmir.

He highlighted the significant steps taken by the Government in safeguarding the region's rich cultural and religious heritage.

In his statement issued here today, Ranvijay Singh lauded the Government's proactive measures in bringing the ancient Baldev Ji (Balram Temple) and the Raghunath Temple (Suchetgarh) back into the spotlight of preservation efforts. These initiatives reflect a deep respect for the region's historical and spiritual legacy, ensuring that these cherished sites are protected for future generations. He conveyed his profound gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor's Administration for their exceptional support in these preservation projects. He specifically commended the Chief Secretary for their dedicated involvement and leadership in facilitating the restoration work. Their commitment has played a pivotal role in ensuring that the Dharmarth Trust's temples receive the attention and care they deserve. "The preservation of our ancient temples is not just about protecting physical structures but about preserving the spiritual and cultural essence that they represent. The Trust is deeply grateful to the Government and the Lieutenant Governor's Administration for their support and dedication in these efforts," he added.

SVEEP: Chunav Pathshala organised at Govt Nursing College Reasi



Nodal Officer SVEEP Sachin Sharma with others at a programme.

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REASI: Chunav Pathshala under SVEEP programme was organised at Government Nursing College Reasi here on Thursday under the guid-

ance of District Election Officer Vishesh Mahajan. The event aimed at increasing awareness about the electoral process among first time voters and encouraged them to

actively participate in the democratic process. The students of college performed different activities viz. singing and symposium to sensitize the citizens about the importance of casting their vote.

Nodal Officer SVEEP Sachin Sharma addressed the faculty members, students, and ASHA Workers and made them aware about the importance of voting, the electoral process and their role as responsible citizens. He emphasised the importance of vote and encour-

aged young voters to exercise their franchise in the upcoming Legislative Elections 2024.

The event saw enthusiastic participation of young voters and ASHA workers. The event concluded with a mega Rally reaffirming their commitment to active participation in the upcoming elections.

Faculty members of Govt. Nursing College Reasi, officials of the Social Welfare Department, ASHA workers and students were present.

In-depth training imparted to Polling Staff at Samba



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SAMBA: An in-depth training session for polling staff was conducted on Thursday here under the supervision of the District Election Officer (DEO) Rajesh Sharma. The training session was chaired by Ranjeet Singh, Nodal Officer for Training Management, and facilitated by the District Level Master Trainers (DLMTs).

The training focused on equipping polling staff with essential skills to efficiently operate

Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) systems. The DLMTs provided hands-on demonstrations and detailed explanations, ensuring that all participants gained a thorough understanding of both the technical and procedural aspects necessary for conducting a seamless election process.

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National Sports Day culminates with Girls Wrestling at Pouni

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POUNI: As a part of Fit India initiative, a wrestling competition for girls was organised at GHS Pouni in district Reasi on the occasion of National Sports Day 2024. Earlier welcome address was presented by Anuradha Sharma, NIS wrestling coach and Organising Secretary of Wrestling competition who highlighted the aims and objectives of event which is to promote girls participation in physical sports like wrestling where girls may explore their sports career. The competition was organised as a part of valediction of sports week organised in zone Pouni under the guidelines of Chief Education Officer Reasi & technical guidance of Anuradha Sharma NIS wrestling coach who led sports awareness for girls under Fit India an initiative of Honble Prime Minister of India in various schools viz GHSS



Participating players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Bharakh, GHS Kheralair, GHS Kheral and GHS Pouni where girls were identified for wrestling sports and taught basic skills of the game.

Inderjeet Singh, ZEPO Pouni and Kulwant Singh Zonal Physical Education Officer Pouni were the special guests who along with all staff and students presented floral tributes to the hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand and focused on the life history and

contributions of the hockey legend. Reema Devi of Bharakh beat Kajal Devi of Pouni while Jayeda Begam of Pouni beat Ruksana of Kheralair and Diksha of Ransoo beat Naseem of Kheralair.

The winner and runner-up girl wrestlers were given prizes and light refreshments.

Zonal Physical Education Officer Pouni hailed the strength and courage of the competing girls and asked

them to come forward to adopt the sports culture simultaneously with their studies.

Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Coordinator of the Sports awareness campaign, expressed gratitude to Chief Education Officer Reasi, ZEO Pouni and all field staff of Department of Youth services and Sports, HOIs of various schools of zone Pouni for

extending all support in making sports awareness campaign under Fit India, a grand success.

Inderjeet Singh assured for all help to budding players of zone for their sports development and volunteer services of Anuradha Sharma wrestling coach shall prove boon for Wrestling talent to flourish, ZEPO added. Vote of thanks was presented by Daljit Kour HM of the institution and program culminates to end with Fit India pledge & rally taken by students and all staff present on the occasion. Madan Mohan Sharma PEM, Balwan Singh PEM, Opinder Pal Singh PET, Bharti Devi PET were the team of technical who supervised the fair and smooth conduct of Wrestling competition.

BBIA delegation meets MD JPDCL



BBIA delegation members calling on MD JPDCL.

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JAMMU: A delegation of the Bari Brahmanna Industries Association (BBIA), led by Lalit Mahajan, President along with Tarun Singla, Senior Vice President, BBIA, met with Ch. Mohd. Yasin, Managing Director, Jammu Power Development Corporation Ltd. (JPDCL), in the presence of Rishi Kant Gupta, Treasurer; BBIA and Annil Suri, former President, BBIA at his office chamber.

During the meeting, Lalit Mahajan and Tarun Singla highlighted several pressing issues affecting the industrial sector that require immediate attention.

Key issues discussed included the shortage of Junior Engineers (JEs) and linemen in the Bari Brahmanna Industrial Complex, which severely impacts industrial units during faults.

Additionally, the delegation

requested a waiver of the condition for creating a sub-station for industrial units with a power load of 1000 kV, the application of simple interest on outstanding power bill payments, and the timely payment to MSME units for supplying materials to power departments.

In response to the concerns raised by BBIA, the Managing Director JPDCL promptly sanctioned five linemen for the Bari Brahmanna Industrial Complex, a request pending for the past four years. The BBIA expressed gratitude for this swift decision.

Furthermore, Ch. Mohd. Yasin assured the members that all necessary steps would be taken to address the various issues highlighted by the BBIA Delegation.

JU celebrates National Sports Day 2024



Vice Chancellor JU, Prof. Umesh Rai and other faculty at a programme.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The University of Jammu (JU) celebrated National Sports Day 2024 on Thursday, honouring the legacy of Indian hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. Major Dhyan Chand, born on August 29, 1905, in Prayagraj, was celebrated for leading the Indian hockey team to a Gold Medal at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The event, held at the University campus, featured Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor of the University, as the Chief Guest. Notable Guests of Honour included Dr. Jatinder Khajuria, Finance Officer; Ranjeet Kalra, Sports Council Member; Rashid Ahmed Choudhary, Former International Fencer; Ravinder Singh, Former International Athlete;

Sharat Chander Singh, General Secretary J&K Athletic Association; and Abhishek Jain, General Secretary Kick-Boxing Association. Prof. Rai highlighted the significance of National Sports Day in promoting sportsmanship and teamwork. He praised the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education for its year-round efforts and announced plans for hosting national-level sports events in Jammu and Kashmir to further the promotion of sports in the region. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director of the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, emphasized that National Sports Day serves as a reminder of the dedication and achievements of athletes who have made India proud. The celebration

included impressive demonstrations of Yoga, Wrestling, Fencing, and Wushu. Budding athletes from various sports academies showcased their skills. The event concluded with an awards ceremony recognizing prominent sports personalities, players, coaches, and managers who excelled in national and international competitions.

Awards included Souvenir Blazers and mementoes for athletes from the University and its various departments.

Lakshika Jamwal and Yamneesh Thakur, students of the Directorate, conducted the proceedings, with Vimal Kishore as the master of ceremonies and Dr. Mandeep Singh delivering the vote of thanks.

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MAHANPUR: As a sequel to Viksit Yuva Viksit Bharat and Fit India Movement launched by the Prime Minister under Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, an Intramural Match was organized by the Department of Physical Education and Sports.

This Intramural Match was organized on the eve of National Sports Day in commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of our Hockey Legend Major Dhyan Chand. The theme of the organizing Intramural was 'Healthy India and Fit India' and also to promote the knowledge of self defence.

The match was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Prof.(Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, Principal GDC Mahanpur. The Elite Sports Persons and Physical Education students participated to celebrate the National Sports Festival. The Chief Guest, in his address to the sports persons, paid tribute to the Hockey Legend Major Dhyan Chand by recalling his contribution to the country and the Indian Sports at an International

MBA Club wins Hockey tie



The stadium was packed with a huge gathering of enthusiastic spectators, who cheered on the teams with fervor. The occasion was graced by the presence of dignitaries, including, Rajinder Singh, former president of Hockey India, as the Chief Guest, G.S Bakshi, Rajinder Koul, Daljeet Singh, Ishan Sharma, Supinder Deep Singh Bakshi, Kuldeep Singh, (former Naib

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She lauded the achievements of Sports Department at National, Sr. National and All India Inter University and State Level. Kabaddi Intramural inaugurated by the Principal Prof. (Dr) Sangeeta Sudan accompanied by Prof. Raj Kiran,

Sarpanch of Gole Gujral), RP Sarin, Malkit Singh and Jatinder Singh.

The technical panel, comprising experienced officials, ensured a smooth and successful conduct of the match including Karanjit Singh (NIS Hockey Coach, Youth Services and Sports Department), Gurpreet Singh, Tejinder Singh and Jasprit Singh.

The event was a resounding success, celebrating the spirit of sportsmanship and promoting hockey talent in the region.

Webinars in collaboration with Foreign Universities and International Organizations of the world.

Later on, Principal distributed trophies to the participants of All India Interuniversity and National Competitions for representing College at National and All India Interuniversity level. She has also honored the elite players of the college by Medals and trophy for showcasing the Gatka the traditional martial Arts for college students and faculty. The programme was coordinated by Dr J S Soodan organizing Secretary of the programme.

The vote of thanks was presented by Dr Sapna Devi member Sports Board.

A series of activities are organized on occasion of National Sports Day. A Kabaddi (M) Intramural match was organized in which department of English remained overall champion, followed by Launch of Brain Break Initiative in joint collaboration with Global Community Health (GCH) United States of America by Principal Prof.(Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan.

National Sports Day Celebrated at GDC Mahanpur



GDC Mahanpur faculty and students at National Sports Day celebration.

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