

Yatra to Shiv Ji Ka Dhera conducted amid religious sanctity, fervour

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
DALLI (BANI): In Doula's Ander-I there is a small village named Dalli in Bani constituency of district Kathua where carrying further the religious tradition of conducting a pilgrimage every year to the famous Shiv Ji Ka Dhera, the religious event was conducted with great devotion and sanctity this year.

It is pertinent to mention here that this sacred religious obligation of spiritual pursuit commences on 1st Osh followed by a Jagaran on 8th Osh and finally the Yatra beginning on 9th Osh passing via of Shup Shiva Temple moves on to Lord Shiva's Dhera near Daula Chandi Mata Temple which is the final destination of the Yatra.



Devotees during the Yatra at Bani.

The pilgrims this year during their stay at this Lord Shiva's pilgrimage in the mountainous region paid their obeisance to the Lord and most of them experienced the spiritual bliss while engrossed in an ecstatic frenzy.

According to the legend narrated by the elders living in the area, those people

who are unable to go to the Kailash Yatra Manimahesh can get bestowed with religious merits by participating in this pilgrimage and having the Darshan of the Supreme Shiva at Dhera Shiv Daula Dalli with utmost sanctity and devotion. The attraction of the religious sojourn was the Jagaran which was con-

ducted by Master Prakash from Jani and his party who mesmerized the devotees with Dalli Maa Jagran.

The members of Shiv Samiti Dali Dhera Daula along with young volunteers organized a Bhandara on the occasion serving the pilgrims sumptuous food. The most elderly disciple of Dali Shiva Temple Sardarru Shah, Kuman Shah, Chhatu Shah, Lakho Shah, Kantho Shah, Bonku Shah, Aj disciple Pujari, Krishna Chand and Kamal Singh were present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, Krishna Chand's son Jiya Lal was blessed by the Lord and experienced ecstatic spiritual frenzy (Choumki) and he blessed the devotees present on the occasion.

Shanti Yatra by DSEJ reaches Mendhar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
MENDHAR: Shanti Yatra which was inaugurated by DSEJ on 7th Sep.2022 in connection with celebrations of upcoming 153rd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji (Bapu) was received at BG on Sunday in Which students & teachers of various institutions of Mendhar, & Balakote participated.

On the occasion, Yatra Symbol (Mashal) was handed over by Qayoom Hussain Shah (Principal GHSS B) Mendhar, Hardeep Singh (ZEO Balakote), Ghulam Nabi (ZEO Mankote), Puran Chand (ZEO Mendhar), Harish Sharma (DRG Member CEO Office Poonch).

After this Shanti Yatra moved towards HS Kotain crossing Main reception points MPS Hisaab Wali, GMS Dhargloon, HSS



Students and officials during the Yatra at Mendhar.

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Dhargloon, KGBV Balakote, PS Mohalla Phattian, PS Mohalla Bhattian, HS Soyian East. The entire event was well organised and monitored by DICC (Poonch) Yougal Kishore and all the ZICC's of Mendhar, Balakote & Harni.

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Director Colleges visit Govt Colleges in Poonch

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POONCH: Director Colleges Prof. (Dr.) Yasmeen Ashai visited Degree Colleges of Poonch District and took stock of development works & implementation of New Education Policy 2020. Interacting with faculty & students she deliberated upon New Education Policy and its implementation in letter & spirit. She said that NEP 2020 will help students to develop scientific temper from young age and it aims to make it easier to set up new quality of Higher educational which will be at par with global standards. The NEP will promote skill based education and enhance the practical skill of students. It gives a special focus on the National Research Foundations as the innovations is one of the most important part for our country to progress, only when research & innovations are strong enough we will be able to progress in this competitive world.

Director Colleges was given a warm welcome by Principal SKC GDC Poonch Dr. Jasbir Singh along with all faculty members & students. She

took round of college & inspected all developmental works, departments & passed necessary instructions. As the SKC GDC Poonch is gearing up for NAAC Peer Team Visit, she passed necessary instructions to coordinator IQAC Prof. Gurvinder Acty Verma so that the College may get good grade by NAAC Peer Team. It is pertinent to mention that Dr. Yasmeen Ashai as Coordinator IQAC got NAAC Grade A for Women's College Srinagar in 2004. While appreciating Dr. Jasbir Singh for scoring B++ grade for GDC Surankote in his tenure as Principal GDC Surankote inspite of meager human & infrastructure resources, she hoped that SKC GDC Poonch under his administrative acumen shall perform better to get better NAAC Grade. Worthy Director Colleges also held meetings with Principal & faculty of other Colleges of District Poonch regarding implementation of NEP 2020 & passed necessary instruction accordingly.

KVK Reasi promotes organic Turmeric & Ginger Cultivation

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting and educating the farmers on organic cultivation of turmeric and ginger especially in the monkeys affected areas of Reasi distt so that the income and employment among the farmers of these areas can be enhanced.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi is technically guiding and encouraging the farmers for the commercial cultivation of organic turmeric and ginger. According to Sr. Scientist & Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal farmers of some areas of the district face serious threat because of monkeys menace as they damage their major crops resulting in the poor productivity and thus reduce their net farm income. According to him, turmeric and ginger cultivation have immense potential in the area and these crops are not damaged by the monkeys and wild animals.

GDC Kalakote organises Nasha Mukti Bharat mission programme

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
S U N D E R B A N I : Government Degree College Kalakote conducted a series of activities under the banner of 'Nasha Mukti Bharat Mission' with the able guidance of Principal Dr. Neeru Dhalla. The NSS wing in collaboration with Red Ribbon Club, Anmol Cultural Club Sunderbani and Department of Sports spearheaded the programme effectively. The programme commenced with a formal address by Assistant Professor Himanshu Kumar.

The students along with staff members pledged to work for a better society. It was followed by slogan writing competition. Principal Dr. Neeru Dhalla while addressing the students emphasized that adolescent age is more prone to drug abuse and thereby addiction. She apprised the students about various initiatives taken by the Government of India and NGOs. She motivated the students to curb the menace so that they can contribute to 'Nasha Mukti Bharat Mission'.

An awareness rally was conducted by NSS volunteers in the presence of ADC Kalakote. The volunteers actively participated to spread the message of 'Say No To Drugs' in the local community.

The Department of Sports organised indoor and outdoor in which the participation of maximum number of students was encouraged in order to channelize the energy of youth in a positive direction. Badminton and Table Tennis were the games that were included in the tournament. Physical Training Instructor, Sudesh Bhagat and President of Anmol Cultural Club Zoravar Singh also addressed to the students leave the drugs & loss by drugs to human body & the importance of games and meditation to develop a healthy mind in a healthy body.

Manohar conducts public meeting at Billawar; many join hand leaving party

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BILLAWAR: Former Minister Dr Manohar Lal Sharma on Sunday conducted public meeting at Billawar in which people from all walks of lives participated and interacted with him. While speaking Rajinder Kumar verma & Dayal Singh termed the era of Dr Manohar Lal Sharma as golden era for people of Billawar. They said many developmental projects were started and accomplished when Dr Manohar Lal Sharma was MLA & minister from Billawar. Many higher secondary schools such as Khog Higher Secondary School , bridges , Lahri - Khog link road, Dhamu parole link road, water supply schemes were started & accomplished. Also they thanked Dr Sharma for providing employment opportunities to the youth of the area.

While speaking, Manohar Sharma thanked the masses for coming and interacting



Former Minister Manohar Lal Sharma along with locals during public meeting.

and further said that he will always work for his people and will always be available to them. During the meeting many people from BJP resigned and joined EX CM Ghulam Nabi Azad under the leadership of Dr Manohar Lal Sharma and said they have full faith in the vision of Azad and said only during his tenure as Chief Minister the picture of J&K and especially Jammu division. Anil Bhardwaj (Media Coordinator Youth Congress & SP Chandel along with

Rangeel Singh, Rattan Singh, Babu Ram, Ayub Khan, Uttamchand, Raj Singh, Sushel Gupta, Mohan Lal Sharma, Bhagwan Singh, Tirath Singh & others.

Later, Manohar along with Subash Gupta (EX MLC) & Davinder Singh Bindu (Senior leader) submitted memorandum to LG through District Development Commissioner Kathua pushing for early compensation to farmer against the damaged crops due to rains & hail storms.

While speaking Dr Sharma said that huge damages have caused to the crops due to unprecedented and unseasonal rainfall & hail storm in all blocks falling under assembly segments of Billawar; Basohli, Bani , Kathua, & Hiranagar of District Kathua. About 70-90 percent of paddy crop is destroyed whereas already sowed mustard crop, different vegetables and other seasonal crops are also totally damaged due heavy rain and hailstorm. Continuous rainfall and hailstorm has caused

huge loss to the standing crops which was to be harvested soon. While speaking Subash Gupta (EX MLC) said most of these farmers are on loans from banks & unorganized sectors, as farmers are already facing financial crises due to change in weather every year, and concern departments never put their concern to help the agriculture industry which is at its lowest ebb from last few years. Davinder Singh Bindu while speaking requested administration of Jammu and Kashmir must ascertain the loss due to rain & hail storm and compensate to the farmers adequately on fast track basis and help them survive the losses.

Ravinder Paul Singh Nitu, Anil Bhardwaj, Parveen Bhagat, Dalvir Singh Seethes, Pankaj Sharma, Kulbushan Kumar, Dr Surti, Mohinder Sharma, Arjun Singh, Krishan Spolia, Ram Chand, Varun Sharma, Ghan Shyam Sharma, Arjun Singh, Sohan Lal, Bodhi Raj Asharf and Abdul.

Week Long celebration of Teachers' Day culminates in Kathua

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: The weeklong celebration of Teachers' Day ended on Sunday in district Kathua witnessing a variety of activities ranging from cultural programs featuring group songs, dance performances, debates/symposium, Rangoli making, poster making, Sports events held with spirited participation of educational institutions.

Pertinently, a detailed calendar was launched for the Teachers' Day from 5th of September-2022 for the Educational Institutions of the district to mark the birth anniversary of India's First Vice President & 2nd President Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, a great Scholar, Philosopher,



Dignitary cutting the case during the event.

Bharat Ratna awardee, a highly-respected teacher and a prolific statesman.

Students from different colleges and schools exhibited their talent and devotion towards Teachers through speeches, recitation of poems, dance and musical performances etc.

Inspirational and motivational movies were also screened in the Colleges and Higher Secondary Schools to highlight the contribution of the teachers.

Chief Education Officer Kathua said, " In previous two years of Covid pandemic the Teachers' Day

celebrations were given a miss with only virtual wishes and greetings, but with the resumption of physical classes and students back in schools and colleges, the celebratory spirit to mark the day with great pomp and show is back in Kathua".

Deputy Commissioner, Kathua extended his greetings to the teaching fraternity and appreciated their contribution towards Nation building and for their pivotal role in nurturing young minds. He applauded the efforts of teachers of Schools and Colleges for being instrumental in realizing goals of thousands of students.

DDC Rajouri inspects progress of work on development projects

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, along with a team of officers on Sunday inspected the progress of work on several developmental projects in the Doongi block.

The DDC was accompanied by EXEn Jal Shakti Rajouri, Mushtaq Ahmed; ExEn PWD Rajouri, Maqbool Hussain, JEE PWD(R&B) Rakesh Kumar Sharma and other concerned officers. Inspecting the progress of work on 135 Meter Androlla Bridge, the DDC was informed that the bridge project is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 7.72 crore under the Languishing scheme. With the completion of



DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal inspecting dev works.

this project, about 8000 people will get all-weather connectivity, informed the EXN PWD.

At the Water supply scheme Androlla, the EXEn Jal Shakti Rajouri informed that the scheme is being executed under Jal Jeevan Mission and has been approved at an estimated cost of Rs Rs 3.71 crore. It was also informed that about 558

souls would benefit from the completion of the project.

The DDC asked the concerned officers to expedite the progress to complete the projects within the set timeline. He further asked to bring in his notice bottlenecks, if any, impeding the execution of works so that the same can be resolved in time in the larger public interest.

JKWDC organises awareness camp

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KATHUA: JKWDC on Sunday organised an awareness camp at Ward No 07, Tehsil, Block, Constituency District Kathua which was attended by Maya Devi, social activist Reena Devi and other prominent persons.

On the occasion, Shashi Kant Sharma District Incharge Kathua, JKWDC gave awareness regarding loan schemes implemented by the government. Maya Devi appealed people to take benefits of government schemes in nominal rate of interest.

PAA conducts district level dance competition

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: In order to provide opportunity to children and youth of district Kathua and adjoining localities to exhibit their hidden talent in Dance, Singing and Acting, Performing Arts Association OF J&K, run by Harman Cultural And Educational Society (regd.), upper Gadi Garh, Jammu organised one day district level dance/singing/acting championship 2022, on Sunday, at the premises of RIVAAZ Resort, lakhanpur Bypass,

Kathua in which about 180-190 children and youth from various localities of district Kathua participated and exhibited their talent in the field of Dance/Singing/Acting. On this occasion, R. C Kotwal, SSP, Kathua was Chief Guest. Raghunandan Singh, Vice- Chairman, BDC, Kathua and Ravinder Kumar Sharma, Ex-Chairman, municipal committee, Kathua were present as guests of honour. The opening ceremony started with the traditional lightening of lamp by chief guest and other dignitaries present on the occasion. Children and youth performed in dance/acting/ singing under various age categories which was appreciated by chief guest and other dignitaries present on the occasion. The judgement was done by Mrs. Gurvinder Kour, renowned choreographer of J&K and General Secretary, HCES, Jammu, Ketan Slathia ,

Shamsajan, Finalist Voice Of Punjab and renowned singer of J&K, and Vaniket Kumar, Director, Talent world dance academy, Samba. The chief guest congratulated and wished good luck for upcoming competitions.

The event was arranged by Chandel Mandal, renowned choreographer and director, Magic Stars dance music fitness studio, Kathua and sponsored by Early Post daily newspaper, Kartar Public School, Kathua, little angels school, The best performers were selected for upcoming state level competition to be organized soon. The chief guest and other dignitaries felicitated the best performers with medals and trophies. Refreshments were distributed among the participants and audience present on the occasion. Tajinder Singh, President, Harman Cultural and educational Society, Jammu was also present as special guest on the occasion.

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