

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

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DALLI (BANI): In Dauli'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 Mainimahesh can get bestowed with religious merits by participating in this pilgrimage and having the Darshan of the Supreme Shiva at Dhera Shiv Dhera Dauli 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 Dauli along with young volunteers organized a Bhandara on the occasion serving the pilgrims sumptuous food. The most elderly disciple of Dali Shiva Temple Sardar Shah, Kunan 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 (Choukhi) and he blessed the devotees present on the occasion.

Shanti Yatra by DSEJ reaches Mendhar

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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 Dheri Ralyote) to Mohd. Latif Choudhary, Deputy CEO Poonch (Mendhar HQ).

The other dignitaries who remained present on the occasion include Ramesh Chander (Principal HSS Behroozi), Mohd. Amin (Principal Dargloon), Puran Chand (ZEQ Mendhar), Harish Sharma (DRG Member CEO Office Poonch),



Students and officials during the Yatra at Mendhar.

Naqvi (Principal GGHSS Mendhar), Saleem Shah (Principal GHSS B)

Mendhar, Hardeep Singh (ZEQ Balakote), Ghulam Nabi (ZEO Mankote), Puran Chand (ZEQ Mendhar), Harish Sharma (DRG Member CEO Office Poonch),

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

After covering many reception points the Shanti Yatra will be received by Kunuyian zone of Poonch District tomorrow.

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.

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

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

Two Lecturer Forum holds meeting; highlights issues

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UDHAMPUR: All Jammu and Kashmir Plus Two Lecturer Forum held a meeting at HSS Tikri under the chairmanship of UT President Pardeep Singh Rakwal.

In the meeting many participants have taken part in order to discuss the burning issues lying from the years in the department. R.S. Slatia Chairman of the forum remained present as Chief Guest. Central Body has welcomed the District President Ashok Kumar and greeted him for his success. Different issues and problems being discussed and forum members were highlighted, the achievements of the students and department. At the same time members have expressed their dismay over the much awaited running pattern to the cadre on the analogy of other counterparts, stigma of Incharge, pay anomalies and many others. Forum members have requested to worthy Principal Secretary for early sorting out the issues. Forum members have assured for taking the studies of students at quality level as well.

DDC Rajouri inspects progress of work on development projects



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

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

GDC Kalakote organises Nasha Mukti Bharat mission programme

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SUNDERBANI: 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 Zorawar 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.

KVK Reasi promotes organic Turmeric & Ginger Cultivation

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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 Krishivigyan 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.

He narrated that distt. Reasi has huge potential in organic turmeric and ginger production and farmers should grow organic turmeric and ginger of commercial level so that their income and employment can be increased. He expressed that KVK, Reasi is guiding the farmers on the preparation of organic formulations such as Jeevanrit, Beejamrit, Panchigaya, cow urine etc. required for organic farming and natural farming. He informed that by the application of organic formulations in the soil, organic matter in the soil can be increased and cost of cultivation can be minimized.

According to him organic turmeric and ginger are helpful to improve the health status of human beings by improving the immunity of the body and have multiple uses. He added that value addition in organic turmeric and ginger can add income of the farmers. By observing the successful results of some successful organic farmers, many new farmers are showing keen interest towards organic turmeric and ginger cultivation.

GCW Udhampur hosts webinar on Early identification of self-harm, its prevention'

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UDHAMPUR: A webinar on "Early identification of self-harm and its prevention" was organised on Sunday by the Department of Counseling and Psychology Cell, Government College for Women, Udhampur to mark observance of World suicide prevention day 2022.

Dr Gurjot Singh, Consultant Psychiatrist, Waves Hospital, Hoshiarpur was the Resource Person for the webinar. He spoke on the warning signs, especially among the students and the risk factors involved.

During his talk, he highlighted the methods to deal with the sensitive issues faced by the students and youth. At the end, an interactive session was held between the speaker and the participants.

Prof. (Dr) Monika Sharma, Principal, GCW, Udhampur welcomed the audience and introduced the theme of WSPD - 2022. Dr. Kamal Deep Kaur, convenor, Counseling and Psychology Cell GCW Udhampur, introduced the speaker and also delivered the vote of thanks. Around 80 students participated in the webinar. E-certificates will be provided to all the participants.



PAA conducts district level dance competition

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KATHUA: In order to provide opportunity to children and youth from various localities 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, Bypass, Kathua.



Dignitaries cutting the cake 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.

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