Maharaja Hari Singh's Birthday celebrated across region

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SAMBA: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Central University of Jammu unit organized a vibrant cultural program on the auspicious occasion of the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji.

On the occasion, the Chief Hon'ble Guest Professor Chancellor Sanjeev Jain, Registrar Professor Yashwant Singh and Guest of Honor Dr. Permendra Singh, Member, National Executive Council, ABVP graced the event with their presence. Dr. Ritu Bakshi, Dean Students' Welfare and representatives from various departments were also present for the



Artists performing folk dance during an event at CUJ.

praised the remarkable contributions $_{
m made}$ Maharaja Hari Singh for Jammu and Kashmir and encouraged everyone to educate themselves about his great leadership and her-

Professor Yashwant Singh Professor Sanjeev Jain highlighted Maharaja Hari Singh's efforts to integrate Jammu and Kashmir into India, and emphasized the significance of the region as an integral part of India.

The event was attended by Dr. Permendra Singh creda packed auditorium of uniited Maharaja Hari Singh versity's esteemed faculty for the unification of members, research scholars Jammu and Kashmir with and students. India, and stressed upon the

Udhampur: In a series of

Vidyarthi Parishad in the

establishment of Central

The program included

Bharadwaj and a vote of

thanks by Unit Secretary

Shagun Sharma, as well as a

plethora of exquisite group

and solo performances of

Dogri traditional folk

dances and songs. The event

concluded with the felicita-

tion of students who excelled

in thematic poster making

and quiz competitions held

on the occasion.

by the Unit

Prabhakar

University of Jammu.

speeches

President

celebrations of birthday of erstwhile Maharaja of Jammu & Kashmir, Senior Citizens' Club Udhampur also organized a program at club platform. Floral tributes were paid by members of the club. Speaking on the occasion, the President of the club applauded the contributions of a ruler of the state not only as a ruler but as a great educationist, progressive thinker and as a social reformer. Club appealed to the Chairman and Board of Directors to take it seriously and dedicate the front page of next year's annual calendar to Maharaja Hari Singh. Others who spoke were Raj Guru Gen Secretary and Dr. Adarsh Chairman of the

GDC Khour organises cleanliness drive in adopted village

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KHOUR: NSS unit of GDC Khour organised cleanliness drive under the aegis of "Swachhta Hi Sewa". NSS volunteers visited their adopted village Naryana and collected plastic and wet waste around the lotus pond in the area. This activity was conducted in the presence of village Sarpanch Sharda Devi. Volunteers Gourav Singh, Sweety Manhas, Devi, Choudhary, Sourav Singh, Riya Sharma, Riya Bhagat and Jabee Singh participated in this Abhiyan. This programme was organised by NSS Officer Programme



NSS unit of college along with faculty during the drive.

able guidance of Principal of Sharma.

Rural schools in Banihal grappling with

shortage of teaching staff: Sajjad

Gurvinder Kour under the the College, Prof. (Dr) T K

state government achieve

'standards' in education

without providing necessary

infrastructure facilities in

schools and filling vacancies

Shaheen further said that

some school doesn't have

teachers even for important

subjects like Mathematics

and Science and even the

post of head masters also

are lying vacant for a long

time, he added. "Students

are forced to sit idle all

through the day as most of

the classes are not held due

to shortage of teachers.

Left with no other option.

they are forced to spend on

tuitions to learn the les-

sons. It affects their aca-

demic prospects because of

government's apathy," he

of teachers' posts.'

Raina visits Martyr Sepoy Amit's house, offers condolences to family



BJP J&K Chief Ravinder Raina consoling family of martyr.

STATE TIMES NEWS AKHNOOR: BJP J&K Chief Ravinder Raina on Saturday visited house of soldier Amit Choudhary to offer his condolences along with other BJP activists.

Family members of the deceased apprised their demand of CBI enquiry to know about the actual cause of death & to get proper justice. Rajeev Sharma (

Former MLA Akhnoor), Manmohan Singh(Seh Prabhari BJP Akhnoor), Jagdish Bhagat (S.C Morcha Prabhari), Pradeep Choudhary (Kissan Publicity Morcha Secretary), Dr Parshotam Lal (Social Activist) Nitesh Sharma (General Secretary Yuva Morcha District Akhnoor), with others remained present on the

TAPA Folk theatre workshop underway at GZSM Degree College

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REASI: Ten days folk theatre workshop is underway at GZSM Degree College Reasi. Being successfully organized by Triple "A" Performing Arts Reasi in collaboration with Sangeet Natak Akademi New Delhi.

On the 5th day of the workshop the participants create scene on dogri play " Mela basoye da" written by sahatya akademi awardees Raj Rahie and performed group wise seen work through improvisations and acting exercises with their body movements and voice quality, Set designing etc. by the experts Akram Khan, Raj Rahi, Rajesh Ajnabi, Shadab Khan, Neha Chouhaan and Raja Amir.

Mr Shadab Khan and Raj Rahi expressed that this workshop is one of its kind in the district and participants are getting this kind of experience for the first time in their



Artists performing during the workshop.

life and he is expecting some extraordinary talent comes out from this workshop. Raja Aamir Khan also spoke on the occasion that giving an opportunity to the fresh talent to get acquainted with the age old cultural traditions, costumes, rituals and languages. About 35 students were selected in the workshop were Autal Kumar, Neeraj Kumar, Avinish thappa, Mohd Munir, Akshay Kumar, Sajid Saleem, Mohinder Pallvi

Garima dogra, Priya Devi, Kajal Thappa, Isha Devi, Priya Kumari, Samriti, Palak Atri, Nilakshi Devi, Priyarka Devi, Vasudha Rajput, Anjali Devi, Priya Kumari, Akashay Kumar, Vikrant Sharma, Rohit Sharma, Ambika Soni, Nidhi Singh Thakur, Shivani Nag, Anshu Parotra, Vishali Rajput and Khushi Devi. Anil Thakur, Vijay Singh and Lalit

Kishor Atri acted as Cocoordinator of Whole

BANIHAL: National Conference (NC) leader and District President Ramban, Sajjad Shaheen has expressed serious concern over the shortage of teaching staff in government schools in district Ramban particularly in assembly con-Banihal stituency.

said that the Government schools in the entire Ramban district are grappling with a severe problem of shortage of teachers, with schools in rural areas bearing the maximum brunt of the staff crunch. There is more than 30 per cent shortage of staff in government schools in rural areas of the district, as per the reports.

Shaheen has accused the education department of the lackadaisical approach in filling the vacant posts. The gravity of the situation can be understood from the fact that a government school HSS(Boys) Banihal has only 9 teachers out of

16 sanctioned posts as six lecturers have been recently transferred without providing any substitute. Similarly in HSS Tethar,

HSS (Girls) Banihal , HSS Khari, HSS Mahoo, HSS Neel, HSS Ukharhal most of the posts are lying vacant. He added that even the

Degree college Banihal is functioning without a permanent Principal which is a matter of great concern. He said similar reports

have been received from

Kawna ,Trigam, Mahu,

Mangit, Kumbla, Buzla. Ramsoo, Neel, Ukharhal, Senabati, Alinbas, Pogal-Maligam, Sarachi, Khari, Nachlana. Sumar. Nowgam, Bankoot, Chamalwas, Chapnari, Chaknarwa, Dooligam, Hinjhal, Kaskoot, Asshar, Lamber, Chanjlu, Dooligam, Shagan, Wagan, Rajgarh, Desa, Batote, Ramban, Gandhri, Assar, Dharamkund and other

areas of the district.

He asked "how would the

Shaheen has urged upon the JK Administration particularly Director School education and CEO Ramban to fill up all the vacant posts in the all the schools of the district to ensure quality education in

the backward areas.

Comm Secy RDD holds awareness camp, inspects SBM assets in Bhaderwah

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 $\mathbf{B}\ \mathbf{H}\ \mathbf{A}\ \mathbf{D}\ \mathbf{A}\ \mathbf{R}\ \mathbf{W}\ \mathbf{A}\ \mathbf{H}$: Secretary, Commissioner Development Department and Panchayat Raj, Mandeep Kaur on Saturday conducted an awareness camp at Drudhu, Bhaderwah.

The purpose of the camp was to educate the local residents about various government schemes and initiatives related to rural development and

Mandeep Kaur also inspected the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) assets being created by department Bhaderwah. She assessed progress on implementation of SBM in the region and interacted with local officials and



Com Secy, RDD& PR Mandeep Kaur during visit to Drudhu.

experiences and challenges.

Mandeep Kaur, while highlighting the significance of such visits in boosting development profile of any region, said that the government is committed towards rapid rural development with focus on unattended parts. She defined active participation of local importance in achieving sustainable development goals.

Commissioner Secretary was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Doda, Vishesh Mahajan, ADDC, Pran Singh, ACD, Phulail Singh, ACP, Ashfaq Khanji, BDOs besides Sarpanches, and Panches of

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KATRA: An impressive function was held at a local hotel at Katra to welcome the visiting Rotary International T.N. director Subramanian and his wife Vidya. He is RI Director for zone 4 and 7 for 2023-2025. He was the chief guest on

the occasion and accompanied by district governor 3070 Vipin Bhasin ,Past district governors Dr Dushant Choudhary and Gurjeet Sekhon

The visiting dignitaries were honored by the club members with Mata Ki Chunaries and presented Mata Ki Pindi photos to

SDM Katra Deepak Dubey was inducted into the rotary and welcomed by pinning the



Rotary International Director T.N. Raju Subramanian and his wife Vidya being honoured at Katra.

rotary pin by the Chief

Deepak Gupta and Ankush Gupta were installed as President and Ankush Gupta as Secretary for the year 2023-2024 of Rotary Club Katra by RI director Raju Subramanian and distric governor Vipin Bhasin.

Former president Verma and Secretary Deepak Gupta briefed the gathering about the projects completed by the Club during the year 2022-2023.

Speaking on the occasion the District Governor lauded the role of Rotary Club Katra for various social activities

particularly successful heart surgery of ailing children.

The Chief Guest congratu-

lated the new team and hoped that the Club will achieve new height with new team.

Proceedings of the function

Raj Kumar Padha and vote of thanks was presented by Dr Dushant Choudhary. Prominent among those

was conducted by rotarian

who attended the programme were Deepali Sharma from Jammu city ,Karuna Gupta from Jammu helping hands Rajinder and Swati from Mumbai, Puran Sharma and Raiinder Sanson from Udhampur and Col (Retd) Hargovind Singh.

Other rotarians p the occasion were Raj Kumar Munish Ramnik Sharma, Sharma, Sanjay Maroor, Sadhotra, Sahil ManojHeera, Abhinav Sharma and Vivek Sharma.

DG Floriculture inspects swachata works, activities



STATE TIMES NEWS POONCH: Prabhari/ Visiting Officer S. Jatinder Singh, Director General Department of Floriculture Parks and Gardens Jammu assessed the level of swachata during the ongoing Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen in Panchayat Shiendra Lower of Block Lassana of District Poonch. Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat Wajahat Bhukhari

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along with the Panches, I/c Secretary Panchayat/AA (P), Vinamar Sharma & Frontline Workers of different Departments Participated in the said programme. During the visit Parbhari

Officer visited different places of Panchayat & monitored the level of Sanitation, level of legacy waste in Panchayat, availability of Waste Management System & Drainage System in Panchayat. He also visited the Community Compost Pit & Community Sanitary Complex, Segregation Shed & other assets in the village created especially to handle & manage waste produced in the panchayat. He gave immediate directions to the PRIs Member and Frontline Workers to maintain the assets for their sustainable

use in future also. He also organised a Health Camp for different people of the along with Safai

Karamcharis with the help of the Health Department. He gave an awareness message to the local Public of Panchayat along with Sarpanch Halqa & Performed Sanitization/ Cleanliness of the Market places of the Panchayat.

The plantation drive was also conducted in the premises of Government Higher Secondary School Shindra where the Department of Floriculture provided different plants for the school in presence of the Sarpanch Halqa and other prominent persons of the Panchayat Halqa.

He directed the Frontline Workers to follow proper procedure while implementing the schemes on ground so that development work is carried out smoothly. He asked for consultation with the PRIs Member and Frontline Workers for identification and execution of works in the panchayat.

KVK Reasi promotes scientific pulses production STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Jammu (SKUAST-J) is promoting and guiding farmers on scientific cultivation of pulses in Reasi district of J&K under the dynamic stewardship of Vice Chancellor, Prof.BN Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof.SK Gupta of SKUAST-J. According to Sr. Scientist & Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal there is need to increase the pulses production in the district so as to enhance the income and employment among the farmers. He said that Reasi district has huge potential in pulses and farmers can increase their pulses production by adopting the modern agricultural innovations in pulses production. He further said that farmers need to adopt the scientific cultivation of pulses which includes the use of

quality seed, Integrated Nutrient Management and Integrated Weed Management practices in the pulse crops.

He added that in order to increase the income of the farmers' pulses can play a significant role. He also informed that pulses help to increase the fertility of the soil as pulses plants helps in nitrogen fixation. He stressed on the timely plant protection measures in pulses so as to obtain the maximum yield. He narrated that pulses production will not only increase the income of the farmers but also enhances the nutritional level of the people as pulses are rich in proteins. KVK. Reasi has laid Cluster Front Line Demonstrations (CFLDs) on black gram (var.PU-31) in different locations of Reasi district to showcase the improved technologies to the farmers. Farmers are taking keen interest towards the adoption of the latest techniques in pulses production

Free medical camp organised for MC Civic Staff

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DODA: Ensuring affordable & accessible healthcare to all and as a part of the ongoing Ayushman Bhava Swacchta Abhivan (Swachhta Pakhwada), special medical camp for was today organised for Staff Sanitation Municipal Council Doda by BMO Ghat in collaboration with MC Doda in the Town Hall here under the supervision of Chief Medical Officer Dr Ab

During the camp, the

Hamid Zargar.

medical team from Block Ghat consisting of Dr Amir Malik, Dr Touseef Aslam, Dr Tania Butt (MLHP), Dr Tariq Younis (MLHP), Arshad Latief (Lab Tech) and Shariga Anjum (MLHP) screened the MC staff (70-80 Approx) and provided them free medicines besides imparting awareness on preventive healthcare measures.

The camp was attended by BMO Ghat, Dr Ab Gafoor Ahmed, Executive Officer MC, Yousuf ul Umar, Mashhood Latif

(BMEO Ghat) besides a large number of MC staff and the general public.

The EO MC Doda and his staff expressed their gratitude to BMO Ghat for organizing the camp.

As a testament to their holistic approach towards community welfare, the camp was organized especially for the sanitation

The camp aimed to provide essential healthcare services to the hardworking sanitation staff, who play a crucial role in keeping the town clean.

Col Mahan visits Godal Panchayat, listens to issues

KATHUA: Colonel Mahan Singh (Retd), District Development Council (DDC) Chairman of Kathua, visited the remote Panchayat of Godal in the Dhar Mahanpur Block, under the Basohli Sub District, upon the invitation of Sarpanch Raijnder Singh and the Chhini Committee.

He was honored as the Chief Guest at the Annual Chhinj Mela, a significant cultural event in the region. The visit showcased the warmth and hospitality of the residents, who greeted Col Mahan Singh with a traditional Pagri. Accompanying DDC Chairman Col Mahan Singh were Gian Batadia, Tej Ram, Ashok Kumar, and Deewan Chand. During the event, Col Mahan Singh patiently listened to the residents and assured them that their genuine issues would be addressed. In his address, DDC Chairman Col Mahan Singh commended the residents of Godal for their community spirit and their commitment to celebrating cultural and social events, thereby preserving and promoting their rich cultural



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