

Misrule of NC, PDP had pushed Doda towards uncertainty, terrorism: Ashok Koul

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DODA: Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul on Sunday said that people of Doda, Bharderwah and Kishtwar areas have suffered a lot of neglect during previous regimes and during peak of militancy these areas were also underdeveloped.

However, abrogation of Article 370 ended that discrimination with people and militancy also stands nailed.

He added that a number of BJP workers and common civilians top had sacrificed their lives in these areas due to militancy.

Ashok Koul said time has come to ensure that each and every citizen of Doda and those living in far off places are given their due rights and made to love with better amenities and



BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul chairing a meeting at Doda

infrastructure.

He was addressing a party workers meeting in support of party candidate from Doda West assembly constituency Shakti Parihar which was also attended by BJP Doda Prabhari and former Deputy Mayor JMC Baldev Singh Billawaria.

Ashok Koul said because of its wrong policies and having given militants a

free run, governments that of NC, Congress or PDP had pushed Doda into the oblivion where people were made to fend for themselves and face terrorists atrocities.

There were times when entire senior BJP leadership courted arrest only to seek declaring Doda as disturbed region because selective killings had shaken the faith of people in the

system.

Now that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have abrogated article 370, given army a free hand, strengthened VDGs and acted swiftly on militants, normalcy stands restored. Young boys and girls of Doda are entering into competitive services, promoting regions culture, participating in political prisoners cesses and becoming part of decision taking institutions.

These are healthy signs wherein tourists and traders in large numbers are also descending in Doda adding to its prosperity.

Seeking votes and support for party candidate Shakti Parihar, BJP Doda Prabhari and former Deputy Mayor JMC Baldev Singh Billawaria

said that time has come to send credible people in the assembly who could become real voice of people and don't play with their sentiments like Congress and NC had always been doing.

Shakti Parihar in his address said that he will work for every section of society and ensure that Doda becomes most sought after district in terms of business, health tourism and pilgrimage. Doda he said had immense potential but precious governments ignored it. It's because of Narendra Modi that o ace is prevailing and mega infrastructures are giving people better access to even far off places. He highlighted various schemes of Modi government and sought votes for BJP to elect a credible government in J&K.

Historic three-day Sankri Devta Mela concludes



Devotees performing Darshan at temple in Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: The three-day Historic Sankri Devta Mela, which commenced on August 30 in Block Panchari of District Udhampur, peacefully culminated with an overwhelm-

ing participation of visitors and devotees. People from different areas of the UT flocked to the mela site to pay obeisance at the temple and seek the blessings of the Devta. During the three-day mela, students from

various educational institutions and folk artists from surrounding areas presented performances depicting the traditions of the area and theme-based skits, which were highly appreciated by the audience.

DGPC Kathua celebrates Parkash Purav of Guru Granth Sahib



A Ragi Jatha delivering religious sermons.

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KATHUA: A Kirtan Darwar was organized at Gurudwara Singh Sabha Kathua regarding the celebration of Parkash purav of Guru Granth Sahib. Bibi Amandeep kour recited heart touching Gurbani Kirtan and insisted all the sangat to sing with her by her sweet voice. Besides her bhaji Baljeet Singh and Sukhwinder Singh also recited Kirtan and Angrej Singh Parcharak delivered a lecture on the composition of Guru Granth Sahib by Guru Arjun Dev ji.

While addressing the sangat S.Parveen Singh General Secretary of District Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee Kathua said that Guru Arjun Dev ji composed a

Granth Sahib and established Guru Granth Sahib first time in Harmandir Sahib in 1st September 1604 for public obeisance. He added we can learn a lot for better livelihood by following the teaching of Guru Granth Sahib. He thanked all the sangat who participated this function with passion from all the corner of District Kathua.

A special program of Sehaj Path was also performed during Kirtan Darwar. 15 member of Sehaj Path Sewa were honoured by DGPC Kathua who completed their Sehaj Path more than 5 times with in the period of last 2 years.

Parveen Singh, Davinder Kour and Harvinder Kour completed their Sehaj

Path 10 times, 8 times and 7 times respectively. All the sangat appreciated the efforts of DGPC Kathua for this celebration. Janger was served with civilized manner and lettrature stall was also established by Sikh missionaries team.

S. Kuldeep Singh vice president, Harbhajan Singh, Bhupinder Singh, Amrik Singh, Satwinder Singh, Tarlochan Singh, Harbaksh Singh, Karnail Singh, Kulwant Singh, Sanmukh Singh Gurinder Singh were present in the smagam.

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KATHUA: In yet another stellar achievement, Government Higher Secondary School (HSS) Nagri Parole has added another feather to its cap by standing out at the Divisional Level Rashtriya Bal Vignyan Pardarshni (RBVP), a prestigious science exhibition held yesterday at SCERT Jammu. Under the dynamic leadership of Sh. Mangat Ram Sharma, Chief Education Officer, Kathua, and the insightful guidance of Sh. Jatinder Sethi, Principal, Government HSS Nagri Parole, the school continues to demonstrate its excellence in academics and co-curricular activities.

The RBVP event witnessed the par-

DEO Poonch reviews Election preparedness in district

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POONCH: To ensure meticulous preparation for the upcoming Assembly Elections 2024, District Election Officer (DEO) Poonch, Vikas Kundal convened a review meeting in the conference hall of the DC Office complex regarding Assured Minimum Facilities in polling stations across Poonch District. The meeting was attended by the senior district officers including the Superintendent Engineer of PWD Circle Poonch, Returning Officers for constituencies 88-Surankote, 89-Haveli, and 90-Mendhar, the Assistant Commissioner Development Poonch, Chief Education Officer Poonch,



DEO Poonch, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

Executive Engineers of PWD (R&B) Divisions of Poonch, Surankote and Mendhar as well as all Tehsildars and Block Development Officers of Poonch District.

During the meeting, the District Election Officer thoroughly reviewed the assured minimum facilities to be provided at all the polling stations

in the district ensuring the availability of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) in accordance with the Election Commission of India's guidelines. The key areas of discussion included voter-friendly accessibility, ramps for voters with disabilities, adequate sanitation facilities, availability of drinking water, reliable elec-

tricity supply, and other necessary provisions for both polling staff and voters. He instructed the attending officers to ensure that safe drinking water facilities with sufficient capacity are mandatorily provided on the day of poll while emphasizing the need for adequate shade arrangements in waiting areas at each polling station with sufficient chairs/benches preferably for ladies, senior citizens, nursing mothers, differently abled voters and children accompanying them.

The polling stations will also have signage that will allow voters and pedestrians at the stations to identify the area where they will cast their votes.

Significantly, the polling booths will also have ramps to avoid any snags during the movement of wheelchairs so that those above the age of 85 or with any kind of disability can vote without any obstacles.

With the motto "No voter to be left behind," the DEO affirmed his commitment in promoting an equitable and efficient electoral process. He directed that inspection visits be conducted regularly to verify that all polling stations are equipped with the requisite facilities thereby upholding the administration's dedication to democratic principles and ensuring a conducive environment for free, fair and transparent elections.

GHSS Nagri Parole shines at divisional level RBVP

participation of 50 exceptional models showcasing the creative and scientific talents from all 10 DIETs (District Institutes of Education and Training) across the Jammu division. Among these, two remarkable models from District Kathua earned the honor of being selected for the National Level competition to be held at NCERT NEW DELHI ,by a distinguished panel of experts from NCERT, New Delhi. This significant achievement underscores the district's unwavering commitment to scientific innovation and quality education.

The journey to this success was both challenging and competitive. It began with an overwhelming 1,400 models submitted by students from various

schools across the region. During the initial selection phase, only 500 models advanced, reflecting a high standard of creativity and scientific inquiry. From these, 50 models were further shortlisted for the divisional level competition. Ultimately, two models from District Kathua have now been chosen to represent the region on the national stage, highlighting the district's robust educational foundation and dedication to nurturing young minds.

One of the selected models hails from Government Higher Secondary School (HSS) Nagri Parole, represented by Bhanvee Manhas, daughter of Satish Kumar. This achievement was made possible through the men-

torship of Sh. Sunil Singh Jasrotia and Smt. Jyoti Jasrotia, dedicated teachers of the school. The other model, representing Government High School Parangoli in Zone Sallan, also secured a place at the national level. This dual victory brings immense pride to District Kathua, showcasing the district's ability to foster talent and inspire innovation among its students.

For HSS Nagri Parole, this achievement is particularly noteworthy. The school has long been recognized for its emphasis on academic excellence, and this latest accomplishment further solidifies its reputation as a beacon of quality education in the region. The school's dedication to nurturing young

talent and providing an environment conducive to scientific exploration has clearly borne fruit, as evidenced by this success at the RBVP.

This triumph is not just a win for the schools involved but for the entire District Kathua. It showcases the potential and promise of the district's students and serves as an inspiration to other schools in the region. As these two models prepare to compete at the national level, they carry with them the hopes and pride of their schools, their district, and the entire Jammu division. This achievement underscores the importance of providing students with opportunities to explore, innovate, and excel, setting a high standard for future competitions.

District Bar Association Kathua re-constituted

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KATHUA: Advocate Ajat Shatru Sharma, President District Bar Association Kathua re-constituted and expanded its new executive body & other important committees. S. Devinder Singh Advocate and Mrs. Ramit Jasrotia, Advocate are appointed as Vice-Presidents respectively, Shrikant Sagar Raina, Advocate as Honorary Secretary, Rahul Khajuria Advocate as General Secretary, Gaurav Singh Advocate as Spokesperson, Pardeep Kumar Advocate as Press Secretary, Tarun Gupta Advocate as Office Secretary, Varun Mahajan Advocate, Surjeet Kumar Advocate, Amit Sharma Advocate, Ms. Ritu Sharma Advocate and S. Malkeet Singh Advocate as Secretaries, Anil Kalotra as Treasurer and Pankaj Kumar Advocate as Joint Treasurer, Deepak Sharma Advocate, Ajay Sharma Advocate, Neeraj Lalotra Advocate, Lovely Kumar Advocate, Abhishek Jasrotia Advocate, Sumit Jasrotia Advocate, Keshav Verma Advocate, Mukesh Kumar Advocate, Shivam Sachdev Advocate, Upasana Gupta Advocate, Mishi Khanam Advocate as Joint

Secretaries, Tushar Gupta Advocate as Coordinator D.C . Office & Sub Registrar Office, Naiya Sharma Advocate, Gagandeep Kour Advocate, Neeraj Sharma Advocate, Neeraj Singh Advocate, as Sr. Executive Members, Vishal Pathania Advocate, Virinder Kumar Advocate, Nipun Sharma Advocate, Swapnil Jasrotia Advocate, Ishwarya Singh Advocate, Rishav Khajuria Advocate as Executive Members. There are different important committees are also re-constituted to recommend, advise & Coordinate with the Executive Committee of the District Bar Association Kathua. The Advisory Committee Constituted of senior bar members includ-

ing Adv. Sham Swaroop Gupta, Adv. Dilawar Singh, Adv. Vijay Sharma, Adv. T.N. Gupta, Adv. Naveen Choudhary@Harinder Singh, Adv. Rajinder Singh and Adv. Rajinder Khajuria . The Grievances Redressal Committee is also re-constituted of other senior bar members which includes Adv. S. K. Sangra, Adv. Ravi Gupta, Adv. Rajesh Sharma, Adv. Bal Krishan Gupta, Adv. Sanjay Choudhay Sachdev, and Adv. Baldev Raj. Ajat Shatru Sharma congratulated the new office bearers and other committee members will work for the betterment of the District Bar Association Kathua and for the welfare of member Advocates in future.

Rtn. Dr. P.S. Grover, District Governor 3070 visits RC Club Jammu Elite

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JAMMU: Rtn. Dr. P.S. Grover, District Governor 3070, recently visited the Rotary Club Jammu Elite at the Amar Singh Club. He was accompanied by Rtn. Balvinder Kour, the First Lady of the Rotary Club, and Rtn. Atamjit Singh, Aide to the DG. During his visit, he engaged in a fruitful discussion with Dr. Davinder Kour, President of RCJ Elite, along with Secretary Suresh Bala and other club members.

President Dr. Davinder Kour apprised the DG of the numerous projects and events that took place in July and August. She also shared insights about the club's future plans, upcom-



Rtn. Dr. P.S. Grover, District Governor 3070 along with members of RC Club Jammu Elite.

ing projects, and the goals set for the club. Notably, she informed him about the addition of eight new members who joined in the past

month.

In his Presidential address, the DG expressed his appreciation for the initiatives spearheaded by the

club's President. He also highlighted the various responsibilities shouldered by the President, Secretary, and other club members in their respective roles.

The event began with a warm welcome from Rtn. PP Gurvinder Kour, Charter President of the Club.

The Master of Ceremonies was Rtn. Dr. Revika Arora, Vice President of the Club. Rtn. Paramjeet Kour, Treasurer, eloquently read the profile of the District Governor. Rtn. P.S. Grover distributed awards, recognizing

outstanding contributions, including an award to PP Rtn. Jyoti Vaid and an excellent Secretary award to Dr. Davinder Kour, and the Best Rotarian award 2023-24 to Rtn PP Gurvinder Kour.

New members were ceremoniously welcomed with Rotary pins. Other esteemed members present included Harvinder Kour, Jagmeet Kour, Jasneet Kour, Anita Jamwal, Anju Khajuria, and Waryam Singh.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtn. PP Gurvinder Kour.

Shri Vasuki Naag Kailash Yatra by Dharmarth Trust concludes with age-old rituals

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BHADERWAH: The revered three-day Shri Vasuki Naag Kailash Yatra, organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Dharmarth Trust, concluded here today with the solemn performance of traditional rituals, preserving the sanctity of this ancient pilgrimage.

The Charri Mubarak (Holy Mace) returned from the sacred Kailash Kund to the historic Vasuki Nag Temple in Gatha, Bharderwah, marking the successful culmination of the Yatra. All rituals were performed according to traditional practices, preserving the sacred heritage of this annual journey.

In a statement issued here today, Brig R.S. Langeh (Retd.), President of the J&K Dharmarth Trust, said that the Yatra commenced on August 30



Devotees taking out Yatra at Bhadarwah.

with traditional prayers, invoking blessings for the cultural prosperity of Bharderwah. He commended the invaluable contribution of the Bajantiris, the traditional folk musicians of Bharderwah, whose devotional music added a unique spiritual dimension to the Yatra. Trust's President expressed deep

appreciation for the District Administration of Doda, whose exemplary support ensured the smooth conduct of the Yatra. "The administration's provision of essential services such as food, water, and electricity at Kailash Kund, perched at an altitude of 14,500 feet, played a pivotal role in the

success of the pilgrimage," he said. He further emphasized the Trust's unwavering commitment to preserving this sacred tradition and invited devotees from across the nation to partake in the divine and cultural heritage of Bharderwah.

Arjun Singh, Manager of the Dharmarth Trust, also conveyed his gratitude to the District Administration and SSP Doda for their necessary support.

It is pertinent to mention here that Kailash Kund is a lake of 1.5 mile circumference with crystal clear water and it is located at a height of over 17,700 feet from the sea level. As per mythological belief, the Kailash Kund was the original abode of Lord Shiva, but he later gave it to Vasuki Nag and went to live in Manimahesh of Himachal Pradesh's Bharmour.

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