

Mata Ka Jagran held at Shri Chandi Mata Bhawan marks commencement of Annual Machail Yatra

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The Directorate of Tourism Jammu, in association with the District Administration Kishtwar and the J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, organized a grand "Mata Ka Jagran" at Shri Chandi Mata Bhawan in Machail.

The event was spearheaded by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, to mark the commencement of the Annual Shree Machail Yatra.

The Jagran, held on the eve of the first day of the yatra, was a vibrant and spiritually uplifting event.

ADC Kishtwar, Pawan Kotwal, along with CEO Kishtwar Development Authority Dr Rishi Kumar Sharma, AO DC Office Satinder Kumar besides other officials from the Machail Yatra Cell, were present to oversee and support the proceedings. The event was also graced by the presence of hundreds of devotees, who gathered to seek blessings and participate in the festivities.

The night was filled with devotional fervor, featuring live performances by renowned artists such as Chaman Lehri and Daljeet

Singh Rathore. Their soulful renditions and devotional songs created a serene and divine atmosphere, captivating the audience throughout the night.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav expressed his felicitations to all the participating organizations and artists for their efforts in making the event a grand success.

He highlighted the cultural and spiritual significance of the Annual Shree Machail Yatra and the importance of such events in fostering communal harmony and spiritual upliftment.

The event marked the be-

ginning of the much-anticipated pilgrimage, with devotees embarking on their journey to the holy shrine of Shri Chandi Mata. The District Administration has made extensive arrangements to ensure the safety and comfort of the pilgrims, including setting up camps, medical facilities, and security measures.

DC emphasized the administration's commitment to facilitating a smooth and hassle-free pilgrimage for all devotees. He also appreciated the support from the Directorate of Tourism Jammu and the J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages

in organizing the event and promoting the cultural heritage of the region.

The "Mata Ka Jagran" at Shri Chandi Mata Bhawan was not only a spiritual gathering but also a testament to the rich cultural traditions of Kishtwar. The event successfully brought together people from different walks of life, united in their devotion and reverence for Shri Chandi Mata.

As the Annual Shree Machail Yatra commences, the District Administration Kishtwar remains dedicated to ensuring a memorable and spiritually fulfilling experience for all pilgrims.

DC Rajouri reviews implementation of Agriculture schemes & launch of Kissan Khidmat Ghar

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhat today visited the Chief Agriculture Office Rajouri to review the launch of Kissan Khidmat Ghar under HADP and other schemes being implemented by the department.

During the meeting Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the working of different schemes run by department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare and he laid emphasis on successful implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Project in the district. During the review he passed instructions to expedite the clearance of all pending HADP applications and issued instructions to field staff to reach out to the maximum number of farmers and disseminate the latest farm information among the farmers.

For launch of Kissan



he passed instructions to get the facelift of all 20 centers where KKG are going to be inaugurated / launched in Phase-I on 4th of July-2024. Ensure the availability of Internet network & electricity connection in these centers. The DC directed the Agriculture Department to take all necessary measures to guarantee

the availability of good seeds that meet the prescribed standards.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner stressed that the department must ensure that the seeds and fertilizers are sold at the rates fixed by the government, preventing any unfair practices that could burden the farmers. The progress under FPOs and

the role of FPOs for the benefits of farming community was also reviewed and he stressed on the improvement of working of FPO & directed to review the functioning & performance of CBBO responsible for the handholding & strengthening of FPOs in the district.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Sohan Singh further elaborated that 56412 hectares of area has been covered under Kharif crops during the season & record 5735 Qtls of Maize, 318 Qtls Paddy, 768 Qtls of Fodder, 5 Qtls Oilseeds were distributed during Kharif 2024 season in the district. Under HADP a total of 11793 applications were received, whereas District Level Committee cleared 7882 cases, and 509 no of beneficiaries were benefitted from the HADP scheme amounting to benefits of Rs. 202.61 Lacs. The meeting was attended by District Officers of Agriculture Department and other field staff.

Kargil Vijay Diwas Silver Jubilee celebrated at Manjakote, Rajouri

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Indian Army organized 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas event at GMS Katarmal, Manjakote. The event was attended by 95 enthusiastic school children and 20 dedicated army personnel. The highlight of the event was a patriotic painting competition held to commemorate the valour and sacrifices of the soldiers during the Kargil War.

The children enthusiastically depicted scenes of bravery, patriotism, and National pride through their artwork. Each painting was a heartfelt tribute to the heroes who fought for Nation's honour. Following the painting competition, a prize distribution



ceremony was conducted to recognize and reward the young artists for their creativity and dedication.

The prizes were handed out by the army personnel, who also shared inspiring stories and insights about the significance of Kargil Vijay Diwas, and the importance of National Security.

The event not only provided a platform for the children to express their gratitude and respect for the Armed Forces but also fostered a deeper understanding of the sacrifices made by soldiers to protect the country. Overall, the Kargil Vijay Diwas event at Manjakote School was a

touching tribute to the heroes of the Kargil War, encouraging a sense of National pride and fostering admiration for the Armed Forces among the younger generation. It left a lasting impression on everyone involved, reinforcing the values of courage, sacrifice, and service to the Nation.

Firstever Technology led School in Nakarkote, Poonch

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In a groundbreaking move aimed at revolutionizing education in remote, conflict-prone areas of Jammu & Kashmir, the Indian Army has launched the first-ever technology led school in Village Nakarkote, District Poonch.

This pioneering initiative reflects a significant investment in the future of young minds and the region's long-term peace and development. The Army's flagship socio-economic initiative through Operation Sadbhavana has long been dedicated to supporting the Awam through numerous developmental projects. This latest venture into technology-driven education underscores the Army's commitment to



bridging educational divide and fostering innovation across the region. The hybrid school will feature state-of-the-art facilities, blending conventional teaching methods with advanced digital tools to create an enriched learning environment. The curriculum will incorporate cutting-

edge educational technologies, interactive digital content, and real-time virtual classrooms, ensuring that students in these remote areas receive the highest quality education. This initiative aims to provide high-quality education and a brighter future for children, who have long

been deprived due to the disruptive actions of Pakistan sponsored terrorism. This school aims to serve as a beacon of hope and progress, demonstrating that through collaboration and innovation, we can create lasting positive impacts even in the most challenging environment.

DLSA Samba organises Legal Awareness Program at Govt HSS Smailpur

SAMBA, JULY 26: As per the Action plan for the month of July, 2024 issued by Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority and also under the radiant guidance of Adnan Sayeed, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, and Pr. District and Sessions Judge, Samba, District Legal Services Authority, Samba organized a legal awareness program on "POCSO Act, 2012" at Govt.

Higher Secondary School Smailpur, Bari Brahmana Samba, wherein Neemesha Rajput, Chairman CWC, Samba and Priyanka Gupta, Legal cum probationer officer, JJB Samba were resource persons of the program.

The resource person threw light on the provisions of The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 along with

its Amendments and also the concept of "GOOD TOUCH and BAD TOUCH" in a simple and dignified manner and child Helpline No : 1098 was also shared with the participants in the program.

The main objective of organizing the program was to create awareness among the participants above the special provisions of legislation and helping them to stand

up for their own safety. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Ms. Nisha Rani, Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel Samba.

The program was attended by students, faculty members of Govt. Higher Secondary School Smailpur, Bari Brahmana Samba, and Para Legal Volunteers of District Legal Services Authority Samba.

Kargil Vijay Diwas Run For School Children at Primary School Saikundi, Ramban

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On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Indian Army organised a special 1/2 km run for children up to class fifth at Primary School Saikundi, Sangaldan.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 60 students, who gathered to pay homage to our brave soldiers.

The run aimed to instil a sense of patriotism and remembrance among the young participants, symbolizing their respect for the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces. Participants



waved National Flags and carried patriotic posters dedicated to the heroes of the Kargil War. The event provided a platform for students to express their admiration for the Armed Forces and their aspirations to serve the Nation. T

he event was graced by the presence of Veteran's who shared their experiences with the students, inspiring them further towards a life of service and dedication to the country. The school staff and students extended their heartfelt gratitude to Indian Army for organising such a meaningful event and for their unwavering commitment to the Nation's safety and security.

Mission Shakti Udhampur holds awareness camp on women-centric legislation

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An awareness programme was organized by the Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women Mission Shakti under the Social Welfare Department Udhampur, in collaboration with the Poshan Project Udhampur, at AWC Kalta Panchayat Padanoo, Udhampur. The event was part of the 100-day special awareness and enrollment drive conducted by Mission Shakti Udhampur.

The programme was held under the able guidance of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, and supervised by District Social Welfare Officer, Kanika Gupta.

Its primary aim was to educate the

audience about various women-centric schemes and to inform them about significant women-centric legislations such as the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005; the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961; the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal Act, 2013; and the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

The main objective of these schemes and legislations is to uplift and empower women. Officials from SANKALP HEW explained a variety of Government schemes, services, and programmes including Beti Bachao Beti Padhao BBBP, health-related schemes of the National Health Mission NHM, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, scholarship schemes, education-oriented schemes, skill-oriented

programmes, business start-up schemes, and pensions for the elderly, widows, and physically challenged individuals.

Later, Gender Specialist HEW, Pooja Jamwal, emphasized how these schemes are designed to promote women's education, health, safety, and empowerment, with a focus on the empowerment of girls and women.

The programme concluded with a plantation drive organized by the Social Welfare Department, during which four plants were planted by the HEW team in the names of baby girls under the BBBP banner. Approximately 78 participants, including supervisors of the Poshan Project, Anganwadi workers, helpers, local women, and children, took part in the awareness campaign.