

DC Samba reviews preparations for Janmashtami Mela at Narsingh Temple-Ghagwal

SAMBA, JULY 30: Deputy Commissioner Samba Rajesh Sharma today chaired a comprehensive review meeting in the meeting Hall of the DC Office to assess and finalize the preparations for the upcoming Janmashtami Mela at the historic Narsingh Temple, Ghagwal.

The Deputy Commissioner directed all concerned departments to ensure flawless coordination and time-bound execution of arrangements to facilitate a smooth, safe, and spiritually enriching experience for devotees and visitors. He laid special emphasis on security management, sanitation, traffic regulation, and provision of essential public amenities.

Highlighting the significance of the festival, DC Sharma underscored the importance of maintaining law and order, ensuring cleanliness and hygiene, and enabling uninterrupted vehicular movement during



the Mela, which is expected to draw large crowds from across the region.

The meeting also reviewed arrangements for drinking water supply, installation of mobile toilets, setting up of medical aid stations, and deployment of adequate manpower to manage public facilitation

and emergencies effectively.

Reiterating the need for seamless interdepartmental synergy, the Deputy Commissioner exhorted the stakeholders to work in close coordination with the Narsingh Temple Committee to ensure that the event is conducted in a safe, orderly, and spiritually uplifting

manner.

The meeting was attended by SSP Samba, Virender Singh Manhas; ADDC Samba, Champa Devi Thakur; ACR Samba; SDM Ghagwal; senior officers of various line departments; and representatives of the Narsingh Temple Committee.

Ex-Dy Mayor Billawaria nominated as BJP General Secretary

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
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Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has recently nominated former Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria as Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary. On the occasion, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Association President Rinku Gill along with his felicitated Baldev Singh Billawaria at BJP Headquarters in Jammu. He was presented with a bouquet, shawl and memento for his continuous dedication and tireless service towards public welfare. Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, Jammu and Kashmir BJP Vice President Rekha Mahajan were also present at the event.

Addressing the event, Ashok Koul spoke with great admiration and warmth about Billawaria's long-standing commitment to the BJP's ideology and grassroots organizational work. He remarked: Baldev Singh Billawaria is not only a seasoned and committed karyakarta of the Bharatiya Janata Party, but also a dynamic leader who has earned the respect of colleagues, public servants, and citizens alike. His journey from a humble background to holding this important or-



ganizational post is a testament to his hard work, integrity, and the values that our party stands for." He further added "The strength of the BJP lies in its disciplined cadre, and Billawaria is a shining example of that tradition. He has always been accessible to the public, responsive to the needs of the common man, and steadfast in upholding party values. I am confident that his new role will enable him to further strengthen the party presence and build deeper bonds with the people of Jammu and Kashmir." Ashok Koul further said that the Modi government at the Center has given a new identity to the rights and dignity of Safai Karamcharis of Jammu and Kashmir by removing Article 370. He said that after the removal of Article 370, Safai Karamcharis

living in Jammu and Kashmir have now got equal civil rights. Billawaria, while humbly accepting the honor and expressing gratitude, thanked Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul for his unwavering support and guidance in his political journey. He said, "I feel extremely honored to receive this honor from my colleagues and Safai Karamcharis. I express my heartfelt gratitude to senior party leadership, whose guidance has always been a source of strength. I assure the party leadership that I will continue to work with full dedication to uphold the ideals of the BJP and serve the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He also emphasized that his appointment is not a position of privilege but a responsibility he carries with utmost

sincerity and devotion to the party core values. In his address, Rinku Gill congratulated Baldev Singh Billawaria on his appointment and appreciated his continuous efforts to raise the issues of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) and citizen concerns at appropriate forums. He pledged full cooperation on behalf of the Municipal Corporation Union President and expressed commitment to strengthen the BJP's vision of clean, efficient and transparent governance at the Jammu Municipal Corporation level. He said that Baldev Singh Billawaria has done many works for the employees during his tenure as Deputy Mayor and we hope that as the General Secretary of the J&K BJP party, he will work to make our voice raise at every platform.

Massive haul of suspected adulterated Rasgullas seized at Bishnah

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In a significant enforcement action, the Department of Food & Drugs Administration (DFCO), Jammu, under the leadership of Commissioner FDA J&K Smita Sethi, successfully busted a large-scale food adulteration racket in Bishnah, today.

Acting on specific intelligence, a joint team of Food Safety Officers, in collaboration with the Police and Revenue Department officials, raided a cold storage facility at the Co-operative Society, Tehsil Bishnah. During the inspection, an alarming quantity of adulterated sweets (Rasgullas)—approximately 440 quintals contained in 2750 tins—was seized. These products were suspected to pose a significant threat to consumer health and public safety.

The enforcement operation was spearheaded by Joint Commissioner (Food Safety) Sanjeev Kumar and supported by Deputy Commissioner Food Safety (Jammu Division) Madan Magotra and Deputy Commissioner, ICIL Jammu Pankaj Soni.

The Food Safety Officers involved in the raid included Vijay Verma, Zulfkar Malik, and Khaminder Choudhary.

During the inspection, the team discovered that the adulterated food was stocked in a Cold store run by Bishnah Cooperative Marketing Society and the Food Business Operator (FBO) was running the establishment without a valid license and in gross violation of the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSA), 2006. Legal action has been initiated against the defaulters under the relevant provisions of the Act.

As part of the operation,

two random legal samples of the suspected sweets were lifted by FSO Zulfkar Malik and sent to the National Food Laboratory (NFL), Ghaziabad for detailed analysis. The outcome of the laboratory report will determine further punitive actions.

Commissioner FDA Smita Sethi emphasized the department's unwavering commitment to consumer safety and public health, especially in view of the upcoming festive season. She reiterated that such malpractices—especially prevalent during the summer—pose serious health risks and will be dealt with stringently. Special drives have already been launched across the Jammu Division to curb food adulteration, and these will continue with intensified vigilance.

The Department also urges all food business operators to maintain hy-

giene and comply with safety regulations. Specific instructions have been issued against the sale of cut fruits, usage of unpermitted food colors, and sale of uncovered or improperly stored food items.

The public is encouraged to remain vigilant and report any food safety violations. For any complaints related to food quality or safety, the Department can be reached on the toll-free number: 104.

This large-scale seizure marks a milestone in the department's efforts to eliminate adulteration and uphold food safety especially in view of the upcoming festive season. The Department of Food Safety (DFCO), Jammu, remains committed to enforcing the FSS Act in letter and spirit and will continue to take proactive steps to ensure safe, pure and hygienic food for the citizens of Jammu & Kashmir.

Union Education Minister virtually inaugurates Dormitories, Staff Quarters at PM SHRI JNV Aglar

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Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Government of India, virtually inaugurated newly constructed Dormitories and Staff Quarters at PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Aglar, Tehsil Zainapora, District Shopian on Monday. The

event was graced by the presence of Shri Showkat Ahmed Ganie, Member of Legislative Assembly, along with students, staff, and local dignitaries.

Congratulating the Vidyalaya community, Shri Pradhan lauded the role of Navodaya Vidyalayas in empowering rural talent through quality education and holistic development. He noted that these institutions are nurturing future

leaders in science, technology, and civil services.

He appreciated the school's consistent performance, particularly in recent CBSE and competitive examinations like JEE and NEET.

Shri Showkat Ahmed Ganie, MLA, praised the achievements of the Vidyalaya and commended the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti for conducting transparent, merit-based

selection through the JN-VST (Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test). He highlighted the transformative role of education in rural areas and called the institution a "beacon of hope" for aspiring youth.

He also appreciated the students' active participation in the Youth Parliament 2024-25 and thanked the administration for inviting him to the grand occasion.

Ajaz reappointed as national secretary of Indian Youth Congress

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In a significant recognition of grassroots leadership from Jammu & Kashmir, Ajaz Ahmed Choudhary, a seasoned youth leader from Kallar Mohra, Mendhar, has been reappointed as National Secretary of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC). The announcement, approved by Congress President Shri Mallikarjun Kharge and recommended by IYC President Shri Uday Chib and AICC In-Charge Youth Congress Shri Krishna Allavaru, marks a moment of pride for the Pir Panjal region and the border belt of Poonch.

Choudhary's elevation reflects not just his political acumen but also his consistent commitment to the public cause and representation of marginalized communities, especially the Gujjar and Bakarwal tribes, of which he is a proud member. His political journey, which began as NSUI College



President, has been marked by perseverance and grassroots activism, rising through roles like President of AYC Mendhar, State Secretary and Vice President of J&K Youth Congress, and Lok Sabha General Secretary.

Ajaz has also made notable contributions beyond J&K, playing key roles in election campaigns across Delhi, Bihar, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh, and working on organizational reforms in NSUI across several states including Karnataka, Haryana, and Assam.

Expressing gratitude to the Congress leadership—Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Shri Rahul Gandhi, Shri Krishna Allavaru, Shri Uday Chib, among others—Choudhary reiterated his resolve to serve with dedication and integrity. He also acknowledged the constant support of party colleagues and grassroots workers who have stood by him through years of activism.

"Politics must be rooted in people's pain and powered by hope," Choudhary stated, urging youth across the country to enter public life with a sense of purpose, not just ambition. He reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening the Congress Party and serving the people of Jammu & Kashmir with renewed vigor.

Ajaz's reappointment as National Secretary of IYC is being seen as a strategic boost to the Congress Party's outreach in border regions and among tribal communities, underscoring the party's commitment to inclusive and representative leadership.

Seminar on NEP 2020 held at Gool

RAMBAN, JULY 30:

In continuation of the 5th anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Education Department, in line with the initiative of the District Administration Ramban today organized a one-day seminar-cum-workshop at the Community Hall, Gool. The event was held under the supervision of Chief Education Officer (CEO) Mukhtar Ahmed.

The program, inaugurated by Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Imtiaz Ahmed, witnessed active participation from teachers, students, and resource persons from various educational institutions.

In his inaugural address, the SDM highlighted the significance of NEP 2020



and suggested a series of measures to ensure its efficient implementation in schools. He also encouraged teachers and students

to take maximum benefit of the reforms introduced under the policy.

Various resource persons delivered informative ses-

sions on the importance and achievements of NEP 2020 in the education sector, with a focus on holistic and inclusive learning.

The CEO elaborated on the key features of NEP 2020 and issued directions to the teaching fraternity for its effective execution at the grassroots level.

Students and teachers also presented various presentations highlighting different aspects and achievements of NEP 2020. The program concluded with an interactive session where teachers and students shared their views and suggestions, reaffirming their commitment towards strengthening the educational ecosystem in line with the objectives of NEP 2020.

MLA holds key discussion with Mahila Morcha leaders on strengthening party

AKHNOOR, JULY 30:

In a significant move towards strengthening the organizational framework and accelerating developmental initiatives in Akhnoor constituency, Member of Legislative Assembly, Shri Mohan Lal Bhagat held an intensive meeting with prominent leaders of the BJP Mahila Morcha.

During the interaction, MLA Mohan Lal emphasized the pivotal role of women in politics and community development. He stated that the Mahila Mor-



cha forms the backbone of the party's grassroots structure and that their active participation is instrumental in achieving both organizational and developmental goals.

Key topics discussed included enhancing women's

involvement at the booth level, strategizing for upcoming public outreach initiatives, and ensuring inclusive development across all segments of the constituency.

Notable attendees in the meeting included former

District Mahila Morcha President Rajni Sharma, former Akhnoor Mandal Mahila Morcha President Anuradha Sharma, along with Nisha Bhagat, Sudarshan Sharma, Neelam Sharma, Jyoti Devi, Aashu Devi, Ritu Devi, and Sheetal Devi, among others.

The meeting concluded with a collective resolve to strengthen the party at the grassroots and to continue empowering women across the region, aligning with the vision of a stronger and more inclusive BJP organization.

Committee on Subordinate Legislation meets

SRINAGAR, JUNE 30:

The Committee on Subordinate Legislation of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly today convened a meeting at the Assembly Complex in Srinagar to examine and review the rules, regulations and by-laws framed by the Revenue Department.

The meeting was chaired by Committee Chairman, Hasnain Masoodi and attended by members Reyaz Ahmad Khan, Hilal Akbar Lone, Shabir Ahmad Kullay, Satish Kumar Sharma, Irfan Hafiz Lone and Dr. Rameshwar Singh.

The Committee conducted a detailed examina-



tion of various rules, sub-rules, regulations and by-laws framed by the Revenue Department.

Emphasizing the need for efficient and seamless service delivery, the Committee underscored the importance of transparent land transfer mechanisms and user-friendly revenue services for

the general public.

In-depth discussions were held on key legal provisions related to land laws.

The Committee stressed the need for hassle-free registration processes and easy access to revenue records to enhance public convenience. It deliberated on key rules including Migrant

Rules, Agrarian Reforms Rules, Land Grant Rules and Evacuees' Property Rules.

The Chairman highlighted the pivotal role of land laws in ensuring justice and equity and reaffirmed the Committee's commitment to public welfare. He urged all members to contribute constructively towards legislation that benefits every section of society.

During the meeting, the members shared valuable suggestions and raised pertinent issues within the Committee's purview, reiterating their collective resolve to promote transparency and accountability in subordinate legislation..