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Dussehra celebrated with great enthusiasm and communal harmony in Rajouri

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The festival of Dussehra was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in Rajouri today, marking the triumph of good over evil.

A large gathering of people from all walks of life assembled at the Ram Leela Ground to witness the grand celebration, which underscored the communal harmony.

The event was graced by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, who attended as the chief guest. In his address, he emphasized the importance of festivals in promoting unity, peace, and brotherhood among people. He said that Dussehra reminds us of the eternal victory of righteousness. It is a festival that not only celebrates our culture but also strengthens the bonds of communal harmony, he added.

DC Sharma commended the organizers for maintaining the cultural and traditional values of the festival.

A key highlight of the celebration was the traditional



Ram Leela performance, depicting scenes from the epic Ramayana, which was followed by the symbolic burning of the effigy of Ravana, signifying the defeat of evil. The performance captivated the audience, drawing loud applause and cheers.

People from all communities actively participated

in the festival, a testament to Rajouri's deep-rooted tradition of unity and coexistence.

Adequate security and traffic arrangements were put in place by the district administration to ensure a smooth and peaceful celebration. The police, under the supervision of SSP Rajouri, Randeep Kumar,

played a pivotal role in managing the large crowd and ensuring that the event passed off without any untoward incidents.

The celebrations saw participation from senior officers of the district administration, representatives from various religious and social organizations, and a large number of locals.

Indian Army conducts Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan at Thandikassi Rajouri

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The Indian Army conducted Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan Campaign at Government Primary School, Thandikassi, Rajouri. A total of 87 persons including local community elders, school teachers, children and villagers attended the same.

A Lecture on Cleanliness by representative of the Indian Army and selected school teachers & children was organised for the locals to instil habits of proper waste disposal and hygiene practices.

Furthermore, the event also witnessed the distribution of Solar Lights to 22 beneficiaries of Thandikassi village under OP Sadbhavna to promote environment friendly means of generating power and uplifting the quality of life in such far-



flung regions.

The event witnessed an active participation from all corners of the local society alike, getting together to

promote the idea of 'Clean and Green India'. Such actions go a long way in strengthening the bonds of the Indian Armed Forces

and our brethren along the borders to provide impetus to our nation in forging ahead on the path of self-sustenance.

Dussehra celebrated with fervor in Poonch

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On the auspicious occasion of Dussehra, Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal, along with Senior Superintendent of Police, Mumtaz Ahmed, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa Malik and other officers participated in a vibrant celebration held at the Sports Stadium Poonch.

The event commenced with a traditional pooja conducted by the officers, honoring the cultural significance of the festival. Following the rituals, the symbolic effigy of Ravana was ignited, signifying the triumph of good over evil.

Deputy Commissioner & Senior Superintendent of Police expressed their heartfelt wishes to the residents of Poonch, emphasizing the importance of unity and cultural heritage during this festive season. The celebration witnessed enthusiastic participation from the local community, bringing together families and friends in the spirit of joy and festivity.



DC Rajouri conducts surprise late-night inspection at GMC Rajouri

RAJOURI, OCT 12: In a bid to ensure the effective functioning of healthcare services, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, paid a surprise late-night visit to Government Medical College (GMC) Rajouri. The visit, aimed at reviewing the emergency services, maternal and child health care, and overall hospital operations, led to the identification of several gaps that require immediate action.

During his thorough end-to-end inspection, DC Rajouri closely examined

the facilities being provided to patients and interacted with both staff and visitors to understand their concerns.

While acknowledging the hospital's critical role in serving the population of Rajouri, Poonch, and Reasi districts, he stressed that government health services must be delivered efficiently and with compassion.

The DC inspected various wards and the emergency department, identifying areas where improvements are necessary. He emphasized the need for the hospital administration to focus on

the gaps and directed swift action against any dereliction of duty by the staff. Additionally, DC Rajouri highlighted the importance of maintaining accurate medical records and the timely issuance of essential medicines to patients.

The Medical Superintendent was directed to ensure the availability of doctors as per the roster and to implement a more efficient duty management system, especially in critical areas like the emergency ward, to avoid any disruption in services.

DC Doda flags off Interstate Bike Rally from Bhaderwah to Chamba

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In a remarkable initiative to boost tourism and promote adventure sports, Bhadarwah Development Authority (BDA) in collaboration with Adventure Hawks organized an interstate bike rally.

The rally was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh in presence of CEO BDA Bal Krishan from the Bhadarwah Tourist Reception Centre.

The rally, which commenced from Bhadarwah aimed to touch several scenic tourism spots enroute to Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. A major stop was made at the breathtaking Padri Dhar, where the bik-



ers were provided with packed lunches before they continued their journey via Saloni, eventually reaching Chamba. Speaking on the occasion,

Deputy Commissioner, Doda, Harvinder Singh, emphasized the importance of such rallies in promoting tourism. He noted, "This bike rally is not only a boost

for tourism but also serves as an effort to keep our youth engaged in positive activities, keeping them away from the dangers of drug abuse."

CEO BDA Bal Krishan echoed similar sentiments, adding that the rally organized by home grown group Adventure Hawks was a step forward in promoting adventure tourism in the region and shall significantly contribute to the growth of tourism, making Bhadarwah a premier destination for adventure enthusiasts.

The bike rally shall halt overnight in Chamba and return to Bhadarwah day after promotion of tourism amongst stakeholders and coordinating with tour operators of Chamba marking the conclusion of the successful adventure event.

Army conducts impactful Lecture on International Girl Child Day at Chowki Choura Akhnoor

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To commemorate International Day of the Girl Child, Indian Army organized an impactful lecture focused on hygiene and sanitation for adolescent school girls.

The event took place at the Government Higher Secondary School Chowki Choura and was attended by enthusiastic girl students of the school.

The lecture was delivered by Dr. Gurmeet Kaur and Mr. Ashok Kumar, Community Health Officer from the Government Emergency Hospital Chowki Choura. Their presentations emphasized critical topics including girls' rights, gender equality, malnutrition, and essential hygiene practices, empowering the attendees



with knowledge and resources. This initiative underscores the commitment to promoting the health and well-being of girls, highlighting the importance of gender equality and education in shaping a brighter

future. The enthusiastic participation from the girls showcased their eagerness to learn and engage on these vital issues. The school staff & parents expressed gratitude to the Government

Emergency Hospital Chowki Choura for their collaboration in making this event a success, and remain dedicated to supporting initiatives that advocate for the rights and health of young girls.

Restoration of statehood, free electricity, regularization of employees should be the primary agenda: APUM

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Today, the members of the All Party United morcha organized an urgent meeting in Jammu and congratulated the NC-Congress alliance on its spectacular victory in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections.

The meeting was held at the residence of former MP Sheikh Abdul Rehman under his chairmanship in which ALPUM's ID Khajuria, Manish Sahni (Shiv Sena UBT, State Chief), Shahid Salim Mir, Narinder



Singh Khalsa, Narinder Khajuria, Comrade Subhash Mehta, Sunny Kant Chib were present. Members of APUM appealed NC-Congress alliance to pass a resolution in the first cabi-

net meeting regarding restoration of state status, 200 units of free electricity, regularization of daily wage laborers. They announced full support to the coalition govern-

ment so that the promises made in the manifesto can be fulfilled. They also congratulated the people of Jammu and Kashmir to rejected deceit, betrayal and communal forces.

International Girl Child Day celebrated with enthusiasm across Doda

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In a vibrant and heart-warming celebration, International Girl Child Day was observed across various locations in Doda district including Thathri, Gandoh and GHSS Doda.

The day was marked with activities aimed at raising awareness about the significance of the girl child, alongside events promoting their empowerment, health, and education.

At GHSS Thathri and Gandoh, the day began with awareness sessions, highlighting the critical role girls play in society. Students and local attendees were re-



minded of the importance of protecting the rights of girls and fostering an environment where they can thrive.

As part of the event, sanitary napkins and refreshments were distributed to

students, emphasizing the importance of health and hygiene for young girls.

The celebrations at GHSS Doda saw an outpouring of enthusiastic participation in a series of events. Students engaged in a debate and

painting competition centered around the theme "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" (BBBP), reflecting on the national campaign's message of saving and educating the girl child. Girls from Pareesha added a lively touch to the celebration with singing and dance performances, also centered on the theme of BBBP, which were met with applause from the audience.

Winners of the academic and painting competitions were felicitated in a ceremony that acknowledged their hard work and talent.

The entire event was organized under the guidance and supervision of the District Social Welfare Officer Doda.