

ADC Bhaderwah reviews arrangements for Manimahesh, Kailash Yatra

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Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar Bhutyal today conducted a detailed inspection of the Bhaderwah–Chamba road leading towards the revered Manimahesh Shrine in Bharmour, Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh, to review arrangements for the safe movement of pilgrims.

Among those present were Tehsildar Kamal Preet Singh, Assistant Engineer (PWD R&B) Muneeb, alongside other civil and police officials.

During the inspection, the team assessed road conditions and reviewed transit facilities along the route for pilgrims undertaking the Manimahesh Yatra.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunil Kumar Bhutyal also inspected Bheja village and Padri Meadows, key halt points where pilgrims stay overnight before proceeding towards Padri Meadows and entering Himachal Pradesh.

The ADC directed PWD (R&B) and Jal Shakti De-



partment to address road and water requirements on priority, ensuring the route remains safe and motorable with adequate water supply. The Chair stressed that the officers concerned must take prompt corrective measures and maintain close inter-departmental coordination.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner also re-

viewed administrative preparedness for the upcoming Kailash Yatra, with preparations underway across Bhaderwah.

The ADC directed the departments concerned to ensure the timely completion of all arrangements, focussing particularly on road connectivity, drinking water, sanitation and other essential amenities along pil-

grimage routes.

The ADC emphasised that all departments must work in synergy to facilitate smooth movement for devotees during both the ongoing Manimahesh Yatra and the upcoming Kailash Yatra, directing field officers to remain vigilant and swiftly address any issues affecting public convenience.

BJP holds state office bearers' meeting at Srinagar

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Jammu & Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held its State Office Bearers' and Organizational Meetings at Hotel Countryside, Nowgam, Srinagar, with a focus on further strengthening the organization, expanding grassroots outreach and preparing for upcoming political and organizational programmes.

J&K BJP President and MP Sat Sharma (CA) chaired the meeting. The meeting was also addressed by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, Leader of Opposition J&K Sunil Sharma, General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP Ghulam Ali Khatana, and former Deputy Chief Minister Dr Nirmal Singh. The proceedings were conducted by BJP J&K General Secretary Anwar Khan.

Sat Sharma, while addressing the meeting, stressed the need for continued ideological commitment and a stronger organizational presence at the booth level. He called for regular meetings at every level of the organization from Booth and Shakti Kendra to Mandal, District and State to ensure better coordination and sustained engagement with the public.

Sat Sharma also called for increased "Pravas" by senior



leaders and office bearers to strengthen direct contact with people across Jammu & Kashmir. He said the BJP is not merely a political organization but a movement rooted in nationalist ideology and dedicated to public service.

Dr Jitendra Singh appreciated the BJP's organizational strength in Jammu & Kashmir and urged party leaders and workers to remain prepared for emerging political and organizational challenges. He also stressed the importance of effectively communicating the development initiatives and achievements of the government to the people.

Sunil Sharma recalled the sacrifices and dedication of BJP cadre in Jammu & Kashmir, saying that the party's growing strength at the grassroots is the result of the commitment and hard work of its workers over the years.

Ashok Koul reviewed the ongoing organizational activities and programmes, including the Digital Learning Programme, Mann Ki Baat, and monthly meetings at the Shakti Kendra, Booth, Mandal and District levels. He emphasized the need for consistent organizational activity and greater coordination among party workers.

Jugal Kishore Sharma described the political resolution as a roadmap for the party's future course of action and urged the cadre to work with dedication towards its implementation.

Dr Nirmal Singh said the State Office Bearers have an important role in maintaining a strong link between the party organization and the people. He called for greater interaction with workers and the public at the grassroots level.

Ghulam Ali Khatana underlined the growing importance of social media and

other media platforms in taking the party's programmes, policies and public outreach initiatives to a wider audience. He urged party workers to make effective use of these platforms to strengthen communication with the people.

Alongside the State Office Bearers' Meeting, separate interactions and organizational meetings with senior leaders, District Presidents, District Prabharies and MLAs were also held at the venue. The meetings reviewed organizational functioning and discussed strategies for strengthening the party's presence and public outreach across Jammu & Kashmir.

The leadership called upon the party cadre to remain united, disciplined and connected with the people while working with renewed commitment towards strengthening the organization at every level.

GCW Udhampur Organises Heritage Walk to Krimachi Group of Temples

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Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur, organised an educational and awareness-oriented Heritage walk to the historic Krimachi Group of Temples yesterday.

The programme was organised by the Heritage Club, Viksit Bharat Committee, and Water Conservation Committee of the college under the esteemed patronage of Dr. Nalini Pathania, Principal, GCW Udhampur.

The Heritage Walk aimed at providing students an opportunity to explore the rich historical, architectural and cultural heritage of the region and to create awareness about the importance of preserving and conserving heritage sites for future generations. Around 80 students actively participated in the Heritage Walk and gained valuable field-based exposure to the historical significance of the Krimachi temple complex. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Yash Paul, HOD, Department of History and Convener, Heritage Club, and Dr. Om Parkash, HOD, Department of Sanskrit and Convener, Water Conservation Committee.

Their guidance helped the students understand the importance of connecting historical knowledge with heritage conservation



and environmental responsibility.

The students were accompanied by Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Department of Music; Dr. Shama Rani, Department of Dogri; and Dr. Mukteshi Sharma, Department of Music, who actively supported and guided the students during the visit.

A special attraction of the programme was a Nukkad Natak on Water Conservation, presented by the students. Through the street play, the students conveyed an impactful message regarding the judicious use of water, prevention of water wastage and the collective responsibility of society towards water conservation. The performance effectively combined creativity, social awareness and envi-

ronmental responsibility. The Nukkad Natak coordinated by the Department of Music.

During the Heritage Walk, students observed the architectural features of the ancient temples and gained an understanding of the importance of conserving the tangible and intangible heritage of Jammu and Kashmir. The visit also encouraged students to appreciate the relationship between historical heritage, local traditions, environment and sustainable development.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Nalini Pathania, Principal, GCW Udhampur, appreciated the efforts of the organising committees, faculty members and students for making the Heritage Walk meaningful

and educational. She emphasized that such field-based activities provide students with practical knowledge while nurturing a sense of pride, responsibility and commitment towards the preservation of the region's rich cultural heritage and natural resources.

The programme concluded with a renewed commitment among the students to become responsible custodians of the cultural heritage and environment of Jammu and Kashmir. The Heritage Walk was an enriching academic and awareness-building initiative that successfully brought together history, heritage, culture and environmental conservation.

DDC Poonch inspects Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi arrangements

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District Development Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today conducted an extensive visit to various locations in Poonch town to inspect arrangements for the observance of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi and the associated religious procession.

Among those present were Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik, Assistant Commissioner (Revenue) Muhammad Sayeed, Assistant Director (FCS&CA) Khalil Ahmed Bandy, alongside officers from Jal Shakti and other departments concerned.

During the visit, the District Development Commissioner inspected Poonch Eidgah and reviewed the arrangements for devotees attending the Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi programme. The DDC assessed the availability of essential amenities and directed the departments concerned to ensure proper arrangements for public convenience, safety and security.

The Deputy Commissioner also visited Jama



Masjid, Poonch, to review preparations for the procession in the presence of Hazrat Maulana Mufti Farooq Hussain Misbahi and Hazrat Maulana Hafiz Abdul Majeed Madani. The Chair took detailed stock of crowd management, traffic regulation, sanitation, drinking water, power supply, security arrangements and other essential services along the designated route.

The DDC directed the officers concerned to maintain close coordination and put all necessary arrangements in place well in advance to ensure the religious programme and procession proceed peacefully and smoothly.

Later, the District Development Commissioner visited the historic Poonch Fort (Qila) and Main Bazaar to review overall

town arrangements. The DC emphasised maintaining cleanliness, facilitating smooth traffic movement and keeping all public utilities fully functional. The DDC reiterated the commitment of the district administration to provide all essential facilities and ensure a peaceful, safe and well-managed observance of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi in Poonch.

Javed Rana reviews implementation of PM Van Dhan Vikas Yojana in J&K

JAMMU, AUGUST 23: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of the PM Van Dhan Vikas Yojana (VDVY) in Jammu and Kashmir, with focus on formation and functioning of Self Help Groups (SHGs) under the scheme.

The meeting was attended by the Mission Director, NRLM, Director Finance, Tribal Affairs Department and Joint Director Planning, Tribal Affairs Department.

During the meeting, the Minister held detailed discussions on the financial and physical progress achieved under the scheme besides assessing the initiatives undertaken

for formation and strengthening of SHGs. He also reviewed the progress of activities aimed at providing livelihood opportunities to tribal communities through collective enterprise, value addition and better utilisation of locally available forest and other resources.

Javed Rana emphasised that implementation of the PM Van Dhan Vikas Yojana should translate into tangible livelihood and income-generation opportunities for tribal communities, particularly for women and other members associated with SHGs. He directed the concerned officers to accelerate the formation of more SHGs and ensure wider coverage of eligible beneficiaries across tribal areas. He stressed the need for



identifying potential beneficiaries, facilitating their mobilisation and providing the necessary institutional and technical support to enable SHGs to function as sustainable

livelihood groups.

The Minister called for close coordination between the Tribal Affairs Department and JKRLM to ensure effective implementation of the

scheme. He directed the officers to maintain regular monitoring of both physical achievements and financial utilisation.

He stressed that the benefits of the scheme should reach the grassroots level and that all interventions must be aligned with the objective of empowering tribal communities, strengthening livelihoods and promoting sustainable economic opportunities.

Javed Rana directed the officers to undertake a focused review of progress at regular intervals and address any bottlenecks hampering the implementation of the scheme.

The Minister sought detailed information regarding the training and capacity-building efforts under-

taken under the scheme, particularly those targeting tribal artisans and small-scale entrepreneurs in far-flung areas.

Rana asked the officials to intensify the efforts to expand market linkages for tribal products at regional and national level, asking the departments to identify the existing implementation gaps, strengthen inter-agency collaboration and submit fresh proposals in areas where interventions are most urgently needed.

The Minister highlighted the need for timely and well-planned initiatives to bridge the developmental disparities and enhance the reach and relevance of the Van Dhan Vikas Yojana.