

‘Chari Mubarak’ returns to Poonch, concludes sacred journey from Shri Budha Amarnathji Mandir

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The Annual Chari Mubarak Yatra today returned from Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Mandir, Mandi to Shri Akhara Mandir, Poonch, marking the culmination of the sacred pilgrimage amid religious fervour, devotion and the chanting of bhajans and kirtans.

The Chari Yatra Led by Shri Shri 1008 Swami Vishwaatma Saraswati Ji Maharaj, the Chari Mubarak was accompanied by a large number of devotees. The sacred procession was received with great reverence and honour at Shri Akhara Mandir, Poonch by Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma, Senior Superintendent of Police Shafket Hussain Bhat, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Muhammad Sayeed, members of the Yatra management, devotees, prominent citizens and officers of the civil administration and police department.

Chari Mubarak was also accorded a Guard of Honour on its arrival at Shri Akhara Mandir.

The occasion once again reflected Poonch's long-standing tradition of communal harmony,



peace, brotherhood and mutual respect, as people from different communities came together to welcome the sacred procession and participate in the concluding ceremony. Following the arrival of the Chari Mubarak, the participants gathered at Shri Akhara Mandir, where the congregation was addressed by Shri Shri 1008 Swami Vishwaatma Saraswati Ji Maharaj.

Swami Ji expressed his gratitude to the District Administration, Police Department, Yatra management, devotees and

the people of Poonch for extending their full cooperation and support for the smooth and successful conduct of the Yatra.

Recalling his association with Poonch since 2009, Swami Ji said that the annual Yatra has, over the years, continued to receive wholehearted cooperation from the people as well as the administration of the district.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner Poonch appreciated and acknowledged the commendable contribution of all Nodal Offi-

cers, field staff, officials from different departments and police personnel.

He lauded their dedication, coordination and tireless efforts, which played a vital role in ensuring the smooth and successful conduct of the Yatra.

The return of the Chari Mubarak marked the successful conclusion of the sacred journey, carrying a strong message of faith, unity, peace and brotherhood and reaffirming Poonch's rich and enduring tradition of communal harmony.

‘Mankotia lays foundation stone of Rs 17.40 cr development projects in Chenani’

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MLA Chenani-Ghordi, Balwant Singh Mankotia, today laid the foundation stone and performed bhoomi puja for two major development projects worth ₹17.40 crore in the constituency, including reconstruction of the Tordi (Bant) Bridge and construction of the Tordi-Rammal (Upper Ladda) PMGSY road.

The projects are aimed at strengthening road connectivity and addressing long-pending demands of the people of the area.

The Tordi (Bant) Bridge, being constructed at an estimated cost of ₹5.40 crore, is of particular importance for the local population. The bridge was washed away in last year's floods, causing severe inconvenience to local residents and school-going children who were forced to cross the Tawi River under difficult and unsafe conditions.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Mankotia said that he had been consistently pursuing the reconstruction of the bridge with the concerned departments and authorities. He said the commencement of the work would provide much-needed relief to the people and restore safe connec-



tivity in the area.

“This bridge is not just a construction project but an important link for the safe movement of thousands of people and better connectivity,” Mankotia said. The MLA also laid the foundation stone for the Tordi to Rammal (Upper Ladda) PMGSY road, which will be constructed at a cost of around ₹12 crore.

The road was a long-pending demand of the local residents. Once completed, it is expected to provide better connectivity to the adjoining villages and facilitate access

to education, healthcare, transportation and other essential services.

Local residents welcomed Mankotia and expressed gratitude for initiating the two projects, saying that their long-standing demands were finally being addressed.

Mankotia also expressed gratitude to the Central Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for announcing a ₹1,430-crore flood relief package for Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the financial assistance would help accelerate reconstruction and

development in flood-affected areas. He added that the Central Government was committed to the development of Jammu and Kashmir and addressing the concerns of the people.

Mankotia assured the people of Chenani-Ghordi that efforts to resolve their basic issues and expedite development works in the constituency would continue. He said fulfilling genuine public demands on priority would remain his commitment and development works would be taken forward with renewed pace.

Relief Commissioner reviews delivery of essential services in migrant camps

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A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Arvind Karwani, Relief and Rehabilitation (M), J&K to review the status of delivery of essential services in the migrant camps, ongoing developmental works and proposed maintenance, upkeep, and repair works for the current financial year in migrant camps. The progress of extension of social sector schemes to the eligible migrant beneficiaries was also reviewed.

The meeting was attended by senior officers of the Relief Organization and Nodal Officers from the allied Government Departments like Jal Shakti Department, Public Works Department (R&B), Jammu Power Development Corporation, Urban Environmental Engineering Department, Health Department, School Education, Garden & Parks Department, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Labour & Employment Department, Skill Development Department and Rural Development Department. Tehsildars/Camp Commandants of respective areas also attended.

While reviewing the status of basic amenities like safe drinking water, power supply and sanitation in the camps, the Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner instructed the officers of the Jal Shakti Department to take all requisite measures to ensure uninterrupted water supply in the migrant camps and press adequate water tanker supply in the operation to supplement the water shortage. It was apprised by the concerned Executive Engineers that both the short term and long term measures are being taken to redress the water supply issue. As a



long term solution, the Department is conceiving a major project with tentative financial implication of about Rs 10 Cr for improvement/augmentation of the water supply in Jagti Township. Dr Karwani also emphasised upon conducting of water quality tests at frequent intervals to ensure clean and hygienic drinking water supply.

The Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) apprised that the major/renovation works in all migrant camps which, inter-alia includes repair/renovation of more than 200 building blocks and about 5000 flats and community halls etc in all migrant camps in Jammu will be taken up shortly, as tender finalisation is in closing stages. Pertinent to mention that the Government has recently accorded administrative approval involving financial implications of Rs.82.45 Cr for these works. Besides, PWD(R&B) is formulating a comprehensive project for development of internal roads/lanes, development of parks and face lifting of all migrant schools, health dispensaries and Sub-District Hospital Jagti. Dr Karwani emphasised upon conducting a structural audit of all buildings. The PWD (R&B) was instructed to ensure repair/renovation works are taken up in order of priority basis to be fixed in

due consultation with the public and concerned camp commandants.

The UEED apprised that Sewage Treatment Plants involving financial implications of about Rs 11.5 Cr have been finalised for Migrant Camps Nagrota, Muthi-Buta Nagar and Purkhoo, on the lines of similar STP functional at Jagti township and work will be started shortly. Regarding extension of social sector schemes, it was observed that nearly 2600 families have availed benefits of social sector schemes, subsequent to the digitization and integration of the migrant ration cards into the national database. It was also decided that another round of extensive outreach camp shall be conducted from the second week of September at various locations in Jammu to create awareness/facilitation in filling of applications about various social sector/welfare schemes, self employment and skill development schemes of the Government.

Senior officers of the Relief Organization were directed to ensure weekly visits in the camps assigned to them as per the duty roster and take stock of all development works and grievances of the camp inmates including those related to immovable properties in Kashmir Valley. The officers were also directed to su-

pervise door to door campaign launched to reach out to all potential eligible beneficiaries of social sector/welfare schemes and facilitate them with documentation and filling of online applications for these schemes. Dr. Karwani emphasised upon all the officers to ensure due adherence to the directions issued by the General Administration Department regarding responsibilities to various Government departments for Transit Migrant Camps at Jammu and Kashmir.

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Jammu (Arash) Adabi Kunj J&K, a literary organization known for its various weekly literary and cultural activities for a long time, was organized with great pomp and show at the Writers Club of Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Jammu.

The function was presided over by Mr. Angurana, a renowned Dogri poet and retired IAS officer.

The chief guest of the program was Mr. Sohail Kazmi, a member of the Waqf Board and a well-known journalist.

The guest of honour for the program was former Minister Mr. Babu Rampal. While Mr. Ashwini Jotra was the special guest. At the beginning of the program, the President of this Literary Organization, Arash Dalmotra, delivered the welcome address.

Poets of different lan-



guages, fiction writers, singers and other writers, lawyers and fans participated in large numbers on this occasion.

A young poet and lecturer, Ram krishna Abid, performed the duties of managing this special program very beautifully and with his ability, he decorated the program in a perfect manner. Which was highly appreciated by the

audience. In the program, Dr. Amar Bhalesvi read out the literary services of the Literary Corner till date and presented valuable information to the audience in very beautiful words. Mr. Sohail Kazmi, as the chief guest, promised to provide every support from his side in encouraging the workers of Adabi Kunj.

The guest of honour, for-

mer Minister Mr. Rampal, offered some valuable suggestions from his side to promote the services of Adabi Kunj.

Finally, Mr. Angorana, who was presiding over the program, shed full light on the features of this program. At the end of the program, the Chairman of Adabi Kunj, Payasa Anjum, presented the motion of thanks.

Adabi Kunj Foundation Day Celebrations

Ex-Minister Rampal, IAS Angurana, 13 People Honoured

DM and SSP chair NCORD meeting in Doda

DODA, AUGUST 29: District Magistrate Doda, Krishan Lal and Senior Superintendent of Police Doda, Kartik Shrotriya today jointly chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee under the National Coordination Committee for Drug Law Enforcement (NCORD) at the DC Office Complex, Doda to review measures being taken to curb drug abuse and strengthen enforcement against the illegal drug trade in the district.

The meeting held a detailed review of the prevailing drug situation, enforcement activities, preventive measures, awareness programmes and inter-departmental coordination to tackle the menace of drug abuse.

During the meeting,

various issues were discussed including installation of CCTV cameras at vulnerable spots, action against drug peddlers, strengthening of surveillance and intensification of awareness programmes.

District Social Welfare Officer, Doda briefed the chair about the detailed Action Taken Report on the directions issued during the previous NCORD meeting. He also highlighted the achievements under the anti-drug drive including training of counsellors, Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns and other initiatives undertaken under the Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign.

The District Magistrate stressed the need for a coordinated and sustained



approach involving all concerned departments to prevent drug abuse, particularly among youth. He directed the officers to intensify awareness activities in educational institutions and vulnerable areas and ensure effective implementation of measures aimed at making the district drug-free.

SSP Doda stressed the need for strict action against illicit cultivation, possession, transportation and supply of narcotic substances. He directed that information regarding illicit cultivation and the transportation of narcotic substances through courier services be promptly

shared with the concerned officers and SHOs. He called for enhanced surveillance, intelligence sharing and close coordination among enforcement agencies to identify and dismantle drug networks.

The DM and SSP called upon all stakeholders to work collectively towards creating a safe and drug-free environment in the district, with special focus on protecting young people from the harmful effects of substance abuse.

The meeting was attended by ACD Doda, DSWO Doda, concerned BMOs, Narcotics Officers, Agriculture Officers and other concerned officials. ADC Bhaderwah, SDMs, Tehsildars, BDOs and Police Officers participated virtually.