

'MLA Mankotia Lays Foundation Stone for Rs 2.65 cr Alternative 33 KV Power Supply from Batote to Chenani'

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pending demand for an alternative power supply line in the area.

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MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia said that strengthening basic infrastructure and ensuring reliable and uninterrupted electricity supply remains one of his priorities for the Chenani-Ghordi constituency. He expressed confidence that the completion of the project would

provide considerable relief to the residents and further strengthen the region's power infrastructure.

He said that the availability of an additional power supply source from Batote, along with the existing Udhampur supply, would make the electricity network in Chenani more reliable, resilient and better equipped to deal with natural disasters and technical disruptions.

The project is being seen as an important step towards strengthening the electricity infrastructure and ensuring a more reliable and resilient power supply network for the people of Chenani and Latti.

Tawi Welfare Society Holds Plantation Drive, Ration Distribution Camp

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Continuing its initiatives for environmental conservation and community welfare, Tawi Welfare Society organised a plantation drive and ration distribution camp at Apnavan, Suray Chak, on the eve of Shri Krishna Janmashtami.

The plantation drive was held under the campaign "Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam", with 60 saplings of different varieties provided by the Social Forestry Division, Jammu, planted at the venue. S. Baldev Singh, Vice President, Bar Association Jammu, was the chief guest and inaugurated the drive by planting a sapling.

On the occasion, the Society also distributed 100 ration kits among underprivileged and needy families, giving practical expression to the message of "Nar Sewa, Narayan Sewa" and the spirit of compassion associated with Janmashtami.



Welcoming the chief guest, Yash Paul Mangotra, General Secretary, Tawi Welfare Society, highlighted the organisation's various initiatives in environmental conservation, education, healthcare, social assistance, public welfare and development of the Tawi Island area.

Addressing the gathering, S. Baldev Singh appreciated the efforts of the Society's volunteers and lauded them for undertaking welfare-oriented activities for the benefit of the community. He particularly appreciated the newly

developed park at Apnavan, stating that it would provide a valuable green and recreational space for local residents, especially children.

He assured the Society of his continued support and cooperation in its welfare and developmental initiatives and encouraged its volunteers to maintain the same spirit of dedication and service.

The programme was conducted by Nand Kishor, Senior Member of the Society, who also proposed the vote of thanks. He expressed gratitude to the chief guest

for sparing his valuable time on a holiday and attending the programme despite the prevailing hot weather. The programme concluded with the members and volunteers reaffirming their commitment to environmental protection, community service and extending assistance to the needy.

The Society said that celebrating Janmashtami through plantation and service was a humble attempt to uphold the timeless message of Lord Krishna—duty, compassion, humanity and selfless service.

Grand Janmashtami celebrations held at Vaishno Mata Mandir Bhagwati Nagar

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The sacred premises of Vaishno Mata Mandir at Bhagwati Nagar reverberated with devotional fervour as Shri Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated with great enthusiasm and religious spirit under the guidance of Mahant Shri Lucky Baba.

The celebrations witnessed the participation of a large number of devotees, who gathered from the wee hours at the temple to offer prayers and seek blessings of Bhagwan Krishna. The atmosphere remained spiritually charged throughout the programme, with devotional bhajans, religious hymns and chants of Bhagwan Krishna filling the air.

Special prayers and rituals were performed on the auspicious occasion, while the temple premises were beautifully decorated to mark the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Krishna.

Devotees observed the festival with traditional religious fervour and participated in the various activities organised at the



temple.

Mahant Shri Lucky Baba extended Janmashtami greetings to the devotees and highlighted the spiritual significance of the festival. Mahant Shri Lucky Baba expressed his heartfelt welcome to all devotees and spiritual seekers, inviting them to be part of this divine celebration.

He said that the teachings of Bhagwan Krishna continue to guide humanity towards the path of righteousness, truth, compassion and selfless action.

He called upon people, particularly the younger generation, to draw inspiration from the life and teachings of Bhagwan Krishna and contribute towards creating a peaceful and harmonious society.

The celebrations also provided an opportunity for devotees and members of the local community to come together and celebrate the festival with collective faith and devotion.

Special arrangements were made at the temple to facilitate the devotees and

ensure the smooth conduct of the religious programme. The event concluded at night amid chants of "Hare Krishna" and "Jai Shri Krishna".

The celebration concluded with Prasad distribution by Mahant Shri Lucky Baba, who personally served Prasad to the devotees. The devotees received the sacred Prasad with reverence and gratitude, marking the conclusion of the Janmashtami celebrations on a spiritually uplifting note.

LUB J&K Delegation to Attend Ayodhya National Executive Meet, Raise Industrial Issues

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Javid Dar emphasizes accelerated vaccination, intensified surveillance to contain Lumpy Skin

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Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today chaired a meeting to review the prevailing situation of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) and the measures being undertaken for its effective containment across Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, the Minister was briefed on the district-wise status of the disease, vaccination coverage, availability of medicines and vaccines, sample collection and testing besides other containment measures being implemented by the Animal Husbandry Department. It was informed that nine active epicentres have been reported in Kashmir, with 59 cattle affected, including 55 active cases while no deaths have been reported so far.

Ganderbal is the most affected district, accounting for 52 cases across seven epicentres, followed by Bandipora with



three cases and Srinagar with the remaining cases.

Taking detailed district-wise feedback, Javid Dar directed the concerned officers to strictly adhere to the prescribed treatment protocols and expedite the vaccination drive to prevent further transmission of the disease. He stressed the need for intensified surveillance and timely intervention, particularly in areas reporting higher incidence of LSD.

The Minister called for strengthened field-level coordination, adequate deployment of veterinary

experts and field staff and regular visits to affected areas. He also directed the department to intensify awareness campaigns, including door-to-door outreach, to educate farmers about preventive measures, early reporting and appropriate care of affected livestock.

Javid Dar directed the officers to ensure adequate availability of essential medicines and vaccines in all affected areas besides maintaining close monitoring of the situation for timely and effective response. The

Minister emphasised that concerted efforts by all stakeholders, coupled with scientific treatment, timely vaccination and greater farmer awareness, are essential to contain the disease and safeguard livestock.

HoDs of Animal Husbandry Kashmir, Chief Animal Husbandry Officers and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

Janmashtami Strengthens the Bonds of Love, Affection and Brotherhood: Gupta

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Krishna Janmashtami is celebrated across the world with great religious devotion, tradition and reverence. The festival conveys the eternal message of love, affection, brotherhood, compassion and harmony among human beings, particularly in India, said Adv. Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, J&K National Conference, Jammu.

Mr. Rattan Lal Gupta was speaking while inaugurating a stall of fruits and other eatables items for the distribution of public on the occa-

sion of Krishna Janmashtami which was organised by S.Gurnam Singh District Secretary Jammu Urban, Subash Bhagat District President Jammu Rural A, Attal Singh, Pusp Jandial, Kewal Krishan, Sahil Kerni District President Jammu Urban YNC, Gorav and other workers of NC and YNC. Mr Gupta was accompanied by Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell.

He said that Lord Krishna, whose birth is celebrated as Janmashtami, was a symbol of divine love, affection, righteousness and wisdom. His teachings continue to inspire humanity

across the world and remain relevant even in the present era.

Gupta said that the Bhagavad Gita, the great philosophical scripture associated with Lord Krishna, contains profound teachings on duty, righteousness, ethical conduct, governance, leadership and the purpose of human life. Its universal message has influenced generations and continues to guide people towards truth, justice and responsible action.

He called upon people to imbibe the teachings of Lord Krishna in their daily lives and work towards

strengthening communal harmony, mutual respect, peace and brotherhood in society.

On the occasion, the NC workers distributed prasada and food among devotees and the general public and prayed for peace, prosperity and well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the entire country.

Rattan Lal Gupta extended warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami and expressed hope that the festival would bring happiness, peace and prosperity to every household.

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