

DC Reasi reviews arrangements for Navratra, Dussehra celebrations

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek chaired a meeting here today to review and finalize arrangements for the upcoming Navratra and Dussehra celebrations in the town.

Representatives from Durga Natak Mandli apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the programmes planned for the festivities, including the staging of Ram Leela during Navratra and the Dussehra celebrations.

The meeting held detailed discussions on various arrangements, including sanitation, security, power supply, drinking water, medical facilities and fire safety, to ensure the smooth, safe and peaceful conduct of the festivities.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Executive Officer, Municipal Council to undertake a special sanitation drive across the town, with focus on the festival venues. The concerned health au-



thorities were asked to deploy adequate medical staff along with an ambulance at the General Zorawar Singh Sports Stadium on Dussehra day. The Fire and Emergency Services Department was also asked to station a fire tender at the venue as a precautionary measure.

The Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited was asked to ensure uninterrupted power supply, particularly during the Ram Leela events, while the Jal Shakti Department was tasked with

deploying water tankers to ensure the availability of safe drinking water for participants and visitors. The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Department, was further asked to put in place necessary barricading arrangements at the Ram Leela Ground and General Zorawar Singh Sports Stadium.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized close coordination among all concerned departments and stressed the timely completion of all arrangements for the safe,

smooth and successful conduct of the Navratra and Dussehra festivities.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Nitin Verma, Executive Engineer, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Department, Tehsildar Reasi, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters), members of Durga Natak Mandli and other officials were present in the meeting.

BJP holds protest against NC govt at Gangyal: Billawaria

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J&K BJP General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria led a strong protest against the Omar Abdullah-led National Conference government in Gangyal, under Jammu South district, where BJP activists and local residents burnt the effigy of the NC government and raised slogans against its policies.

The protest was attended by J&K BJP All Cells In-charge Ved Sharma, District Prabhari Praduman Singh, District President Naresh Singh Jasrotia, SC Morcha President Dharminder Kumar, besides other party office-bearers, activists and local residents.

Addressing the protesters, Baldev Singh Billawaria said BJP fully supports the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir but will firmly oppose any attempt to use the legitimate statehood demand to reopen constitutional issues settled by Par-



liament in 2019. "Statehood and the pre-1953 agenda are two entirely different issues. The NC government cannot use the genuine aspiration for statehood as a vehicle to revive the politics of autonomy, Article 370 and Article 35A.

Parliament has taken a historic decision and BJP will not allow any attempt to dilute or reverse it,"

Billawaria said. Baldev Billawaria said the BJP's protest follows the Assembly's passage of a Statehood resolution containing references to the 2000 autonomy resolution and the 2024 special-status resolution, which, he said, expose the NC's intention to keep old constitutional controversies alive. Billawaria criticized the

NC government for diverting public attention from its governance failures and unfulfilled election commitments by repeatedly raising such issues. He said the government must answer the people on promises including 200 units of free electricity, free gas cylinders and other welfare commitments, instead of reopening settled constitutional matters.

DC Kathua reviews Road Safety action plan Calls for coordinated measures to reduce road accidents

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a review meeting to assess the implementation of the Road Safety Action Plan in the district. He reviewed the measures being undertaken by concerned departments to enhance road safety and minimise road accidents.

The meeting was attended by ADC Mahima Madan; ASP Sunil Kesar; RTO Surinder Paul Sharma; Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B), CMO, EO MC and representatives from concerned departments.

At the outset, the concerned officers briefed the DC on the status of the road safety interventions, accident-prone locations, enforcement measures, road engineering works, traffic management and awareness activities being undertaken across the district. The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the department-wise progress under the Road Safety Action Plan and stressed the need for a coordinated and result-oriented approach to address road safety concerns. He directed the concerned agencies to identify and address accident-prone spots, ensure proper road signage, road markings, crash barriers and other requisite safety measures, besides maintaining close monitoring of vulnerable stretches.

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bile phones while driving and other traffic violations. He called for regular enforcement drives, particularly on vulnerable road stretches and stressed that violations posing a threat to road users must invite strict action as per law.

Reviewing the emergency response mechanism, the Deputy Commissioner called for effective coordination among the Health Department, Police, Traffic authorities and other stakeholders to ensure timely

assistance to accident victims. He further directed the concerned officers to regularly review the progress of the Road Safety Action Plan and ensure timely completion of identified interventions.

The DC reiterated that road safety requires collective responsibility and sustained efforts by all stakeholders and called upon the concerned departments to work in close coordination to create safer roads and reduce preventable loss of life due to road accidents.

Dr. Yugal Kishore takes over as Director Animal Husbandry Department Jammu

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Dr. Yugal Kishore today took over as the new Director, Animal Husbandry Department Jammu here at the Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Talab Tillo. Senior officers and staff of the department welcomed the New Director.

Dr Yugal Kishore has vast experience spanning over thirty-two years and has held several important postings in the department including CAHO Kathua, prior to



taking over as the Director Animal Husbandry, Jammu.

On assuming the charge, Dr. Yugal Kishore interacted with the offi-

cers and officials of the department and took stock of the ongoing activities, programmes and initiatives of the Animal Husbandry Department.

He emphasized the need for effective implementation of the developmental and welfare programmes, strengthening veterinary services and ensuring that the benefits of departmental schemes reach farmers and other stakeholders at the grass-roots level.

The officers and officials of the department welcomed Dr. Yugal Kishore on assuming the charge of Director and extended their wholehearted support and best wishes for a successful tenure.

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day observed at Bholderwah; Blood Donation Camp organised by 33 Bn CRPF

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National Voluntary Blood Donation Day was observed in Bholderwah with an awareness programme and a voluntary blood donation camp organised by 33 Bn CRPF to promote the importance of regular, voluntary and unpaid blood donation.

The programme was attended by ADC Sunil Kumar Bhutyai; Dy. Commandant CRPF Sapan Suman; Dr. Amit Pali (CRPF); BMO Dr. Versha Sharma and all the staff members of Sub District Hospital Bhaderwah.

The event highlighted the values of compassion, solidarity and collective responsibility. The partici-



ipants emphasised the importance of voluntary

blood donation in ensuring a safe, adequate and

timely supply of blood for patients in need.

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day observed at Blood Centre AH GMC Doda

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National Voluntary Blood Donation Day was observed today at the Blood Centre Associated Hospital, Government Medical College (GMC) Doda, with active participation of students, security personnel and volunteers.

The programme was inaugurated by Deputy Medical Superintendent AH GMC Dr. Irfan Tasaduq, in the presence of Head and Assistant Professor, Blood Centre, AH GMC Dr. Rampal, besides officers and representatives from 10 RR Arnora and SSB Khellani.

As part of the observance, a voluntary blood donation drive was organised in which personnel from Jammu & Kashmir Police, 10 RR Arnora, SSB Khellani, 26 RR Thathri, MBBS students and B.Sc. Nursing students participated enthusiastically.



The participating donors donated blood for the benefit of patients requiring transfusion at the Associated Hospital, GMC Doda. The initiative highlighted the importance of voluntary blood donation and reflected the spirit of community service and social responsibility.

Dr. Rampal appreciated the donors and participating organisations for their valuable contribution. He emphasized that voluntary blood donation is a noble humanitarian service and urged eligible citizens to come forward and donate blood regularly to help ensure the availability of safe blood for pa-

tients in need. The Head and staff of the Blood Centre, AH GMC Doda expressed gratitude to all donors, students, security personnel, officers and participating organisations for their support and active participation in making the blood donation drive successful.

GDC Ramkote celebrates Gandhi Jayanti; organises Swachhata Rally, Shramdan

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Government Degree College Ramkote celebrated Gandhi Jayanti to spread the message of cleanliness, civic responsibility and community participation. The event was organised under overall guidance of Principal of the college Dr Rakesh Kumar Koul. The programme commenced with the offering of floral tributes to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. The staff and students re-

called his ideals of cleanliness, self-discipline and service to society.

As part of the "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign 2026, the NSS Unit of the College organised a Mega Swachhata Rally, followed by Shramdan to spread awareness about the importance of cleanliness and a hygienic environment. Nearly 70 students, along with faculty members and local residents, participated enthusiastically in the rally.

The rally started from the college campus and

passed through the adjoining areas of the adopted village, covering the local lanes and Ramleela Ground, culminating at the Tehsil Office, Ramkote. The participants carried cleanliness-related banners, raised slogans, encouraging residents to maintain cleanliness and actively contribute towards creating a cleaner and healthier community.

The Shramdan activity provided an opportunity for students, faculty and community members to

work together towards improving the cleanliness of the surrounding areas. The initiative reflected the spirit of collective responsibility and community engagement, while reinforcing Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a clean and responsible society.

The programme concluded with an appeal to all participants and residents to make cleanliness a regular part of their daily lives and to continue contributing towards the objectives of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign.