

First Batch of Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra Arrive in Poonch



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POONCH, JULY 28

A wave of spiritual fervour and joy swept through Poonch today as the first batch of Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra pilgrims arrived in the district. The District Administration, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, along with the Yatra Management Committee, civil society members, and enthusiastic locals, extended a grand welcome to the pilgrims. Over a thousand yatis reached Poonch in this inaugural batch, marking the commencement of the revered pilgrimage.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner reaffirmed the administration's commitment to ensuring the smooth conduct of the Yatra. <

He emphasized that comprehensive arrangements have been put in place to facilitate the yatra throughout their spiritual journey. The welcome ceremony was graced by DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range Tejinder Singh, SSP Shafket Hussain Batt, ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik, ACR Mohd Sayeed, DDC member

Abdul Cani other district officers, yatra officers, and respected members of the civil society, religious heads and yatra Management Committee. A large number of local residents were also present, showcasing the district's rich tradition of hospitality.

To cater to the needs of the yatis, various food stalls and refreshment counters were set up, ensuring their comfort and well-being during their stay.

The arrival of the first batch signals the beginning of a significant religious and cultural event in the district.

The Yatra, spanning nearly 10 days, will culminate with the Chari Mubarak Yatra from Poonch to Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Shrine in Mandi. The Buddha Amarnath Ji Yatra is a vital part of the cultural and spiritual fabric of Jammu & Kashmir, especially for the people of Poonch, who have long upheld the tradition of offering warm hospitality to the pilgrims.

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NOWSHERA, JULY 28

Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today held a public darbar in Rajpur Kamila and Andhrooth village of Nowshera to take first hand appraisal of people's grievances and concerns. The interactive session witnessed a significant turnout of people from various walks of life. They highlighted issues ranging from infrastructure development to basic amenities including road connectivity, water scarcity, irregular power supply, insufficient staff in schools and health centres.

The Dy CM patiently heard the concerns of the attendees and assured them of swift redressal. He instructed the concerned officials to address the genuine issues of public on priority. Encouraged by the enthusiastic participation



of public in grievances redressal camp, the Dy CM maintained that our mission is inclusive governance that reaches every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that such interactions strengthen our resolve to deliver effective, people-first governance assuring timely resolution of genuine public issues. In an endeavour to

provide basic health facilities to people living in remote areas, the Dy CM laid foundation stone for Block Public Health Unit (under HSCC Ltd.) at Andhrooth. Reaffirming government's commitment towards hassle-free connectivity to the public, the Dy CM visited the site selected for construction of motorable bridge

between Andhrooth bus stand to Nowgram with an estimated cost of around Rs 2 crore. "This bridge is a testament to our government's commitment to provide better connectivity in far flung areas of J&K" he added.

He further said that it was long pending demand of the local residents and expressed satisfaction that

government is proficient to fulfil their aspirations. Surinder Choudhary exhorted that the Government is committed to improve transportation in J&K, especially in far flung and border areas. The aim is to enhance mass mobility, providing increased safety and sustainability along with greater access and convenience for commuters, he added. He asserted that under the leadership of CM Omar Abdullah, the government is dedicated to deliver effective governance and ensuring that the public grievances are addressed on priority. Surinder Choudhary also highlighted several key initiatives undertaken by the government. These included measures to improve road connectivity, strengthen the healthcare system and promote educational opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir.

National-level Archers delegation calls on LG



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SRINAGAR, JULY 28

A delegation of National-level Archers Shri Hritik Sharma, Shri Shubham Sharma, and Shri Amit Thakur called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, today. They were accompanied by Ms. Abhilasha Chaudhary, National Archery Team Coach. The members of the delegation expressed their gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor for

his continued encouragement and support to archery and other sports disciplines in the Union Territory. The Lieutenant Governor congratulated Archer Shri Hritik Sharma for securing a silver medal at the FISU World University Games 2025, recently concluded in Germany. He also extended best wishes to the Archers for their upcoming games and assured them all support from the administration.

DC Poonch reviews arrangements for Independence Day 2025 Celebrations



GY CORRESPONDENT
POONCH, JULY 28

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting here at Dak Bungalow to review the preparations for the Independence Day 2025 celebrations. The meeting was attended by key district officers and stakeholders to ensure timely, well-coordinated and dignified observance of the national event.

ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik gave a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation, outlining departmental responsibilities and the status of preparations. The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of all aspects related to the celebrations including security arrangements, venue decoration and seating plans, Public Address System, cultural programmes and media coverage, parade

Vadan, fire safety protocols, barricading and traffic management, refreshments and hospitality, power and water supply, illumination of government buildings and cleanliness drives. Special emphasis was laid on maintaining cleanliness around the venue, ensuring flawless parade rehearsals and a faultless public addressing system during the main event.

The main function is scheduled to be held at Sports Stadium Poonch, where the Chief Guest will unfurl the National Flag and take the salute during a ceremonial march-past by various contingents. In his concluding remarks, the Deputy Commissioner directed all departments to work in synergy and uphold the spirit of patriotism by ensuring that Independence Day 2025 is celebrated in a grand, smooth and inclusive manner.

Kathua: Public hearing held for environmental clearance of proposed Clinker Grinding Unit

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KATHUA, JULY 28

A public hearing for the proposed Standalone Clinker Grinding Unit, with a cement production capacity of 6.0 Million TPA (2 x 3 Million TPA), was conducted today at Nuh Barnoti, Kathua. The event was organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (J&KPC), Jammu, as part of the statutory process for obtaining Environmental Clearance under the EIA Notification, 2006, issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (M.O.E.F.C.C.), Government of India.

The proposed unit is planned to be set up at villages Merth and Nagrota in Tehsil and District Kathua. The hearing was supervised by senior officials from J&KPC, the office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner Kathua and Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee Kathua. The session witnessed active participation from local residents, public



representatives, environmental stakeholders and community members, who raised pertinent queries and concerns related to the project's environmental and social impact.

During the hearing, the project's Environmental Consultant presented the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report, detailing the findings of baseline environmental studies and proposed mitigation measures concerning air and water quality, noise levels, ecological aspects and safety during the construction and operational phases of the project. To ensure transparency

and adherence to regulatory norms, the entire proceedings were videographed and voice recorded. All relevant documentation and feedback from stakeholders will be compiled and submitted to MoEF&CC for further examination and processing of the Environmental Clearance. The public hearing is a key step in promoting participatory environmental governance and reflects the Government's commitment to sustainable development and responsible industrial growth in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

DC Reasi Distributes 48 Sanction Letters to beneficiaries under Mission YUVA



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REASI, JULY 28

ROHIT SHARMA In a major stride towards fostering youth entrepreneurship, Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik (IAS), today handed over loan sanction letters to 48 young entrepreneurs under the Mission YUVA initiative. The beneficiaries, identified from across the district, will receive financial support to launch and develop their own business ventures. The distribution ceremony was held in the presence of ADC Reasi Sukhdev Singh Samyal, CEO Reasi, AD Employment Reasi, CAO, CHO, DSHO, LDM Reasi, Cluster Head JK Bank and other key district officials. Addressing the gathering, DC Reasi Nidhi Malik congratulated the selected beneficiaries and lauded the collaborative efforts of the district officers and

banking institutions. She emphasized that the district's focused outreach and extensive awareness campaigns have resulted in a remarkable response from even the most remote areas. DC Reasi emphasized that "Mission YUVA is more than just a financial support scheme—it is a movement to cultivate self-reliance and entrepreneurial spirit among our youth." She urged the beneficiaries to use the financial assistance wisely and work towards building sustainable and dignified livelihoods. During the event, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with young entrepreneurs, who shared their business plans and aspirations. One individual from the remote area of Mahore shared plans to open a bakery shop. A woman entrepreneur proposed launching a local Dohri cuisine food outlet

featuring organic products. Other ideas included setting up a mobile repair shop and hardware stores. The Deputy Commissioner assured them of continuous support from the administration and urged banking institutions to ensure timely processing of loans and provide proper handholding to beneficiaries throughout the process. "By distributing these sanction letters publicly, we aim to inspire more youth to come forward, explore their potential, and leverage the opportunities offered under Mission YUVA," she added. The initiative marks a significant step towards empowering the youth of Reasi and promoting a culture of innovation, entrepreneurship, and self-employment across the district.

SSP Ramban accorded warm farewell



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RAMBAN, JULY 28

The District Administration Ramban today bid a warm farewell to SSP Kulbir Singh, who has been transferred on promotion to serve as Director Commando Training Centre, Lathpura. The farewell ceremony, held under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Aliyas Khan, was marked by deep appreciation for Kulbir Singh's commendable service and administrative acumen. The event was attended by senior officers, including ADC Varunjeet Singh

Charak, ACP Ashfaq Ahmed, CPO Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather and other district officers, who came together to extend their best wishes. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner lauded the outgoing officer's unwavering commitment to public service, describing him as a dedicated leader who consistently upheld integrity and inspired excellence among his colleagues. He also acknowledged Kulbir Singh's significant contributions in overall peace and developmental initiatives and administrative efficiency

in the district. Other officers, including the ADC also hailed the outgoing police officer for effective handling of multiple challenges and meeting the administrative targets with professionalism and determination. In his farewell address, Kulbir Singh expressed heartfelt gratitude for the support and cooperation he received from the District Administration during his tenure. He shared meaningful reflections on his service journey and thanked the administration for organizing a memorable farewell.