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Lt Governor dedicated newly constructed Durga Bhawan to the devotees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the newly constructed Durga Bhawan at the Holy Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi ji, on March 18.

Congratulating the entire team of Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and everyone associated with the project, the Lt Governor said that the Bhawan with the capacity to accommodate 3000 pilgrims per day will provide ease and comfort to the seekers, besides ensuring effective crowd management.

“The Shrine Board has started various new initiatives for providing better facilities to the pilgrims. Spiritual and cultural heritage is being revived by building modern infrastructure and administration is committed to ensure that devotees on sacred pilgrimage are looked after well,” said the Lt Governor.



Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt Governor) inaugurated newly constructed Durga Bhawan at Bhawan



The LG said that it is our responsibility to enrich the traditional values and facilitate the spiritual journey of the devotees coming from across the country and abroad, especially those who are elderly, sick and specially-abled.

The Lt Governor also underscored that the interests of traders, pony walas, local business community and other stakeholders are being safeguarded while developing the facilities for the devotees while declaring that a ropeway from Tarakote to Sanjichhat will come up soon. He assured the local people, traders and all the stakeholders that the ropeway facility will be provided to only elderly, sick and specially-abled devotees as limited capacity of devotees has been kept per day. There will be no impact on the livelihood of traders, business community and ponywalas, said the Lt Governor.



Newly inaugurated Durga Bhawan at Bhawan

A committee has been constituted to discuss and resolve all the concerns of stakeholders, he added.

On the occasion LG also added that the Shrine Board has also approved the reconstruction of Shankaracharya temple near Katra.

The inaugural ceremony commenced with the Lt Governor along with Board members and Chief Secretary taking part in the hawan and pooja rituals.



Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB paid obeisance at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

Earlier, the Lt Governor paid obeisance at the sanctum sanctorum and prayed for happiness, peace and prosperity for all.

Lt Governor inaugurated Tripti Bhojanalaya at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha on 20th February visited the holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji and inaugurated Tripti Bhojanalaya and Prasad Kendra cum Souvenir Shop at the holy shrine. He was accompanied by the Board members on the occasion.

The Lt Governor also inaugurated the North Zone Youth Festival 'KSHITIJ' at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra on 20th February.

The 3-day North Zone Youth Festival was organized by SMVDSB in collaboration with Central Sanskrit University. Sanskrit scholars of 10 institutes from 7 States/UTs participated in this unique Sanskrit Scholars festival.

The Lt Governor welcomed the Sanskrit scholars participating in the festival and exhorted them to contribute constructively in nation building.



Prasad Kendra cum Souvenir Shop at Bhawan

He further added that North Zone Youth Festival will lead to a better understanding of the various aspects of Sanskrit Studies and knowledge system and efforts are being made to increase access of students to make it language of common man.



Inauguration of North Zone Youth Festival 'KSHITIJ'

He lauded the efforts of various organizations and stakeholders like Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul, Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan and Mahant Rohit Shastri in promoting Sanskrit language in the UT.

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul, Katra along with various campuses of Central Sanskrit University and Adarsh Maha Vidyalaya of Sanskrit, situated in J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand participated in this mega

event for the first time for the promotion of Sanskrit Language in J&K UT.

Jal Prahari Samman Samaroh-2023 SMVD Shrine Board felicitated for water conservation and management

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board was felicitated at the Jal Prahari Samman Samaroh – 2023 held on March 29 at New Maharashtra Sadan, KG Marg, New Delhi. The felicitation ceremony was organized under the aegis of Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, in recognition of the significant strides made by the Shrine Board to promote water conservation, water harvesting and re-use of treated water.

Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board received the Award on behalf of the Board from Union Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. He thanked the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti for recognizing the work done by the Shrine Board under the chairmanship of Sh. Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lt Governor, JK-UT (Chairman, SMVDSB) for water conservation and management adding that this honor will encourage the Board's team to work more zealously for water management and its conservation as part of Yatra management initiatives.

In this ceremony more than 50 water champions from various states across the country including Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board have been recognized as Jal Prahari on the basis of their work.

Noteworthy, that the Shrine Board besides making concerted efforts to provide the best possible facilities to the pilgrims, interalia, taking continuing initiatives and adopting best water management practices and techniques for water conservation. These included construction of water harvesting ponds, afforestation drives in Trikuta Hills, installation of Water ATMs, recycling of Sewage Treatment Plants water for reuse in



flushing of toilet blocks, installation of waterless urinals and rooftop rainwater harvesting etc.

Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Prahlad Singh Patel, MP Manoj Tiwari and Umesh Patil, Ambassadors of many



SMVD Shrine Board felicitated for water conservation and management

Various provisions have also been made in the residential buildings of the SMVDSB for rainwater harvesting and a multi-pronged approach has been adopted by Forest Wing of Shrine Board for proper water management and promotion of water conservation through various activities and campaigns.

Banganga river rejuvenation also remained a focus area for Shrine Board wherein water management and environment management are taken together for implementation to restore the lost ecology of the polluted stretches of the river.

The installation of dedicated Fire Hydrants to mitigate fire incidents during summer season by lifting of treated water from Bhawan STP to reservoirs of 75,000 gallons capacity each at Hut Station, Bhawan, Saket, Himkoti and Adhkuwari, in normal course is to be utilised for floriculture, washing of track, construction works etc. The Board has made such provisions in its several other buildings also which includes Spiritual Growth Centre, Staff Colony, Nomain, Niharika Complex, Aastha Complex, SMVD Gurukul and Serli Helipad.

countries including Netherland, Finland, Malta, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan were present to grace the occasion.

CEO SMVDSB reviewed security and operational preparedness ahead of Chaitra Navratra

To assess security and operational preparedness of Shrine area for hassle-free pilgrimage prior to onset of Chaitra Navratra Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, presided over a joint meeting with security agencies to review security and operational preparedness on March 16 at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra.



Review of security and operational preparedness ahead of Chaitra Navratra



The meeting was attended by DIG, CRPF; Addl. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB; SSP, JKP, Reasi; Commandant, CRPF; Jt. Chief Executive Officers, SMVDSB, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bhawan & Katra; Asstt. CEO, SMVDSB; SDPO Katra and Dy. SP Bhawan and officers from IB, CID, SMVDSB and other intelligence agencies.

The Chief Executive Officer laid emphasis to all the stakeholders for operational preparedness with foolproof security of the visiting pilgrims.

Artistically decorated Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan welcome Chaitra Navratra

Adorned with thousands of multi-hued flowers, the holy shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi Ji was all set to host pilgrims expected to visit the shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi Ji in large numbers during the nine-day Navratras beginning from March 22.



Floral decoration of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan during Chaitra Navratra

Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) reviewed the arrangements being put in place for pilgrims on the track and other locations which included round-the-clock water and power supply along the track leading to the shrine, sanitation, medicare and availability of special “fast-related” food at the catering outlets of the Shrine Board.

As was done during the Shardiya Navratra, the Shrine Board continued to deliver special facilities to the Divyangjan

which included pony and battery car services on complimentary basis, besides, priority darshans at sanctum sanctorum during Navratras.



Artistically decorated Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan during Chaitra Navratra

Arrangements have also been made for a ‘Shat Chandi Maha Yagya’ at the shrine. The ‘yagya’ was telecasted live from 11.30 AM to 12:30 PM every day during Navratra. In addition, ‘bhajan’ and ‘bhaint’ performances by the renowned artists during morning and evening Aatka Aarti added a spiritual fervour for the visiting pilgrims. Pertinent to mention that the Aatka Aarti area stands remodelled to accumulate over 500 pilgrims in every session, thus doubling the existing capacity.

Shat Chandi Yagya concludes with Purna Ahuti at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

Amidst the Vedic hymns, religious chants and performance of other religious ceremonies, Shat Chandi Maha Yagya organised by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board at the Holy Cave Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji started w.e.f. 22nd March on the auspicious occasion of beginning of Chaitra Navratras.

The nine-day long ‘Chaitra Navratra’, performed at the Holy Cave Shrine for peace, prosperity and health of humanity, concluded with *Purna Ahuti* on Mahanavami.



Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; K. K. Sharma, Member, SMVDSB; Sudhir Bali, SDM Bhawan; other officers and staff of the Shrine Board, besides a large number of pilgrims were present on the occasion. The Yagya ceremony was telecasted live on MH1 Shradha from 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM daily during Navratras.

SMVDSB has made grand decorations at Bhawan, Atka and the area surrounding it for the large number of pilgrims visiting during ongoing Navratras to pay obeisance at the Holy shrine of Maa Vaishno Devi ji. The decorations were made with indigenous-foreign fruits and flowers, as well as huge reception doors and pandals installed in the Bhawan Area.

Likewise, the illumination of the Bhawan area with attractive and colourful lights were done. The breath-taking and festive decorations were a special visual delight for pilgrims who trek about 12 km from Katra to Bhawan.



Shat Chandi Yagya started during Chaitra Navratra

The Shrine Board also made elaborate arrangements for facilitating a large number of pilgrims expected to pay their obeisance at the Sanctum Sanctorum during Navratras.

More than 3 lakh pilgrims visited the Bhawan during the nine days of Navratras.

Hi-tech Multipurpose Video Walls at various locations on the track for enabling dissemination of real time information to the visiting pilgrims in regard to the yatra added

to the aesthetics of various locations on the track in these Navratras. Other special features were bhajan and bhaint performances by the renowned artists such as Gurdas Maan, Hansraj Raghuwanshi, Maithili Thakur and Lakhwinder Wadali etc during morning and evening Atka Aarti during these Navratras.



Shat Chandi Maha Yagya concludes with Purna Ahuti

SMVD Gurukul holds 31st Governing Council Meeting

The 31st meeting of the Governing Council of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul, Charan Paduka was held on February 10 at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra.

The meeting presided by Mahamandleshwar Shri Swami Vishveshvaranand Giriji Maharaj, Member of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and Chairman of the Governing Council for the Gurukul, was attended by Anshul Garg, CEO Shrine Board; Navneet Singh, Additional CEO; Prof Y.K. Mishra; Dr Jagdish Chander Mehra, Joint CEO, SMVDSB and Administrator of Gurukul; Mahesh Sharma, FA/Chief Accounts Officer; Gopal Dass Sharma, Head Pujari, Bhawan; Dr Dhananjay Mishra, Principal; and Dr. Devendra Rijal, Vice Principal of the Gurukul.

The Chairman and other Members of the Governing Council while expressing satisfaction at the functioning of the Gurukul emphasized the need for making continuing

endeavors to develop it as a centre of excellence. The meeting also noted the outstanding achievements of the students of SMVD Gurukul in academics and co-curricular activities and participation of faculty and students for broadening their horizon at different Platforms, including in house events & those at State, Zonal as well as at National Level.

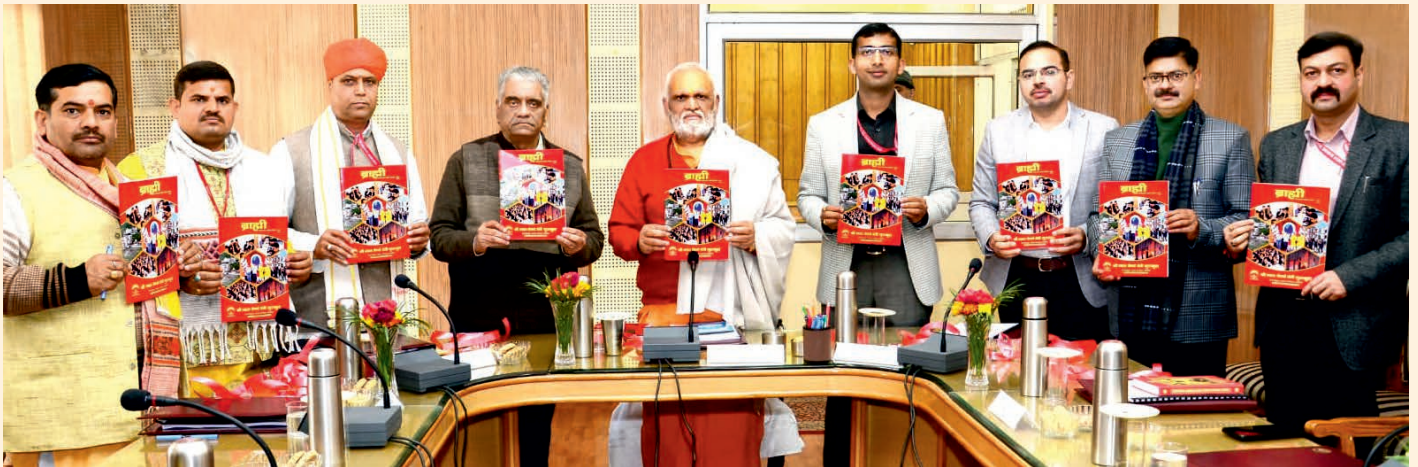
The Governing Council, while approving the annual budget of Gurukul for Financial Year 2023-24 also finalized the arrangements for organizing 3-day North Zone Youth Festival from 20th to 22nd of February in collaboration with Central Sanskrit University. The council observed that the festival shall provide a learning platform to the students of SMVD Gurukul to showcase their talent & skills from their counterparts of other institutes besides, serving as an important medium to spread joy, promote Sanskrit awareness and protect our traditional and cultural heritage.

the CSU in all respects, GC approved revision of the daily time table, weekly off and syllabus of SMVD Gurukul.

The Council also observed that planning and creation of NavgrahVatika on Tarakote Marg not only helps students in adding to their knowledge of plants but is a very important source of energy if planted anywhere as these plants represent different planets of celestial forces.

GC also approved Internship programme for candidates obtaining Shastri degree from SMVD Gurukul and their engagement as Prashikshu in SMVDSB for the contribution in the Pujan rituals besides engagement of Yoga expert in SMVD Gurukul for boosting physical and mental health of the students.

The Meeting also desired that alumni meet of the Gurukul should be planned to benefit from their skills and experience besides, to devise a roadmap for 5 years of the functioning of the SMVD Gurukul and way



Launch of annual school magazine of SMVD Gurukul

The Governing Council observed that as per the new guidelines of NEP- 2020, the age criteria of the curricular and pedagogical structure have been reconfigured for the different stages of admission. In line, the age criteria for the applicants / students desirous of seeking admission in class 6th of SMVD Gurukul has been revised to 10-12 years from session 2023-24. Besides, to bring parity with

forward for developing this institution as a centre of excellence for providing top quality education to the students.

The Governing Council while releasing the Annual School Magazine "Brahmi" tracing the achievement and contribution of the students and faculty during the year appreciated the efforts stating that a wonderful platform has been given to these



young students to showcase their talent as writers and express themselves into a conglomeration.

Earlier, Mahamandleshwar visited SMVD Gurukul and inspected the Construction Work-in-Progress of New Dinning cum Accommodation Complex. He also interacted with the students and faculty and enquired from them about their daily activities. Besides, the Mahamandleshwar felicitated Master Varun Sharma, student of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul for having secured first position in the entire University, in the annual examination of class 8th conducted in 2022 by Sampurnanand Sanskrit Vishwavidyala, Varanasi. He congratulated the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, JK-UT who is also Chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board for nurturing such institutes which has kept alive the Vedic and Sanatan traditions in the modern era.



Mahamandleshwar felicitating Master Varun Sharma, student of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul

SMVD Gurukul bring laurels by winning 08 medals in first ever North Zone Youth Festival held at Katra

The 3-day North Zone Youth Festival 'Kshitij' being organized at premises of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board in collaboration with Central Sanskrit University concluded with the valedictory function held at the Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra on February 22.

This mega event named 'Kshitij' commenced at Katra for the first time for the

promotion of Sanskrit in the Union territory as per the directions of Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB (Lieutenant Governor, JK-UT).



Award winning SMVD Gurukul students in first ever North Zone Youth Festival held at Katra

In all, 300 students from Central Sanskrit University and Adarsh Maha Vidyalaya of Sanskrit, along with various campuses situated in J-K, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand including institution of the host Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul, Katra participated in the mega event.

A total of 35 students from SMVD Gurukul participated in various events and clinched 08 medals in sports and cultural events. These included Gold medal (first prize) in Sanskrit Short film, Rangoli and Group Song whereas, in wrestling claimed Silver medal (2nd Prize) in 61kg and Bronze medal (3rd Prize) in 65 Kg and 70 Kg categories. Besides, secured a Bronze medal (3rd Prize) in Group dance and Solo Song.

Eminent guests who were present during the valedictory included Vice Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Prof RK Sinha, DIG Shakti Pathak, Prasad Mahankar Saraswat of Krida Bharti, Prof. Madan Mohan Jha, Director of Shri Ranbir Campus, Dr. JC Mehra, Joint CEO besides, faculty and staff of SMVD Gurukul, Central Sanskrit University and Adarsh Maha Vidyalaya of Sanskrit, along with various campuses.

SMVDSB initiates work on Shankaracharya Temple after three decades

The work of Shankaracharya Temple which was initiated in the year 1990 and got stopped subsequently owing to several issues has been spearheaded by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board after three decades to complete the Shrine structure as part of its efforts to develop the religious circuit in Katra and surrounding areas.

the building premises side-by-side taking care of the ecology of the area. Besides laying of tiles on the track leading to the Shankaracharya Temple and the installation of LED lights with poles, the condition of the access road/ track leading to the temple will be improved. In addition, basic infrastructure development shall include provision of viewpoints enroute, adequate, safe and clean drinking water, hygienic food, medical and sanitation facilities.



Visit of team of Shrine Board & technical expert to Shankaracharya Temple

In this regard, a team of Shrine Board with technical experts comprising Dr. Ashok Bhan, Member, Shrine Board; Anshul Garg, CEO; Navneet Singh, Addl. CEO; K.N Rai, Technical Advisor; Vishwajeet Singh, Dy. CEO, Prof. Mandeep Singh, School of Planning and Architecture, Executive Engineers, SMVDSB alongwith the team and other concerned officers of Board visited the site on March 2, and reviewed the condition of the temple located on the hillock at the eastern side of the Katra town. Some local stakeholders were also present at the site.

Noteworthy that, due directions for rejuvenation and development of temple complex have been issued by the Hon'ble LG, JK UT who is also the Chairman of SMVDSB, in the interest of pilgrims and overall development of Katra and adjacent areas.

The Shrine Board aspires to establish a grand Shivling along with the renovation of

Governing Council of Shrine Board's Sports Complex reviews sports activities

The 9th Meeting of the Governing Council of the Shrine Board's Sports Complex was held on February 9 at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra presided over by Dr. Ashok Bhan, Member Shrine Board and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Sports Complex, which was attended by Anshul Garg, CEO, Shrine Board; Navneet Singh, Additional CEO; Mahesh Sharma, FA/Chief Accounts Officer; Vipin Bhagat, Asstt. CEO, SMVDSB; and all members of Governing Council including newly inducted who are also a prominent sports person namely Sanjeeva Singh, former International Archer (Arjuna/ Dronacharya Awardee); Krupali Singh, National Gymnastics Coach (Arjuna Awardee); Kuldeep Handoo, eminent Wushu player and National Coach (Dronacharya Awardee); Lalita Sharma, Executive Director



(SAI, Sonipat), Ranjeet Kalra, Deputy Director (UGC-HRDC) and Shweta Choudhary, International Shooter.

Dr. Bhan observed that SMVDSB Sports Complex should identify the talent in the identified key sports by training and grooming them so that they could excel and bring laurels in sports events held at various levels. Besides, underscored to conduct GC meetings after an interval of six months so as to monitor the progress for easier goal setting. The Chairman also directed to increase the membership in the SMVD Sports Complex so as to meet the objectives for setting up the Sports Complex.

and Army Personnel with the target participation of about 1000 persons for generating interest and greater participation. The GC also directed to organize sports activities at SMVDSB Sports Complex once in a month preferably on Sunday for students of Katra and adjoining areas with a view to catch them at earlier stages from April in order to search the sports talent in Reasi and its surrounding areas to develop them into competitive athletes so that the students could be imparted specialized coaching to groom them for participation in various national and international competitions.



Governing Council meeting of SMVD Sports Complex

The Governing Council (GC) took a detailed review of various sports activities being organized at the Shrine Board's Sports Complex since the last meeting held in 2021 and lauded initiatives taken in the intervening period besides, expressing great satisfaction over the appreciable performance of the sports persons trained and nurtured at the Sports Complex. The GC also congratulated the medal winners at the state and national level championships.

While reviewing the annual calendar of sports activities for the next financial year, the Governing Council decided to reorient the calendar activities of the Sports Complex for 2023-24 by organizing various mega sports events at Katra, which included 'Katra Hill Marathon' later this year preferably in the months of October-November, 2023 in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Police

The meeting also deliberated and approved proposals for providing financial support to some of the talented players of the area having adequate potential to make a mark in varied sports disciplines.

The GC observed that there is a requirement of Sports Psychologist and Biomechanics on regular intervals as to learn and to cope up with the pressure of competitions and to enhance Sports performance.

The Governing Council also held discussion and viewed the detailed abstract of architectural and structural design for creation of a multipurpose indoor hall climatically suited for Katra region with a provision for Indoor Badminton, Judo and Wushu at the Sports Complex. The Member Lalita Sharma offered to provide the services of an expert who will have spot visit and after inspection shall render consultancy in this regard.



The GC observed that SMVDSB Sports Complex, which is already accredited with Khelo India Talent Development in the Archery (Boys & Girls) Discipline from 2021 can be upgraded from the Non-Residential Category to the Residential category with an aim to create an ecosystem and promotion of excellence in SMVDSB Sports Complex.

SMVD Narayana Superspeciality Hospital performs 03 cochlear Implant Surgeries – Changing lives of specially-abled children

As yet another clinical accomplishment, the ENT Department of SMVDNSH performed 3 successful Cochlear Implant Surgeries on congenitally deaf children on February 14. All the beneficiaries had profound bilateral hearing loss and since they couldn't hear, they weren't able to speak either. Out of three, the surgeries of two patients were sponsored by the Shrine Board.

The Board sponsored treatment has come as a pass for the poor children to venture into the world of words and sounds.

As an apt manifestation of Hospital's clinical capabilities, the three surgeries in reference were performed through in-house expertise comprising guidance by Dr. Sunil Kotwal, execution by a strong surgical team led by Dr. Rohan Gupta (both Consultant ENT), anaesthesia support by team led by Dr. Pankaj Gupta and post-operative management by Dr. Anand Yelne (Consultant Pediatrics).



Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital performs three cochlear Implant Surgeries

Dr. Gopal Sharma, revealed that from April, 2018 to February, 2023, the Board has sponsored cochlear implant surgeries of 19 deaf and dumb children.

CEO SMVDSB unfurls tricolor on 74th Gantantra Diwas at Katra

The 74th Gantantra Diwas was celebrated with traditional fervor and patriotism at Katra, the base town to the Holy Cave Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji.

The main function at Katra was held at the Shrine Board's Sports Complex, where Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, unfurled the tricolor and took salute at an impressive march-past by the contingents drawn from J&K Police, CRPF, NCC, besides the students of various educational institutions.

On the occasion, Anshul Garg underscored various major infrastructure development projects ongoing and those in the pipeline for facilitation of the pilgrims, besides, steps taken by the Board for mitigation and crowd management under the directions and guidance of Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT).



74th Republic Day celebrations at Katra

He also reiterated various measures mainly based on digitization and e-mode initiatives by the Shrine Board with the collaboration of J&K Bank, HDFC bank and PayTM.

The CEO also asserted that continuing with the initiatives for the creation,



upgradation and expansion of civic amenities at Katra, Shrine Board has taken up works at Government High School and Hansali circular road. He also highlighted many government schemes initiated had now reached the doorsteps of people including Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Land reforms and various digitization services by the government besides, the construction of six-lane Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway by which the travel time from Delhi to Vaishno Devi will be reduced to six hours. He underscored that the setting of Inter Model Station has been mooted at Katra so that the pilgrims could move from one mode to another with minimum intervention/use of automobiles which is destined to improve the travelling experience of the pilgrims visiting Katra.



CEO, SMVDSB taking salute at Republic Day function.

Earlier, the students of various educational institutions presented a colorful scintillating cultural programme on this occasion based on the theme of patriotism and national integration. Anshul Garg also gave away cash prizes and appreciation to the outstanding staff of Shrine Board in the categories of Ministerial, Catering, Para-Medical, Transport, Forest & Floriculture, general and best performing Unit besides, to Students who were adjudged best in the march-past and presentation of cultural programme.

Shrine Board's Sports Complex Judokas bring laurels by winning 21 medals, make way to the National Judo Championship

The Judokas of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board's Sports Complex, Katra have brought laurels by winning 21 medals at the 2-day JK-UT Judo Championship cum selection trial organised by J&K Judo Associations under the aegis of J&K Sports Council J&K at Jammu. Besides, 3 Judokas selected for Sub-junior and Cadet National Judo Championship scheduled at Chennai from 17th - 20th February, 2023.

As many as 22 Judokas trained and groomed at the Shrine Board's Sports Complex, Katra participated in all the categories of this championship and won 3 gold, 11 silver and 7 bronze medals.



Shrine Board's Sports Complex Judokas who participated in National Judo Championship.

Anshul Garg, CEO congratulated all the Judokas for their excellent performance. He said that the Shrine Board's under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, JK-UT is committed to encourage the youth and provide them a platform to showcase their talents, as Sports Complex is being developed as a Centre of excellence and impressed upon the sportspersons to take optimum benefit from the state-of-the-art equipment and other facilities made available at the Sports Complex.

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