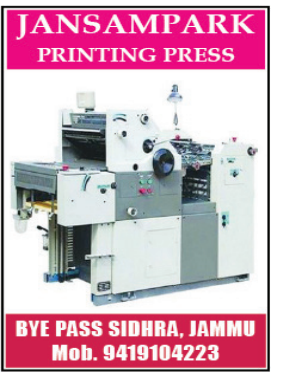


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Close associate of Hafiz Saeed gunned down in Karachi

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A close associate of Lashkar-e-Toiba's (LeT) Hafiz Saeed, Mufti Qaiser Farooq, has been killed by the unidentified gunmen in Karachi, Pakistan. Hafiz Saeed is considered to be the mastermind behind the 26/11 attacks in India. Earlier this month, another cleric Maulana Ziaur Rahman, with ties to Lashkar-e-Taiba was also killed after he was fatally shot by two motorcycle-riding assailants during his routine evening walk in Karachi. CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

All Officers, Staff of Hazratbal Shrine suspended for negligence of duties

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Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board chairperson has ordered the suspension of all officers and staff of Hazratbal shrine for negligence of duties on the occasion of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW). According to the order, the action was taken during the surprise visit by the chairperson to Hazratbal shrine on the occasion of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) in view of complaints by the people. The order states that it was found that grave negligence of the concerned staff had created a lot of inconvenience to the devotees. "Despite repeated orders and instructions from the officers and the ground staff concerned have failed to provide adequate facilities to the devotees. In view of this all the officers and CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

Last date to exchange Rs 2,000 notes at Banks extended till October 7: RBI

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NEW DELHI

The last date to exchange Rs 2,000 notes at banks has been extended till October 7, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in a statement today. The RBI said the Rs 2,000 note will remain valid even after the deadline to exchange ends. The previous deadline was today. Banks will stop accepting Rs 2,000 notes for exchange from October 8. However, people can still exchange Rs 2,000 notes at 19 offices of the RBI. The notes can also be sent by post to the RBI's "issue offices" by India Post. The RBI said it CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

GST revenue growth has been much higher than national average: LG

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SRINAGAR, OCT 1

J&K State Taxes Department today inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for knowledge sharing and capacity building of the officers of State Taxes Department, in presence of Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha. In his address, the Lt Governor complimented the high standards of professionalism shown by the J&K State Taxes Department and ICAI. He said the MoU signed today marked the beginning of a new partnership between ICAI and Jammu Kashmir. The support and assistance of the ICAI to the State Taxes Department in future policy making and various other aspects related to taxation will strengthen the CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4



GST collection rises 10 pc to over Rs 1.62 lakh cr in September

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Gross GST collection rose 10 per cent to over Rs 1.62 lakh crore in September, crossing the Rs 1.6 lakh crore mark for the fourth time during current financial year. Gross GST revenue collected last month was Rs 1,62,712 crore. Of this, Central GST was Rs 29,818 crore, State GST was Rs 37,657 crore, Integrated GST was Rs 83,623 crore (including Rs 41,145 crore collected on import of goods) and cess was Rs 11,613 crore (including Rs 881 crore collected on import of goods). The revenue in September 2023 was 10 per cent higher than the GST revenue of Rs 1.47 lakh crore in the CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

Information Department conducts Swachhata hi Seva campaign'2023

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JAMMU, OCT 1

As a part of Swachhata hi Seva' (SHS) Campaign 2023, the Department of Information and PR Jammu today conducted a massive cleanliness drive from 10.00 am to 11 am to pay tributes to the Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his 154th birth anniversary. At the onset, Joint Director Information Jammu Atul Gupta administered Swachhata pledge to the officers and officials of DIPR Jammu to promote cleanliness, hygiene and environmental sustainability. Speaking on the occasion, JDI highlighted the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi on cleanliness and sustainability. He further said that the Information Department has always been on the forefront to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and environmen-



tal sustainability. "The Department has always accorded highest priority to the crucial issue of cleanliness and hygiene," he said. The theme for the Swachhata hi Seva campaign - 2023 is 'Garbage Free India.' This initiative marks a significant step towards generating a 'Jan Andolan' through community involvement to promote cleanliness and sanitation. Information Department has enthusiastically embraced this cam-

Major cache of Arms, Ammo Recovered in Machil

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SRINAGAR, OCT 1

A major cache of arms and ammunition was recovered during a joint operation by Jammu and Kashmir Police and Indian army in Machil sector of north Kashmir's Kupwara district, officials said. "In a significant joint operation conducted by Kupwara Police and the Indian Army, a substantial cache of arms and ammunition was unearthed in the Poshmargi area of Machhal", said a police spokesman in a statement. The operation, the statement reads, was initiated based on specific intelligence input developed by Kupwara Police underscores the unwavering commitment of our



security forces to maintain peace and security in the region. "On the afternoon of September 30, 2023, a meticulously planned operation commenced in the suspected region, marked by its challenging terrain and the ever-present threat posed by anti-national elements. The collaborative effort of Kupwara Police and the Indian Army was executed with precision and dedication, reflecting their deter-

PM Modi pitches for blending well-being and health in cleanliness drive, people from across Country participate

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, OCT 1

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday pitched for blending fitness and well-being with cleanliness as he led a nationwide cleanliness drive in which thousands of people participated in an hour-long "shramdaan" across the country. Wielding a broom, PM Modi took part in the drive along with fitness influencer Ankit Baiyanpuriya. Sharing a 4-minute video on his official X account, Modi posted,



"Today, as the nation focuses on Swachhata, Ankit Baiyanpuriya and I did the same! Beyond just cleanliness, we blended fitness and well-being also into the mix. It is all about that Swachh and Swasth Bharat vibel". People from all walks of life, from politicians to students, wielded brooms and took part in the 'Swachhata hi Seva' cam-

aign, in response to the prime minister's appeal the cleanliness drive. According to the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, more than 9.20 lakh sites across the country have been adopted for the mega drive. In a recent episode of "Mann Ki Baat", Modi appealed for "one hour of shramdaan (or voluntary labour) for swachhata" on October 1 by all citizens and said it would be a "Swachhanjali" to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his birth anniversary. CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

Cocaine worth Rs 300 crore seized in Ramban, 2 Punjab residents arrested

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BANIHAL, JAMMU, OCT 1

Police have recovered 30 kg of cocaine worth Rs 300 crore in international market from a vehicle in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, a senior police officer said on Sunday, claiming to have busted a narco-terror module. According to the official, two Punjab residents were arrested following the recovery of one of the biggest narcotic haul this year from Banihal area along Jammu-Srinagar national highway. Earlier, the recovered narcotics was believed to be heroin but after investigation it turned out to be cocaine. "At about 10.30 pm on Saturday, Ramban police led by Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohita Sharma intercepted one vehicle at Railway Chowk Banihal coming from



Kashmir towards Jammu and recovered about 30 kg cocaine, having an approximate value of Rs 300 crore in international black market and apprehended two persons," Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh said. He said the successful recovery resulted in the busting of a narco-terror module. A case under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act was registered at Banihal police station and investigation set into motion, Singh said. "This operation was developed on intelligence generated by SSP Ramban and her team who have been continuously waging war against drug smugglers and peddlers," the ADGP said. He said a large number of notorious peddlers and smugglers have already been booked by the team of Ramban police. "A total of 104 cases (under NDPS Act) have been registered in 2022 while 36 such cases CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

Govt orders suspension of DySP Sheikh Adil, ASP Budgam Gowhar Khan

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 1

Jammu and Kashmir government on Sunday ordered suspension of two senior police officers including DySP Sheikh Adil, who was recently arrested in a corruption case in Srinagar. According to an order, J&K home department stated that Adil Mushtaq, Deputy Superintendent of Police, shall be deemed to have been placed under suspension with effect from 21.09.2023. Adil was arrested on September 21 in case FIR No. 149/2023 under sections 7, 7A of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and section 167, 193, 201, 210, 218, 221 of IPC in Police Station Nowgam. The order stated that he shall remain CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

Azad denies rumours to be the next LG of J&K

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SRINAGAR, OCT 1

Democratic Progressive Azad Party (D P A P) President Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday denied the rumours that he has come here to become the next Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir. "I am not looking for employment here but to serve the people of Jammu and Kashmir", Azad said while CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4



Northern army command conducts two-day Army Air Defence conclave

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SRINAGAR, OCT 1

Northern Army Command conducted a two-day Army Air Defence Conclave to review joint strategies for a comprehensive approach to counter evolving air threats and ensure national security. The Dhruva Command conducted a two-day DHRUVA Air Defence Conclave 2023 in Jammu and Kashmir on September 29 and September 30, 2023. "Domain experts from Army Air Defence, Indian Air Force, and Defence Public Sector Undertak-



ings (DPSUs) brainstormed and reviewed joint strategies for a comprehensive approach to counter evolving air threats and ensure national security," posted Northern Army Command of the Indian Army on X. Northern Army Com-

Raina leads mega "Basti Sampark Abhiyan"

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JAMMU, OCT 1

Under its Ongoing "Basti Sampark Abhiyan" to reach out to underprivileged classes, especially the Scheduled Castes (SC) community and highlight the works done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for their empowerment, BJP Jammu & Kashmir President Ravinder Raina attended two Programmes at Gole Basti Ward No- 31



and Kaber Basti Ward No- 40 of Talab Tillo Mandal. Ravinder Raina was accompanied by BJP

Chopra, Municipal Councillor and Prabhari Nowsheera Sanjay Baru, BJP JKUT Media Incharge Dr Pardeep Mahotra, District General Secretary Kuldeep Kandhari, Councillors Jeet Angral, Neelam Nargotra, Mohinder Kumar and others. Raina also Bowed down before the Idol of Sant Ravidas at Guru Davi Dass Mandir with folded hands. A large number of CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 4

Yasha Mudgal participates in Swachhata Hi Cleanliness Drive at Cooperative Complex Bantalab

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

In a demonstration of commitment towards cleanliness and community service, Commissioner Secretary Cooperatives, Yasha Mudgal, today joined a spirited gathering of government officers, officials, cooperative society members and volunteers at the Cooperative Complex, Bantalab here.

The event was organized as part of Swachhata Pakhwada - Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2023, a nationwide cleanliness drive, in honor of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary on 2nd of October.

The occasion witnessed active involvement of Officers from the Cooperative Department, including Dr. Narupa Rai, Additional Registrar Cooperative Societies Jammu, Champa Devi, Joint Registrar (Audit) Jammu, and Sonali Arun Gupta, Joint Registrar (Special) Jammu,



alongside numerous dedicated officers and staff members.

At precisely 10.00 am Yasha Mudgal donned work attire and took part in the "Shramdaan" (voluntary labor) activities with unwavering enthusiasm. The atmosphere was charged with a sense of shared responsibility and purpose as everyone came together to clean and rejuvenate the Cooperative Complex.

Speaking on the occasion,

the Commissioner Secretary stated, "Cleanliness is not just a duty; it's a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's vision for a clean and self-reliant India. Today's event exemplifies our collective commitment to his ideals and our resolve to contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment for all."

The cooperative community in Jammu and Kashmir has consistently shown its dedication to social causes, and this

event was yet another testament to their sense of responsibility towards the community and the environment.

The participants worked tirelessly, demonstrating their unity and passion for a cleaner tomorrow. Their efforts were a shining example of how collective action can make a significant difference in creating a cleaner, greener, and healthier nation.

The event concluded on a high note, with heartfelt gratitude expressed towards all participants, volunteers, and cooperative society members who contributed towards making this Swachhata Hi Seva event a resounding success.

As the nation approaches Mahatma Gandhi's 154th birth anniversary on the 2nd of October, such initiatives serve as a fitting tribute to the Father of the Nation and his timeless principles.

DLSA Kathua organises Cleanliness Drives at District Court Complex, District Jail

JINNEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, OCTOBER 1

As per the directions of the JK Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) and to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi Ji on the eve of his 154th birth anniversary, District Legal Services Authority Kathua organized Cleanliness Drives in collaboration with Municipal Council Kathua at District Court Complex and District Jail.

The event was organized under the supervision of Chairman DLSA Kathua, Ashok Kumar Shavan (also Principal District & Sessions Judge). The cleanliness events were organized as part of the National Campaign launched by the Govt. of India to mark Gandhi Jayanti under the theme "Garbage Free India". Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Rekha Kapoor Nischal coordinated the cleanliness campaign. At District Jail Kathua drive was coordinated by Superintendent which witnessed active participation of Jail inmates of Dist as well as staff and Para Legal Volun-



teers of DLSA Kathua.

An Awareness Program under the topic "Eco-friendly alternatives to single use plastics" was also organized by DLSA Kathua at Govt. Higher Secondary School (Boys) Kathua wherein the Resource Person Adv Mukesh Kumar Talotra Panel Advocate, DLSA Kathua highlighted and discussed the importance of this awareness programme under Swachata

Hi Sewa Campaign (SHS) 2023.

The proceedings of the program were conducted by Adv Naiya Sharma Panel Advocate, DLSA Kathua. Para Legal Volunteers, staff of DLSA, Faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

In addition to this, an Awareness Rally was also organized by DLSA, Kathua in collaboration

with District Administration Kathua in the presence of Panel Advocates, Para Legal Volunteers, staff of various departments and local masses of District Kathua.

The rally went to the main market of District Kathua and culminated at Shahidi Chowk. Different stalls were installed by various government departments of District Kathua to raise awareness among people about waste segregation methods and usage of biodegradable substances.

The objective of organizing these programmes / activities was to generate Jan Andolan through community participation and also to minimize waste generation through careful planning and recycling, on implementation of Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign (SHS) 2023, to disseminate the importance of Sampurna Swachh Kathua and to reinforce the concept of Sanitation as everyone's business make aware the local masses of the District Kathua.

DC Rajouri Leads Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Sath Cleanliness Drive

JINNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 1

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today led the cleanliness drive, as part of the 'Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Sath' initiative, encouraging individuals to donate one hour of their time towards community betterment.

The event, held at four key locations - DC office complex, Bella Park, Old Bustand, and New Bus Stand, saw enthusiastic participation from various sectors of the community.

At the DC office complex, the event was attended by the Commandant, CRPF 72 Bn Rajouri; Vivek Sakseena; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Imran Rashid Kataria; Chief Agriculture Officer, Sohan Singh; Assistant Director FCS&CA, Auqil Nuvaid and other officers.

At Bella Park, the event witnessed the active participation of President MC Rajouri, Mohd Arief, along with councillors including Sanjay Sharma, Pushpinder Gupta, Mamta Dutt, Iftkar Dar, Mushtaq Ahmed and Rabia Kouser. Similar events, echoing the spirit of community



service and cleanliness, were successfully replicated at the other designated locations, bringing together residents, officials, and local authorities in a unified effort to keep Rajouri clean and beautiful.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal also spoke passionately about the significance of cleanliness and sanitation, emphasizing their direct impact on the well-being and health of the community.

He also expressed his gratitude to all participants and emphasized the importance of collective action in creating a cleaner and more vibrant Rajouri. He commended the dedication of all those who came forward to contribute their 'Shram Daan.' This exemplary initiative

reflects the commitment of community leaders of Rajouri and residents to maintain the cleanliness and hygiene standards of the city setting a positive example for others to follow.

At the heart of the 'Ek Tareekh Ek Ganta Ek Sath' cleanliness drive in Rajouri was the spirit of 'Shram Daan' or voluntary labor. This selfless act of giving one's time and effort for the betterment of the community served as the driving force behind the initiative.

'Shram Daan' not only symbolized the dedication of the participants but also highlighted the invaluable contribution of every individual towards the collective goal of a cleaner and more vibrant Rajouri.

Govt polytechnic Jammu organises series of activities to mark Swachhata hi Seva Campaign

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

Government Polytechnic Bikram Chowk Jammu organized a series of activities under "Sawachhata Hi Seva Campaign - 2023" in the institute under the guidance of Directorate of Skill Development Department J&K. With the mission to check growing pollution and to save our planet, 'Cleanliness Drive' under "Sawachhata Hi Seva Campaign" was organized on 1st of October 2023 as per the directives of MHRD, Govt of India. ErArunBangotra Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu, along with the HODs, staff and students participated in the campaign. In order to curb the plastic menace, the students took the pledge on 'Plastic Waste Management', 'Sanitation' and 'Cleanliness Drive' besides campaigning against the 'Single Use of Plastic'. To



spread awareness about environmental pollution, the students and staff participated in a 'Walkathon' from institute campus to bikram chowk after that a cleanliness drive was organized in the area surrounding the college campus. All the staff and students were armed with brooms, dustbins, and a

shared vision with various slogans on discouraging the use of polybags and making alternative arrangements instead to the use of plastic and thereby supporting the Nationwide campaign to keep our earth green and eco-friendly. The students of the institute participated in various

activities such as rangoli making, debate competition, poster making etc.

Er Arun Bangotra Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu in his address to the students advised them to play a vital role and carry out mass awareness programmes to save our environment by planting trees, saving water and keeping the environment clean and importance of a garbage-free environment. Principal along with Inderjeet Singh Workshop Supt., Raj Kumar HOD Mechanical, Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Engg., Manjeet Singh HOD Electrical Engg., Smt. Rani Devi HOD IT, Jasdeep Kour HoD I&C., Sanjay Koul HOD Computer, Amit Sharma HOD T&T, Chamel Singh PEM, Smt. Toshi PET, staff and students of Government Polytechnic Jammu actively participated in all the activities taken up to mark the occasion.

Cleanliness Drive under Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign conducted at DHS, Jammu

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

As the country geared up to participate in the one hour massive cleanliness drive Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal, the Directorate of Health Services Jammu also joined the Shramdaan drive as part of Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign here today.

Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma along with all officers and officials of the Directorate took part in this campaign. All the employees of the Directorate conducted cleanliness drives in the office premises and the surrounding areas with zeal and zest.

Swach Bharat Abhiyan observed by Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

As a part of Swachhata Abhiyaan, Fire and Emergency Services department conducted cleanliness drive across its Fire Stations with great enthusiasm throughout the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

As many as 191 events were organized at each Fire and Emergency station and command office in all districts of UT. The day was observed by cleaning the offices and stations besides surrounding areas.

The main event was organized at Gandhi Nagar Hqrs Jammu, wherein Alok Kumar, ADGP Director Fire and Emergency Services joined the event of Swachhata Abhiyaan.

Speaking on the occasion, he asked the jawans to adopt Swachhata Abhi-



yaan as a part of clean India drive. He also joined the cleanliness drive with Jawans. RK Raina, DD Jammu and Dr Manju Medical officer FES Jammu and other senior officers also accompanied in cleaning of the office, Fire Station.

Later, the surrounding Green Belt Gandhi Nagar area was also cleaned. Similar functions were held at Range and District Hqrs wherein command

officers led the cleanliness events. At Srinagar Hqrs, Aqib Hussain Mir, Assistant Director led the Swachhata Abhiyaan.

Meanwhile Alok Kumar IPS ADGP Director Fire and Emergency Services has directed all subordinate units to carry forward this Swachhata Abhiyaan and make a routine to clean stations and offices besides surroundings on daily basis.

Relief Organisation organises Swachhata hi Seva campaign at 21 locations across UT

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

In a concerted effort to advocate the nationwide sanitation and cleanliness initiative, "Swachhata Pakhwada-Swachhata Hi Seva 2023" in rural and urban areas, Relief and Rehabilitation Organization today organized number of impactful activities at 21 different locations viz Head Office, 12 migrant camps at Jammu & Kashmir under its jurisdiction and 07 Migrant Schools notified vide this office circular No. 02-RRCM of 2023 dated: 26.09.2023 in collaboration with the Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Youth Services and Sports, School Education Department, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, CRPF and Sanitation Agencies.

The Nodal Officers and the Visiting Officers were appointed by the department for conducting Mega cleanliness drive under "EK Tareekh, EK Ghanta, EK Saath" campaign to mark the celebration of



Gandhi Jayanti. Brooms, Disposal Bags, Disposable Gloves, Cutter, Masks were distributed among the participants by the department. About 300-400 migrant students participated with immense enthusiasm and fervor and also raised slogans of Green India, Clean India and Garbage free India. The same enthusiasm was seen amongst inmates of migrant camps who also joined hand in hand with the department in making the cleanliness drive successful.

Further, the occasion was marked by Swachhata pledge taking ceremony and followed by National anthem at head office and various migrant camps which was led by officers of Relief Organization and attended by number of

officials of department, migrant children and inmates of migrant camps too which aimed to fulfill a sole objective and instill a sense of social responsibility among the younger generation towards ensuring cleanliness in their surroundings. Further more Kashmiri migrants were also made aware of special summary revision during the campaign.

The Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner K.K. Sidha sensitized all the participants regarding the importance of ongoing "Swachhata Pakhwada-Swachhata Hi Seva 2023" campaign and also enjoined upon them to propagate the sense of cleanliness and hygiene in action and spirit to fulfill the endeavor of aforesaid objective.

Economics & Statistics Directorate conducts Swachhata cleanliness drive

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

The Directorate of Economics & Statistics, J&K today undertook a cleanliness drive under "Swachhata Hi Seva" in the Directorate complex at Jammu.

Satvir Kour Sudan, Director General, Economics & Statistics, J&K led the officers and officials of the Economics & Statistics cadre in the "Shramdaan" for cleanliness campaign. On this occasion all the officers and officials took "Swachhata Pledge" for keeping our surroundings clean and make others

to follow. The campaign has reignited the spirit of volunteerism and community participation among the masses. All the staff members of the Directorate, Regional Director (E&S) Jammu, School of Applied Economics & Statistics, Jammu participated in the campaign by intensive cleanliness of their respective sections also. The Director General commended the efforts of all the participants and emphasized that cleanliness should not only be maintained occasionally but should be made a routine manner.



Lt Governor chairs a high-level meeting on 'Future-Ready Governance'

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today chaired a high-level meeting and discussed the key issues related to 'Future-Ready Governance', at Raj Bhawan.

The meeting was attended by Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh Anurag Goel, former Union Secretary; Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor Jammu University; Prof. Nilofar Khan, VC Kashmir University; Dr Nazir A. Ganai, VC SKUAST Kashmir; Dr BN Tripathi, VC SKUAST Jammu; Sh Anurag Goyal, Advisor, NITI Aayog; Sh Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Department; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Administrative Secretaries; HoDs and senior officers.

The prime objective of



the workshop conducted earlier and today's meeting organized by the Planning Development & Monitoring Department was to draw a roadmap integrating technological advancements into the system to create more values through good governance.

"Change is the only constant and every sector has to imagine a future in the backdrop of increasing role of humans and machines and their collective strength for growth," the Lt Governor said. He underlined the need for integration of

Artificial Intelligence and new technological tools to plan schemes more effectively and to make public services more efficient.

Technological adoption and increased human & machine collaboration will also enable informed decision making, improve policy making processes, target resources and services urgently required for quality living of citizens and speedy implementation of projects, he said.

The Lt Governor emphasized on adopting strategic and integrated

approach to effectively tackle the various growing challenges like climate change, cyber threat and issues in health, education and agriculture.

The Lt Governor asked the Planning Development & Monitoring Department to prepare for the significant shift to maximize the benefits of government schemes for the citizens and minimize the risk and loss.

Besides improving policy performance, managing the complex challenges of the future and addressing disruptive changes that will occur in

the future, the integrated approach will help us to develop a system of Citizen-Driven Policies, he said.

In order to achieve the vision of developed J&K and India by 2047, first we need to set the goals for the next 3 years with Agriculture and Education as two priority sectors. I am confident that we will be able to bring transformation in the coming years, the Lt Governor added.

Sh Anurag Goel, former Union Secretary and Advisor IIT Jodhpur gave a detailed presentation on 'Future-Ready Governance'. The meeting also discussed the establishment of a nodal cell in the Planning Department.

Dr Raghav Langer, Secretary Planning Development & Monitoring Department briefed the meeting on the proposed initiatives and the future strategy.

DC Poonch leads massive cleanliness drive at 300 years old historic Poonch Fort

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POONCH, OCTOBER 1

In a powerful demonstration of community participation and shared civic responsibility, Deputy Commissioner of Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary led an extensive cleanliness drive today at Poonch Fort today. Poonch fort locally called Haveli Poonch is a 300 year old historic structure which lies at the heart of the Poonch city.

This impactful event was organised as a part of the Swachhata Pakhwada, a dedicated cleanliness and sanitation campaign.

Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by district officers, officials, NSS Volunteers, college students and civil society members. Collectively, they manifested their unwavering commitment to cleanliness by diligently revitalizing and maintaining the cleanliness of the historic fort. This concerted initiative underscores the collective resolve of the community to nurture a pristine and sustainable environment for the welfare and prosperity of all residents.

Swachhata Pakhwada beckons to every citizen of Poonch, providing



them with the platform to actively engage in a myriad of cleanliness activities. It is a clarion call to embrace and promote a culture of cleanliness and hygiene that will resonate throughout the city. The Deputy Commissioner underscored the importance of collective responsibility in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene, stating, "Gandhi Jayanti is a time to renew our commitment to the principles of cleanliness and sanitation that Babu cherished. Furthermore, the enthusiasm for the cleanliness drive extended well beyond the city limits of Poonch.

The District Administration fervently urges all residents to participate wholeheartedly in this noble endeavor. Together, we can transform Poonch into an exemplar of cleanliness and hygiene that will inspire generations to come.

The success of this campaign ultimately rests in the hands of each citizen, and together, the community can achieve remarkable results in the journey towards a cleaner and more sustainable future.

Similar cleanliness events were held in all government offices and panchayats.

GDC Vijaypur conducts Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign

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SAMBA, OCTOBER 1

The NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) of Govt. Degree College Vijaypur in collaboration with ECO-Club and IQAC, organized a Cleanliness Drive in and around the College campus

under the observance of "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign initiated by the Government of India to promote the importance of cleanliness and sanitation in the country and to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti 2023, under the aegis of Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan and Bhrashtachar Mukh J&K. The primary objective of this program was to raise awareness among students about the importance and benefits of cleanliness.

With great enthusiasm and zeal, the NSS volunteers, Green Warriors, students and staff of the College worked together to make the clean-up drive a success. The sweepers of the college also participated in the noble cause. Volunteers picked up the scattered wrappers and other items, and disposed off them in the dustbins. The students and teachers actively participated in the event and inspired others to do the same. Prof. Poonam Kundan, Convenor IQAC, Dr. Naseem Chowdhary, NSS PO and Prof. Poonam Kundan, Convenor Eco-Club of the College. The organizing committee consisted of Mazid Malik, Dr. Madhu Bala, Dr. Tisha Gupta, Dr. Pooja Gupta, Dr. Radhika Rasyal, Dr. Shalalu Sharma, Renuka Kundal.

DHS Doda conducts Shramdaan at CMO Office

JJ NEWS SERVICE
DODA, OCTOBER 1

As per the directions of Administrative Secretary Health and Medical Education Worthy Bhupinder Kumar IAS and Director Health Services Jammu respected Dr. Rajeev K Sharma, District Health Society Doda under the guidance of Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr. Hamid Zargar, organised a Shramdaan/cleanliness activity as part of Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign under Swachhata Pakhwada during the ongoing Ayushman Bhav initiative at District Headquar-

ter viz CMO Office Doda.* The staff of CMO Office, Dy CMO Office and ANMT School participated in the Shramdaan/Cleanliness drive which was carried out in and around the whole complex of CMO Office & ANMT School. Shramdaan means a voluntary contribution by the person towards community welfare involving physical effort.

The staff of CMO Office, Dy CMO Office and ANMT school also took a pledge for Non Violence and Nasha Mukh Bharat before the start of cleanliness drive.

Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign Mega Cleanliness Drive sets Kathua abuzz with Civic Spirit

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, OCTOBER 1

In an inspiring display of community unity and a fervent commitment to cleanliness, the District Administration Kathua, led by Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas, orchestrated a Mega cleanliness drive as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign. The drive spanning from Shaheedi Chowk Kathua to Mukherjee Chowk Kathua, covered significant stretches of the district.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from all District and Sectoral Officers of both Civil and Police Administration, who came together with an unwavering dedication and engaged in shramdaan, voluntarily contributing their time and effort to the betterment of their surroundings making Kathua cleaner and greener. The event aimed to instill a sense of civic responsibility and create awareness about the importance of cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in line with Mahatma Gandhi's principles.

The cleanliness drive showcased the remarkable unity of the community as citizens, officials, and volunteers joined hands to clean the heart of Kathua. The Local residents and shop owners also actively participated, reinforcing the idea that a cleaner Kathua is a shared responsibility. The event featured awareness programs on proper waste disposal, sanitation and the significance of a clean environment.

On the Occasion, DC Kathua expressed his gratitude to all participants, saying, "Kathua is not just a place; it's a community and today, this community has shown its dedication to cleanliness and a healthier future. Let's



carry this spirit forward and make Kathua a shining example of cleanliness for the entire nation."

The DC further said that Kathua has achieved a significant milestone by being declared an ODF Plus Model. For a village to achieve the status of ODF plus Model, it is required to pass through three stages of ODF Plus namely Aspiring, Rising and Model.

"When a village achieves a condition where it is visually clean with minimal litter and stagnant water, apart from solid and liquid waste management (SLWM) and adequate cleanliness awareness generation activities, it is declared as ODF plus Model," he said.

This achievement reflects the unwavering commitment of the people of Kathua and their visionary leadership. The journey to ODF Plus Model status goes beyond constructing toilets; it signifies a commitment to cleanliness by effectively managing greywater and solid waste. With meticulous planning, community engagement, and awareness campaigns, Kathua has transformed into a beacon of cleanliness and sustainability.

This accomplishment not only sets an inspiring example for the region but also reaffirms the community's dedication to a cleaner, healthier future. Kathua's success as an ODF Plus Model is a testament to what can be achieved when a community unites for a common goal - a cleaner, greener and more prosperous Kathua. Earlier, a Swachhata Pledge was also administered among the enthusiastic participants who gathered to contribute to the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign.

With utmost dedication and patriotic fervor, they pledged to serve Mother India by keeping our beloved nation neat and clean. Their commitment towards cleanliness echoed as they vowed to devote their time and efforts to ensure a cleaner environment for all. This Swachhata Pledge exemplified the spirit of unity and responsibility, reminding everyone that the journey to a cleaner, greener India is a collective endeavor. It serves as a powerful reminder that each individual can make a difference and play a vital role in the mission to create a cleaner and healthier India for generations to come.

District Administration Launches Mega Cleanliness drive in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 1

The District Administration Udhampur on Sunday conducted a community mobilization and sanitation drive as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign to raise awareness about cleanliness among the masses.

The drive was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai, in the presence of SSP Dr. Vinod Kumar, ADDC Ghan Sham Singh, ADC Joginder Singh JAS, and numerous PRI members including general public, and senior district officers.

In her address, Deputy Commissioner emphasized the significance of maintaining sanitation, cleanliness, and personal hygiene. She called upon all stakeholders to collaborate in spreading awareness about cleanliness and outlined the objec-



tives of the sanitation drive. She encouraged the public to pledge their commitment to keeping the district clean and green through active participation. She expressed gratitude to all participants and urged them to continue supporting future cleanliness initiatives led by the District Administration.

Deputy Commissioner along with SSP Udhampur, actively participated in the cleanliness drive, leading a march from the

DC office to Domel Chowk as part of the campaign.

Simultaneously, similar cleanliness and sanitation drives were organized in every Block/Tehsil Headquarter, including all Municipal wards across the district. The drives saw the active participation of PRI members, district officials, the general public, NGOs, Karam Karte Chalo Bharat Scouts and Guides, students, and staff from various educational institutions.

DLSA Samba conducts series of activities to promote Swacchta campaign

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SAMBA, OCTOBER 1

To pay tributes to Mahatma Gandhi Ji on the eve of his 154th birth anniversary and as a part of National Campaign launched by Government of India under the banner "Garbage free India", District Legal Services Authority, Samba organized different activities including Cleanliness drives in collaboration with Municipal Council Samba, Awareness Program on the topic "Minimizing waste generation, Encourage the reuse of materials & Recycling practices" and Awareness Rally at District Court Complex, Samba.

The activities were conducted as per the directions of the JK Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) and under the effective leadership of Yesh Pal Kotwal, Chairman DLSA (also Principal District &



Sessions Judge), Samba. The Chairman DLSA, Samba was the Chief Guest at the Awareness Program. In his special address, he highlighted the importance of Gandhi Jayanti and the history behind Swachhata Divas/Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign (SHS) 2023.

Rekha Kapoor Nischal, Secretary, DLSA, Samba presented the welcome address while vote of thanks was presented by Hitesh Sharma, Panel Advocate, DLSA, Samba.

Dr. Vivek Sharma, Faculty member and students

of Govt. High School, Nanak Chak, Samba also spoke on the occasion

At the end of the program, students were felicitated with the Participation Certificates by the Chief Guest.

Later, an awareness rally was also organized by DLSA, Samba which was flagged off by the Chief Guest from District Court Complex, in the presence of Judicial Officers, Prosecuting Officers, Panel Advocates, Faculty Members and students of Govt. High School, Nanak Chak, Samba.

EDITORIAL

Hold elections to local bodies

There has been no clarity over the conduct of urban local bodies and Panchayat elections in Jammu and Kashmir despite the fact that the election authority has finalized its preparations for hassle-free conduct of polls. With suspense continuing over the poll exercise, opposition parties have started targeting the ruling BJP at the Centre and accused it of derailing the election process just 'to save itself from defeat'. Recently, there were reports in certain sections of media that the Centre has purportedly decided to defer the elections till parliamentary elections which are expected to be held in April-May next year. Thereafter, the chances of holding ULB polls in J&K by October-November this year seem bleak as authorities have 'halted' the process of imparting training to the government officials whose services were to be utilized for the conduct of 'hassle-free, fair and transparent' elections. Notwithstanding these reports, there has been no official word or statement over the ongoing speculations that the government was purportedly planning to defer ULB polls till the conduct of Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir. The district election authorities in various districts across the Union Territory conducted a few sessions of training programmes for government officials to be deployed for conduct of ULB polls. Thereafter, these programmes have virtually been halted without specifying any reasons. Jammu and Kashmir has been without an elected government since 2018 when the People's Democratic Party (PDP)-BJP government fell in the erstwhile state. On August 5, 2019, the central government abrogated Articles 370 and 35-A and bifurcated it into two UTs—J&K and Ladakh. The parties have since been demanding the return of the erstwhile status, statehood and the electoral process. The Centre has purportedly decided to defer these polls after the security agencies expressed apprehension of possible terror threats from across the borders to create trouble during the ULB and Panchayat elections. The purported move of the government to defer these polls has given enough fodder to the opposition parties to target BJP and accused it of "intentionally delaying these polls to save it from public wrath". National Conference leader and former chief minister Omar Abdullah, who is quite blunt in his remarks, believes that the BJP does not want to hold any elections in Jammu and Kashmir as it knows that the people will punish them through ballot. "They know very well that the people are not with them (BJP). Leave Kashmir aside, the BJP has been facing a tough time in Jammu as well. That's why they do not have courage to hold polls," Omar asserts. He has been joined by his *bête noire* Mehbooba Mufti who also accused the BJP of "delaying" the panchayat and local bodies polls in Jammu and Kashmir as it has "sensed defeat". The urban and rural local bodies are the grassroots level democratic institutions which need to be strengthened. In the absence of a legislative assembly, the government should ensure that these institutions don't remain defunct.

Alarming rise in unemployment rates in Asia and the Pacific

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As per the recent report of ILO Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022: Asia and the Pacific, the unemployment rate of young people aged between 15 and 24 years in Asia and the Pacific is estimated to have reached 14.9 per cent in 2022, which is the same as the global average. While that rate represents a decrease from the rate of the previous year (15.5 per cent), it remains higher than the pre-pandemic benchmark of 13.3 per cent in 2019.

Beyond the regional aggregate, there are important divergences between sub-regions and countries in the evolution of unemployment rates and other labour market indicators. In both Southern and Eastern Asia, youth unemployment rates in 2022 are projected to be higher than the pre-pandemic benchmark by less than 1 percentage point, whereas in South-east Asia and the Pacific, the corresponding rate is projected to be higher by 2 percentage points. In Sri Lanka, which is currently

experiencing balance of payments and sovereign debt crises, youth unemployment in the second quarter of 2021 was at 30.0 per cent, whereas in Vietnam, which is benefiting from diversification strategies of global value chains as COVID-19 lockdowns in China persist, the corresponding rate for the same quarter was 5.5 per cent.

Young men in the region face substantially higher unemployment rates (16.0 per cent) than young women (12.7 per cent). However, when examining a more comprehensive measure of labour underutilization, that is, the combined rate of youth unemployment and potential labour force (termed the LU3 rate), the gap between men and women diminishes, pointing to young women having higher potential labour force rates than young men.

The proportion of youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) also jumped in the region as a result of the pandemic, rising by 1.5 percentage points to reach 24.8 per cent in 2020 - higher than the global average



of 23.3 per cent. Whereas NEET rates are almost 2.5 times higher for young women than for young men, the pandemic served to increase the NEET rate among men (by 2.1 percentage points) more than among young women (a rise of 0.7 percentage points), thereby decreasing the gender gap in the NEET rate. This development was driven by trends in South Asia, where the male NEET rate increased by 2.7 percentage points compared to 0.9 percentage points for young women.

Deteriorating economic conditions in the first half

of 2022 are likely to further increase the NEET rate among young people in the region, with potential long-term scarring effects on employment trajectories and incomes of affected individuals. The gender gaps in NEET rates are closely related to those in the labour force participation rate (LFPR) and the employment-to-population ratio (EPR). Young women in Asia and the Pacific experience much lower LFPRs and EPRs: the LFPR for women in the region in 2022 is projected to be 26.3 per cent, compared to 46.6 per cent for young men, while 23.0

per cent of young women in the region are projected to be in employment compared to 39.1 per cent of young men. Southern Asia, at 29.9 percentage points, has the highest LFPR gender gap in the region.

In Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022, the ILO used a macro-econometric model to quantify the economic and employment impacts of a number of policy measures for promoting inclusive and sustainable green, digital and care transitions. The macro-econometric modelling simulating the employment impacts of a package of green policy measures aimed at improving energy efficiency in buildings and appliances, decarbonizing electrical power generation through a shift to renewable energy, and expanding electric vehicles usage and the associated infrastructure (termed the "green scenario") could, by 2030, create an additional net 8.4 million jobs worldwide for young people aged 15-29 years relative to a "business-as-usual scenario", with Asia and the Pacific accounting for 5.8 million (or 69.0 per cent) of those jobs. Policy

measures aimed at providing universal (90 per cent) internet broadband coverage (termed the "digital scenario") in the region are projected to lead to a net increase of 2.1 million jobs for young people by 2030 relative to the baseline, accounting for a third of the global total. This lower global share compared to the green scenario is a reflection of the relatively smaller internet coverage gap in the region. Policy measures directed at increasing investments in health and social care provision and in education coverage with a view to meeting the relevant targets of SDG 3 (on health) and SDG 4 (on education) are expected to create an additional net 8.5 million jobs for young people in the Asia and the Pacific region by 2030 compared to the business-as-usual scenario. This represents almost half of the global total, highlighting the increase in care services coverage needed in the region.

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The timeless charm of 'Chaturanga'

RAJDEEP PATHAK

Chess has been part of societies across the world. Its roots can be traced to ancient India, where it was known as 'Chaturanga', a game simulating battlefield.

In the world of sports and intellect, Chess, or the 'Game of Kings' as it is known, holds a special place. From prodigies like 18-year-old R Praggnanandhaa, or 'Pragg', Magnus Carlsen and Bobby Fischer to grandmasters like Vishwanathan Anand, Garry Kasparov, Anatoly Karpov and others, the game has evolved in the past two decades.

Chess has a rich and storied history that spans centuries. One of the most captivating chapters in the tale of chess's evolution can be found in India. From its origins as a courtly pastime for Indian royalty to becoming a globally recognized sport, chess in India has a remarkable journey that showcases both cultural influence and individual excellence.

Imagine the ancient kings and generals strategizing their military moves on the chessboard, the precursor to battles fought on the battlefield. Known as "Chaturanga" in ancient India, chess brilliantly simulated the four divisions of the Indian military: infantry, cavalry, elephants, and chariots. These divisions corresponded to the

modern chess pieces of pawn, knight, bishop, and rook. The game wasn't just a pastime, but a mirror reflecting the art of war and strategy.

Intriguingly, the game's influence extended beyond the battlefield. The Mahabharata, a cornerstone of Indian epic literature, featured a chess match between the Pandava prince Yudhishtira and the deity Shiva, who had assumed the guise of a Brahmin. This match conveyed vital moral lessons, underscoring the importance of strategy, foresight, and decision-making in the Indian cultural context.

From its origins in India, chess embarked on an epic journey along the Silk Road, a network of trade routes connecting the East and West. It arrived in Persia in the 6th century, where it underwent significant modifications and earned the name "Shatranj." The allure of chess continued to grow as it travelled through the Islamic world and eventually reached medieval Europe, enchanting minds and shaping strategic thinking.

The Mughal Empire, which ruled over India from the 16th to the 19th century, played a significant role in the evolution of chess. The Mughal rulers, particularly Akbar, fostered an environment of intellectual and cultural exchange, not just playing the game himself, but also

organizing grand chess tournaments with players of various backgrounds.

Fast forward to the 19th century, when chess underwent a metamorphosis. Standardized rules and international competitions emerged, leading to the crowning of the Austrian-American Wilhelm Steinitz as the first official World Chess Champion in 1886. Steinitz's groundbreaking contributions, including insights into positional play and the endgame, revolutionized chess strategy and elevated the game to new heights.

Germany's Emanuel Lasker, Steinitz's successor, was a polymath who brought innovation and adaptability to the chessboard. His 17-year reign showcased his exceptional skill and comprehensive understanding of chess dynamics, securing his place as a true legend.

Wikipedia mentions that one of the most influential figures in the revival of chess in India (read Asia) was Mir Sultan Khan (later settled in Pakistan from 1947 to 1966), a humble servant from British India who rose to become a formidable chess player. In an international chess career of less than five years (1929-33), he won the British Championship three times in four tries (1929, 1932, 1933), and had tournament and match results that placed him among the top ten players in the world.

The mid-20th century heralded a significant shift as the Soviet Union rose as a chess powerhouse and World Champions like Mikhail Botvinnik, Vasily Smyslov, and Tigran Petrosian emerged from the Soviet chess school, each contributing unique strategies and playing styles. However, it was the electrifying rivalry between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky during the 1972 World Chess Championship that captivated the world, with Fischer ultimately claiming victory and capturing the imaginations. The late 20th century brought the enigmatic Garry Kasparov into the limelight. Kasparov's tactical brilliance redefined chess strategy. His match against IBM's Deep Blue in 1997 etched his name in history, showcasing the intersection of human ingenuity and computational power.

Back home, it was Vishwanathan Anand, who went on to become India's first Grandmaster in 1988. Anand's incredible skill and strategic brilliance elevated him to the status of a chess legend. He would later become the World Chess Champion, a title he held from 2000 to 2002 and then from 2007 to 2013. Anand's successors, including P. Harikrishna, Vidit Gujrathi, and Koneru Humpy, have also made significant contributions to the world of chess.

The 21st century has wit-

nessed chess's resurgence, thanks to technological innovations. Online platforms and apps have democratized the game, allowing players of all skill levels to engage, learn, and compete globally. Moreover, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning have transformed chess analysis and preparation, with engines like Stockfish, AlphaZero, and Leela Chess Zero providing unprecedented insights.

Beyond the game's intricacies, Indian cinema has shown the prowess of the game in various forms - style, strategy, crime and culture. For example, Satyajit Ray's "Shatranj Ki Khiladi" painted a vivid picture of the game's cultural significance. The film transported audiences to the era of nawabs and their obsession with the game, portraying chess as more than just a pastime.

Chess is a training ground for patience and perseverance. In a world consumed by the allure of mobile phones and digital screens, chess offers a refreshing and timeless escape - a game where history, culture, and innovation converge on a 64-square battlefield, making it timeless, vibrant and engaging.

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Your imperfections make you unique...

SAKSHI SETHI

Our mind is in an endless loop playing what we said and did over and over again. And if we find that one little mistake, then begins the torment of self-bashing. The individual wishes to have a time capsule to go back and make things right for themselves and others too as they fear what others will think about them and that they will be rejected and disliked in society. In other words, all of us seek to be socially perfect. Whereas in reality, odds are that no one even thought twice about goof-up but it's the

anxious mind that won't let the individual see the truth. We all know that no one is perfect, but just knowing that, is not enough to make society let go of their desire to be perfect.

One must choose to let others see their real self rather than hiding behind a facade of perfection. "It's easier to be happy if we look beyond imperfections rather than seeking happiness by trying too hard to make everything perfect." Anonymous. A recent study by Harvard Business Review concluded that while perfectionism can improve performance, it can also result in elevated

stress levels, depression and anxiety as perfectionists often catch their self-worth to their ability to perform perfectly. This is a sad and true reality.

Quietly often, individuals assume that perfection is a prerequisite for the fulfillment of goals. For ages, we all are loved only when we perform, achieve or do something that makes our clients, colleagues or even adults around us proud. And unfortunately, when something unacceptable or something not good enough is approved, we get punished, ignored or even criticized. Instead, it should be believed that goals are something that

helps them move forward and not something that serves as a hindrance that keeps on reminding them what they lack. If love and affection depend on what we do and not who we are, we will of course end up being anxious and depressed in the long run. In today's fast-moving cruel society, it's really important to understand the flaws and imperfections that make an individual real.

Embracing imperfections is key to leading an authentic and fulfilling life. Each one of us probably has a personality trait or a physical feature that doesn't sit well with

us. But, if one needs to be truly happy, one must strive for excellence and not perfection. In Japan, a centuries-old tradition - practising kintsugi (an art of mending broken ceramics with gold) as a metaphor for life. It teaches that broken places make an individual stronger and better than ever before. The main philosophy behind this art is not only to value imperfections but it's beauty too, and celebrate them equally.

By embracing the flaws and imperfections, one can create stronger and more beautiful pieces of art. Remember, in every one of us lies an untapped

potential, waiting to be unleashed. The journey to success begins with a simple yet powerful choice to believe in self and the abilities.

One must dare to dream big, set audacious goals and push themselves beyond their comfort zone. That's where the true potential shines the brightest. Everyone is capable of achieving greatness. It's only to maximise the potential and turn aspirations into reality. Embrace your imperfections, in them one can find their beauty, strength and uniqueness.

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J&K Sports Council participates in 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

Pledging its support to the appeal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for a nationwide cleanliness drive, the special drives were conducted across all the sports facilities of the Union Territory.

The cleanliness drive initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi received nationwide attention, especially from all the sports buffs where in the country's premier blended fitness and well-being with cleanliness and leading the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign alongside wrestler-turned-social media influencer, Ankit Baiyanpuriya.

With the onus to carry forward PM's message of cleanliness and fitness, several cleanliness drives were conducted across all the sports facilities by the J&K Sports Council.

These campaigns



received good support from athletes and trainees registered with the union territory's premier sports body.

The campaign was led by Secretary, Nuzhat Gull who participated in the major cleanliness drive at Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar along with other staff members brooming the major portion of the path leading to the stadium.

Speaking on the occasion, Nuzhat Gull said that Swachh Bharat Abhiyan aims to create awareness among the citizens about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene, and encourages them to actively participate in keeping their surroundings clean.

"Maintaining cleanliness in our surroundings

is crucial for ensuring good health as dirty surroundings can become a source of diseases and infections", Gull added.

She also emphasized active participation in cleanliness all through to reduce the occurrence of infections and promote a healthier environment for all. Nuzhat Gull said that J&K Sports Council has built a vast sports infrastructure and its upkeep and cleanliness are not only limited to the Sports Council, but everyone living in the vicinity of such facilities along with athletes has a role to play and today's campaign is a reminder to the duty we all owe to the nation in our tangible way to keep the environs clean as it leads to a better quality of life besides enhancing the aesthetics of our surroundings, making them more visually appealing.

Nuzhat Gull also said that cleanliness has a positive impact on our mental well-being too.

Extensive cleanliness Drive under "Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign" held in Kupwara

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KUPWARA, OCTOBER 1

Under the banner of "Swachhata Hi Seva and Shramdaan for Swachhata" colourful events and extensive cleanliness drives were organized by Government Departments, Colleges, Schools, Municipal Bodies and Panchayats across the Kupwara district.

During one hour campaign under the slogan, Ek Tareek, Ek Ghanta, Ek sath Cleanliness Drives and Swachhata Pledges were carried out by all sections of the society.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan took part in several Swachhata events held at BHSS Ground Kupwara, Taxi Stand Regipora and D.C Office Kupwara.

Speaking at the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that cleanliness should be incorporated as a regular practice in the lifestyle by everybody. She appealed to all



the stakeholders' especially the general public, to maintain cleanliness and sanitation in their surroundings to achieve the goal of Swachh Bharat.

She urged that cleanliness is not confined to physical spaces alone; it also extends to our habits and mindset. It is not merely a matter of appearance; it has a profound impact on our

health, environment, and overall well-being.

Vice Chairman DDC in his address said that Swachhata Hi Seva is a good initiative of the Government which needs to be implemented in letter and spirit. He urged upon the people of the district to cooperate in making Kupwara a clean and green district.

Chairman MC also spoke and highlighted the

importance of the event.

At BHSS Kupwara, the Deputy Commissioner along with Vice Chairman, DDC, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir; Chairman MC Kupwara, Reyaz Ahmad Mir, President Traders Federation Kupwara, Showkat Ahmad Masoodi, besides, District/Sectoral Officers and Officials from various departments took part in the cleanliness drive.

The Deputy Commissioner also administered Swachhata Pledge, Non-Violence Pledge and Nasha Mukht Pledge to the participants on the occasion.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner participated in Swachhata activities held at Taxi Stand Regipora and D.C Office Kupwara.

Meanwhile, Swachhata events were held in all Government Offices, Colleges, Schools and Panchayats, municipal areas, Market places, and places of worship in Kupwara district.

Massive cleanliness drives conducted at 4000 places in Ganderbal

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GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 1

In a remarkable display of community engagement and commitment to Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of cleanliness and sustainability, a massive cleanliness drives over 4000 locations across the district Ganderbal were carried under Swachhata Pakhwada, themed "Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath" here today.

A Shramadaan of one hour was conducted with an aim to make a valuable contribution to our nation in terms of cleanliness of our surroundings, fostering the values of community service and nation building.

During shramadaan of one hour, participants picked up the litter from roads, parks, offices, embankments of Sindh Nallah and other water bodies for disposing it off in an environment friendly manner.

All departments organized swachhata drives across offices, public places of high footfall such as bus stands, tourist spots- Sonamarg, Naranag and Manasbal lake, river fronts, drains and nallahs in both rural and urban areas. The mega sanitation drive was held in and around the Mini Secretariat Ganderbal



under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Shyambir which was also attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mehraj-u-Din Shah and other district officers and officials.

Meanwhile, Municipal Council Ganderbal conducted a cleanliness drive in the town area and the main function was organized at Qamaria Park

which was also attended by Deputy Commissioner, President Municipal Council Ganderbal, EO MC Ganderbal, Councilors and locals.

Earlier, the DC administered Swachhata Pledge among the participants in the lawns of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal and everyone pledged to devote himself for cleanliness and not indulge in littering in the environment and making our country neat and clean.

JDI Mohammad Aslam awarded Certificate of Appreciation for contribution in Shramadaan Swachh Bharat

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The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Sunday awarded Certificate of Appreciation to Joint Director Information Kashmir, Mohammad Aslam for his contribution in Shramadaan for Swachh Bharat under an initiative of Swachh Bharat Mission.

The selfless contribution of JDI Kashmir for advocating & fostering the environment of cleanliness at different forums and under his official capacity has been given recognition by the J&K Government.

The Deputy Director Information & PR; Assistant Director Field Publicity Unit, Cultural Officer and other staff members congratulated Joint Director for the achievement and acknowledgement of his endeavors in Swachh Bharat Mission. Mohammad Aslam has been very particular about the sanitation and neat & clean environment as he give emphasis on the disposal of waste in an eco-friendly way to reduce pollution.

Meanwhile, Joint Directorate Information Kashmir under the leadership of JDI, Mohammad Aslam today conducted a cleanliness drive in the office premises and in the vicinity under Swachhata Hi Seva campaign and under Ek Ghanta Ek Tareekh Ek Saath programme.

All the officers and officials of the department participated in the cleanliness drive and collected the plastic & other solid waste material which was latter disposed off in a proper manner.

On the occasion, Swachhata Pledge was also held to ensure cleanliness in the surroundings and protect the environment from pollution.

Dir RDD Kashmir takes part in sanitation initiative at Chotipora, Shopian

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SHOPIAN, OCTOBER 1

An initiative under Swachhata Hi Seva programme, Director Rural Development depart-

ment, Kashmir, Shabir Hussain Bhat today visited Shopian and took part in Shramadhan Shapath ceremony.

The programme aimed to donate one

hour of labor towards sanitation of our surroundings like roads, offices, tourist places, historical places, religious places, public parks etc.

DLSA Ganderbal kick started 2-days Cleanliness drive under "Swachhata Hi Sewa" campaign

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GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 1

In a remarkable display of community engagement and commitment to Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of cleanliness and sustainability, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal, under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority today kick started 2-days cleanness drive on lines of "Swachhata Hi Sewa-2023" national campaign.

The event took place at the premises of District Court Ganderbal as a tribute to the great visionary leader Mahatma Gandhi ji. The programmes were held under the able supervision of the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Ritesh Kumar Dubey and



under the guidance of the Sub-Judge/Secretary, Nusrat Ali Hakak of the District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal.

The celebration aimed to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi and promote his principles of cleanliness and sustainability.

The drive was inaugurated by Secretary District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal and witnessed a strong Participation of staff & PLVs of District Ganderbal, officials Nad

Safayi karamchayis from Municipality.

The celebration aimed to honor the teachings and principles of Mahatma Gandhi.

District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal organized a series of activities to commemorate the occasion. These activities included awareness sessions, cleanliness drives, within the court premises.

This initiative not only symbolized the importance of cleanliness but

also promoted a healthy and hygienic environment.

Speaking about the event, Sub-Judge/Secretary stated, "Mahatma Gandhi's teachings on cleanliness and sustainability hold immense importance even today. District Legal Services Authority Ganderbal exemplifies commitment to honor his ideals and promote a cleaner and greener environment.

She further added, "It is heartening to witness the community coming together to celebrate the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and contribute towards a better future. We are grateful for the support and participation of all those who made this event a success." District

Legal Services Authority Ganderbal remains dedicated to fostering a sense of responsibility and sustainable practices among the community. Through events like this, they aim to inspire others to follow in Mahatma Gandhi's footsteps and contribute to a cleaner and more sustainable society.

The celebration of Gandhi Jayanti in the District Court Ganderbal showcased a resounding dedication to preserving the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi ji and spreading awareness of the importance of cleanliness and sustainability in society. It served as a reminder of the continued relevance of his teachings amidst the challenges faced by our modern world.

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No:-DHSJ/ES-09/9675-80 Dated:-27/09/2023

Subject:-Unauthorized absence from duty.....**Show Cause Notice** thereof.

Whereas, you were deployed at GNM School Akhnoor, vide Order No:-DHSJ/Es-9/11608-10, dated 19-11-2020 and joined on 23-11-2020 and as reported by the Block Medical Officer, Akhnoor vide letter bearing No:-BMO/AKH/2084-85, dated 04-09-2023, you have not reported at the place of your deployment w.e.f.01-08-2021 and are unauthorized absent from duties till date.

And whereas, consequent upon your unauthorized absence from duty the Block Medical Officer, Akhnoor, had called your explanation vide No:-BMO/AKH/1003-06, dated 14-01-2022, wherein it has been stated that the Block Medical Officer, Akhnoor as well as I/C Principal GNM School Akhnoor had tried to contact you telephonically but all the time your mobile comes switched off, besides, it has also been stated that the Earned leave form submitted by you through e-mail is not found correct. Accordingly, you were directed to explain your position within three days positively otherwise action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against you.

And whereas, the explanation dated 14-01-2022 was followed by reminders/Notices vide No:-BMO/AKH/2033-36, dated 17-02-2022 & No:-BMO/AKH/2286-88, dated 21-03-2022, which were sent at your residential address, however no response has been received till date.

And whereas, as apparent from the face of record, you had been absent from duty unauthorizedly earlier also and the Government while settling your period of absence/accepting your rejoining, vide Govt. Order No:-518-JK(HME) of 2020, dated 02-07-2020, has clearly warned you not to leave your place of posting unauthorizedly for any occasion in future, failing which disciplinary action shall be initiated against you without any further notice. However, despite of warning you have resorted to the same conduct again.

Therefore, you are hereby directed to show cause as to why disciplinary action as warranted under rules may not be initiated against you for repeatedly remaining absent from duty unauthorizedly. Your reply must reach in this office **within seven days** positively otherwise it shall be presumed that you have nothing to say in your defence and the department shall proceed against you accordingly.

(Dr. Rajeev K. Sharma)
Director Health Services,
Jammu

DIP/J-8952/23
Date: 1-9-23

Clean & Green Budgam: DLSA's Tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's Legacy

JNEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, OCTOBER 1

As part of the Nationwide Campaign "Swachhta Hi Seva", District Legal Services Authority, Budgam under the aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority organized a series of impactful activities highlighting the Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of cleanliness and sustainability. The initiatives were undertaken to honour the 154th birth anniversary of Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, aiming at addressing littering, waste management, and overall hygiene by engaging individuals and institutions.

Under the leadership of Aijaz Ahmad Khan, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Budgam, Judicial officers Jahangir Ahmad

Bakshi, Farah Bashir, staff members of District Court Budgam, DLSA Budgam along with dedicated PLV's, members of LADC, Penal Lawyers and officials of Municipal Council Budgam joined hands for providing impetus to the nationwide campaign under the theme of (Garbage Free India).

The events started with a remarkable cleanliness drive spearheaded by Aijaz Ahmad Khan, Additional District & Sessions Judge Budgam along with Judicial Officers, Staff Members of District Court Complex Budgam & DLSA Budgam, members of LADC, PLV's and Officials of Municipal Council Budgam. The participants actively engaged in cleaning and beautifying the ADR Centre and its surroundings including "Play

Way area of Children", premises of ADR Centre and the premises of Court along with dedicated PLV's, members of LADC, Penal Lawyers and officials of Municipal Council Budgam highlighted the importance of collective responsibility towards maintaining the clean and hygienic surroundings.

Another remarkable initiative was undertaken by DLSA Budgam, wherein an awareness programme cum cleanliness drive was organized in collaboration with Oxford School.

The event brought together staff members, teachers, dedicated PLV's and students, who worked tirelessly to clean and regenerate their surroundings. The event provided an opportunity to instill the values of cleanliness and collective responsibility among the younger generations.

An awareness programme was also organized at Oxford School, wherein Nisar Ahmad (PLV) of DLSA Budgam highlighted the importance of sustainability and adoption of eco-friendly alternatives.

He also highlighted the best practices for segregation and effective recycling of wastes.

DLSA Budgam took the message of cleanliness and responsible waste management directly to the community through a door to door awareness campaign.

Dedicated PLV's visited door to door in various areas of district Budgam to promote awareness about the importance of clean surroundings. The PLV's also highlighted the importance of segregation of waste and effective recycling of wastes.

Swachhata Pakhwada cleanliness drives held across Kulgam

JNEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, OCTOBER 1

Massive cleanliness drives across district Kulgam were carried out under Swachhata Pakhwada, themed "Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath".

A Shramadaan of one hour was conducted with an aim to pay sincere tribute to Mahatma Gandhiji in terms of cleanliness of our surroundings, fostering the values of community service and nation building.

During shramadaan of one hour, participants picked up the litter from roads, parks, offices, schools, public places, water bodies, etc for disposing it off in an environment friendly manner.

Meanwhile, all departments organized swachhata drives across offices and cleanliness drives were also held at public places such as bus stands, tourist spots, river fronts, drains and nullahs in both rural and urban areas.

Mega sanitation drive was also held in and around the Mini Secretariat Kulgam led by the Additional Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Viqar Ahmed Giri which was also attended by officers and officials housed in mini-secretariat besides students and sweeping staff from Municipal Council Kulgam also joined the drive.

Meanwhile, sanitation drives were also held at panchayats, schools, colleges, health institutions and all other offices.

Municipalities also carried out special sanitation drives in all 04 municipalities.

Pledge ceremonies were also held. ADC administered Swachhta pledge, Non-violence Pledge and Pledge against the drugs among participants at mini secretariat Kulgam.

Ek Ghanta Ek Tareekh Ek Saat- Distt Admin B'pora holds cleanliness drive at Nand Kishore Temple Sumbal

BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 1

As a part of 'Ek Ghanta Ek Tareekh Ek Saath', district administration Bandipora Sunday conducted a massive cleanliness drive at Nand Kishore Temple Sumbal. The drive led by Nodal Officer Coordination Mohammad Ashraf Hakak garnered community support and praise.

ARTO/DIO Bandipora Bilal Ahmad Mir, AD Food Bilal Ahmad, Traders Federation Sumbal, students besides a huge gathering of locals participated in the event.

Jahangeer Ahmad besides other councillors from MC Hajin were present on the occasion.

The cleanliness drive commenced from Nand Kishore Temple Sumbal and culminated at Jhelum river front.

'Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath', a special event was designed to



rally people for a collective effort in cleaning their surroundings to promote cleanliness ahead of Ghandhi Jayanti Celebrations under Swachhta Cam-

aign. People from different walks of life participated in the cleanliness drives held across the district.

Classrooms to Communities: DLSA Srinagar conducts Swachh Bharat Drive

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

In a heartfelt tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, the District Legal Services Authority, Srinagar (DLSA), participated in the national campaign "Swachhata Hi Seva-2023 (SHS-2023)" by orchestrating a series of inspiring activities.

This noble endeavor marked the 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a visionary who championed cleanliness, sustainability, and social responsibility.

DLSA held a Cleanliness drive and awareness at Muslim Public School, Srinagar. The grounds of Muslim Public School, Srinagar, bore witness to a remarkable transformation as DLSA Srinagar joined hands with the institution for a sweeping cleanliness drive.

The initiative drew the enthusiastic participation

of staff members, teachers, Para Legal Volunteers and students who tirelessly worked to restore the school's surroundings to their pristine glory.

Vice Chairperson of the institute, Asrar Ali, delivered an impassioned address during the campaign, emphasizing the profound importance of sustainability and the adoption of eco-friendly alternatives.

His words resonated deeply with all participants, highlighting the vital role that educational institutions play in shaping environmentally conscious citizens.

Also, a cleanliness drive and awareness Event was held at City School, Nowgam. This multifaceted endeavor united staff members, teachers, Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs), and enthusiastic students in a collective effort to clean and beautify their surroundings.

The highlight of the event was an inspiring address by Adv. Suhaila Ali, a distinguished resource person from DLSA Srinagar.

She eloquently conveyed the paramount importance of sustainability and effective waste management for the protection of our environment.

Her powerful words left an indelible mark on all attendees, reinforcing the responsibility we all bear in preserving the beauty of our planet.

These activities undertaken by DLSA Srinagar under the banner of SHS2023 not only pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi but also serve as a clarion call to the community.

They remind us all of the enduring values of cleanliness, sustainability, and collective responsibility that the Father of the Nation stood for.

"Swachhata Hi Seva"

ACS Home launches cleanliness, plantation drive at Central Jail Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

As part of "Swachhata Hi Seva", a cleanliness and plantation drive was launched at Central Jail Srinagar by Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) R

K Goyal here today to amplify the message of the campaign and promote the theme of 'Garbage free India'.

The staff including CISE, CRPF personnel and inmates actively participated in the drive.



On the occasion, Goyal highlighted the importance of Swachh Bharat

'Swachhata hi Seva'

Comm Secy RDD inaugurates Mega cleanliness drive at Chatlam Wetland Reserve Pulwama

JNEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, OCTOBER 1

In a resounding display of community commitment towards cleanliness and environmental preservation, a monumental "Swachhata hi Seva" mega cleanliness drive was conducted at the Chatlam Wetland Reserve which was inaugurated by Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development Department, Mandeeep Kaur.

Deputy Commissioner, Dr Basharat Qayoom, Chairperson District Development Council, PRIs and senior officers of district administration were present on the occasion. The program commenced with a solemn pledge ceremony reinforcing the values of cleanliness, sobriety and non-violence. The participants took Swachhata pledge ensuring to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings, Nasha Mukht pledge committing towards a substance-free lifestyle and the non violence pledge affirming a commitment towards heralding peace and harmony. In her speech,



Commissioner Secretary emphasized the pivotal role of individuals in ensuring cleanliness and preserving the environment. She urged upon the people to take responsibility for their surroundings, stressing the importance of cleanliness and discouraging loitering in public spaces.

She applauded the Deputy Commissioner, who also serves as the Chairman of District Sanitation Committee, and the district administration

for their efforts towards ensuring cleanliness and sanitation in the district. She recognized the officers and officials besides PRIs for their unwavering commitment towards promoting Swachhata (cleanliness) across the district.

Commissioner Secretary lauded efforts of all stakeholders for making J&K UT ODF plus. She emphasized the role of the department in creating assets and urged upon the citizens to work towards sustainable utilization of

created assets through community led ownership and taking responsibility of litter in around households and other establishments.

The extensive cleanliness drive around the Chatlam Wetland Reserve, a crucial ecosystem in the region, was marked by enthusiastic participation from all corners of the community, showcasing a collective dedication towards preserving the natural heritage.

Deputy Commissioner informed that Pulwama district has achieved ODF PLUS status (Open Defecation Free Plus) and door-to-door waste collection initiatives are being encouraged vigorously across the district. He emphasized the importance of forward and backward linkages in waste management and expressed the district's commitment towards exploring ways to link waste with financial incentives. He assured that Pulwama would strive to become a model district in terms of cleanliness and environmental sustainability.

DLSA Kupwara holds cleanliness drive at District Court Complex

JNEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, OCTOBER 1

Following the directions of Principal District & Sessions Judge Kupwara, Shazia Tabasum, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kupwara today organized a Cleanliness Drive at District Court Complex Kupwara under the banner of 'Swachhata Pakhwada-Swachhata Hi Seva'.

The cleanliness drive which was held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM witnessed participation of Munsiff/JMIC Kupwara, Mir Altaf; Legal Aid Defense Counsels, DSP HQ Kupwara and SHO PS Kupwara.

Field Functionaries from Municipal Committee Kupwara, Staff Members and PLVs of DLSA also attended the cleanliness drive.

Additional Commissioner Kashmir (S) leads "Swachhata Hi Seva" cleanliness drive

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

In lieu of clean India Campaign & to pay tribute to the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, "Swachhata Hi Seva" cleanliness drive was conducted at the office of Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, today.

Reiterating the significance of Swachhata Hi Seva, a massive cleanliness drive continued on the 2nd Day in the premises & vicinity of Div Com office led by Additional Commissioner Kashmir (S) in which officers & officials of different offices and sections vehemently participated.

The Additional Commissioner also administered a pledge to the participants for keeping the surroundings garbage free.



DLSA Shopian conducts Sanitation Drive at Shopian



JNEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, OCTOBER 1

Under the Swachhata Pakhwada campaign and as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his birth anniversary on 2nd October 2023, District Legal Services Authority, Shopian today organised a cleanliness drive at District Court Complex Shopian. The sanitation drive was led by Chairman Tehsil Legal Services Com-

mittee Shopian, Intiyaz Ahmad Lone, CAO Mohd Maqbool, and SO Adm. Shabir Ahmad.

Staff members of the DLSA Shopian, LADC Members and PLVs along with Court Staff took part in the drive.

The rally was also taken out on the occasion.

The campaign is aimed to promote cleanliness and to create and contribute towards a cleaner and healthier environment.

Horticulture, Kashmir celebrated 'Swachhata Hi Seva'



JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

The Department of Horticulture, Kashmir on Sunday celebrated 'Swachhata Hi Seva' to honour the legacy of Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

To mark the event, 'Swachhata Hi Seva' also called (Clean India Programme) was kick started at Directorate of Horticulture Rajbagh and Director Horticulture Kashmir, G. R. Mir officiated the 'Swachhata Pledge' to the employees of the Department.

The Director initiated and led the sanitation drive in the premises of Horticulture Complex Rajbagh Srinagar. He was joined by other departmental officers and offi-

cials. Speaking on the occasion, the Director highlighted the significance of sanitation and urged all the participants to follow the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' in letter and spirit.

He further stressed that we should carry forward the message of 'Swachhata Hi Seva' and should keep our homes, offices and surroundings clean. Being the head of the Department, the Dir said that sanitation should also be an integral part of our Orchards, Farms and Nurseries.

Director thanked all the participants and hoped that in future more such cleanliness campaigns will be held to spread the awareness about the Clean India Programme.

