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Close associate of Hafiz Saeed gunned down in Karachi

JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCT 1

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

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 1

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

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Last date to exchange Rs 2,000 notes at Banks extended till October 7: RBI JI NEWS SERVICE 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 Obtober 8. However, people can till 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

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

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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

cleanliness, hygiene and

environmental sustain-

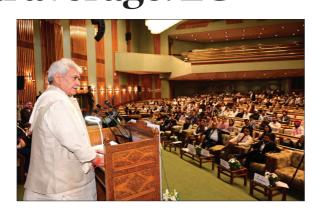
sion, JDI highlighted the

been on the forefront

DIPR Jammu to promote he said.

Speaking on the occa- Free India.'

anniversary.



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

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, OCT 1

the fourth time during current financial year.

was Rs 1,62,712 crore. Of this, Central GST was Rs lakh crore in the 29,818 crore, State GST

Information Department conducts

Swachhata hi Seva campaign'2023

Atul Gupta administered accorded highest prior- along with staff members

The theme for the

Swachhata hi Seva cam-

paign - 2023 is 'Garbage

This initiative marks a

Information Depart-

was Rs 37,657 crore, Integrated GST was Rs 83,623 crore (including Gross GST collection Rs 41,145 crore collected rose 10 per cent to over on import of goods) and Rs 1.62 lakh crore in Sep-cess was Rs 11,613 crore tember, crossing the Rs (including Rs 881 crore 1.6 lakh crore mark for collected on import of

The revenue in Sep-Gross GST revenue tember 2023 was 10 per collected last month cent higher than the GST revenue of Rs 1.47

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paign and participated in

'Shram daan'. The officers

cleaned the premises of

the Directorate of Infor-

mation & PR, Media Com-

plex Rail Head Jammu and

campaign aims to inspire

voluntary 'Shram daan'

activities that foster a

sense of collective respon-

sibility among the citizens.

Deputy Director Informa-

tion (PR) Dr Vikas Sharma,

Deputy Director

Besides JDI Jammu,

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The Swachhata hi Seva

its surroundings.

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

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

along with fitness influenc- Ankit Baiyanpuriya and I er Ankit Baiyanpuriya.

Wielding a broom, PM "Today, as the nation that Swachh and Swasth Modi took part in the drive focuses on Swachhata, Bharat vibe!".

did the same! Beyond just of life, from politicians to Sharing a 4-minute cleanliness, we blended video on his official X fitness and well-being also and took part in the

People from all walks students, wielded brooms account, Modi posted, into the mix. It is all about 'Swachhata hi Seva' cam-

paign, 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.

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

JI NEWS SERVICE

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.

cial, 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

"At about 10.30 pm on module. Saturday, Ramban police Banihal coming from police station and inves-

According to the offi- Kashmir towards Jammu tigation set into motion,

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

A case under relevant of Ramban police. led by Senior Superin- sections of the Narcotic tendent of Police, Mohita Drugs and Psychotropic (under NDPS Act) have Sharma intercepted one Substances (NDPS) Act been registered in 2022 vehicle at Railway Chowk was registered at Banihal while 36 such cases

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 recovery resulted in the of notorious peddlers and busting of a narco-terror smugglers have already been booked by the team

"A total of 104 cases

Northern army command conducts

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

JI NEWS 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

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

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 1

Democratic Progressive **Azad Party** (DPAP)President

 $G\;h\;u\;l\;a\;m$ 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

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Conclave to review joint strategies for a comprehensive approach to counter evolving air threats and ensure national security. conducted a two-day

and September 30, 2023. "Domain experts from

Air Force, and Defence Army on X. Public Sector Undertak-



Kashmir on September 29 evolving air threats and ticipants. ensure national security," posted Northern Army Army Air Defence, Indian Command of the Indian

Northern Army Com-

The Dhruva Command ings (DPSUs) brainstormed mander Lt Gen Upendra and reviewed joint strate- Dwivedi witnessed the DHRUVA Air Defence Congies for a comprehenequipment display and clave 2023 in Jammu and sive approach to counter interacted with the par-

> in the backdrop of the evolving air threats in the region, including

The conclave was held

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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, President Ravinder Raina attended two Programmes at Gole Basti Ward No- 31



BJP Jammu & Kashmir and Kabeer Basti Ward No- SC Morcha President & 40 of Talab Tillo Mandal. Former MLA Neelam Ravinder Raina was Langeh, Mandal Presiaccompanied by BJP dent Talab Tillo Keshav

cillor and Prabhari Nowshera 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

Chopra, Municipal Coun-

before the Idol of Sant Ravidas at Guru Ravi Dass Mandir with folded hands. A large number of

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Major cache of Arms, Ammo **Recovered in Machil**

At the onset, Joint Directal sustainability. "The

tor Information Jammu Department has always

Swachhata pledge to the ity to the crucial issue of

officers and officials of cleanliness and hygiene,"

teachings of Mahatma significant step towards

Gandhi on cleanliness and generating a 'Jan Andolan'

sustainability. He further through community

said that the Information involvement to promote

Department has always cleanliness and sanitation.

to promote cleanliness, ment has enthusiasti-

hygiene, and environmen- cally embraced this cam-

JI NEWS SERVICE 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.

operation conducted by region. Kupwara Police and the

ering commitment of our tion, reflecting their deter-



"On the afternoon of Indian Army, a substantial September 30, 2023, a cache of arms and ammu-meticulously planned treasure trove of arms nition was unearthed in operation commenced the Poshmargi area of in the suspected region, Machhal", said a police marked by its challengspokesman in a statement. ing terrain and the ever-The operation, the present threat posed by statement reads, was ini- anti-national elements. tiated based on specific The collaborative effort of intelligence input devel- Kupwara Police and the UBGL (Under Barrel Greoped by Kupwara Police Indian Army was executed underscores the unwav- with precision and dedica-

nation."

"During the exhaustive search operation, a natural cave yielded a and ammunition that had been illicitly transported across the Line of Control (LoC)", reads the statement adding the haul included; 1 AK Series Rifle, 4 AK Magazines, 2 nade Launcher), 2 Hand Grenades, 26 UBGL

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

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.

active involvement of Offi- untary labor) activities lective commitment to his cers from the Cooperative with unwavering enthusi- ideals and our resolve to Department, including asm. The atmosphere was contribute to a cleaner Dr. Narupa Rai, Addi- charged with a sense of and healthier environtional Registrar Coop- shared responsibility and erative Societies Jammu, purpose as everyone came Champa Devi, Joint Reg- together to clean and reju- munity in Jammu and istrar (Audit) Jammu, and Sonali Arun Gupta, Joint Complex. Registrar (Special) Jammu,



ness is not just a duty; it's

The cooperative com-

Kashmir has consistently

shown its dedication to

ment for all."

alongside numerous dedision, the Commissioner cated officers and staff Secretary stated, "Cleanli-

At precisely 10.00 am a tribute to Mahatma Gan-Yasha Mudgal donned dhi's vision for a clean and work attire and took part self-reliant India. Today's The occasion witnessed in the "Shramdaan" (vol- event exemplifies our colvenate the Cooperative

Speaking on the occa- social causes, and this

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

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

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

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

JI NEWS 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 organ-

ised under the supervision of Chairman DLSA Kathua, Ashok Kumar Shavan (also Principal District & Sessions Judge) . The cleanliness events were organised 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



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 active participation of Jail discussed the importance staff and Para Legal Volungramme under Swachata Kathua in collaboration Kathua.

Hi Sewa Campaign (SHS)

The proceedings of the program were conducted by Adv Naiya Sharma through careful planning Panel Advocate, DLSA Kathua. Panel Advocates, 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 Inmates of Dist as well as of this awareness pro- also organized by DLSA,

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 and recycling, on implementation of Swachhta Hi Sewa Campaign (SHS) 2023, to disseminate the importance of Sampoorna Swachh Kathua and to reinforce the concept of Sanitation as everyone's business make aware the local masses of the District

DC Rajouri Leads Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Sath Cleanliness Drive

JI NEWS 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

ed by the Commandant, clean and beautiful. CRPF 72 Bn Rajouri; Vivek other officers.

witnessed the active par- gratitude to all partici- as the driving force behind ticipation of President pants and emphasized the initiative. MC Rajouri, Mohd Arief, the importance of collec-

the spirit of community

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 1



Deputy Commissioner of the community.

Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services

Swach Bharat Abhiyan observed by

complex, Bella Park, Old service and cleanliness, tiative reflects the com-Bustand, and New Bus were successfully replicat- mitment of community Stand, saw enthusiastic ed at the other designated leaders of Rajouri and participation from various locations, bringing togeth- residents to maintain the sectors of the community. er residents, officials, and cleanliness and hygiene At the DC office com- local authorities in a uni- standards of the city setplex, the event was attend-fied effort to keep Rajouri ting a positive example for others to follow.

At the heart of the 'Ek Sakseena; Assistant Com- Vikas Kundal also spoke Tareekh Ek Ganta Ek missioner Revenue, Imran passionately about the Sath' cleanliness drive in Rashid Kataria; Chief Agri- significance of cleanliness Rajouri was the spirit of culture Officer, Sohan and sanitation, emphasiz- 'Shram Daan' or voluntary Singh; Assistant Director ing their direct impact on labor. This selfless act of FCS&CA, Auqil Nuvaid and the well-being and health giving one's time and effort for the betterment At Bella Park, the event He also expressed his of the community served

'Shram Daan' not only along with councillors tive action in creating a symbolized the dedication including Sanjay Sharma, cleaner and more vibrant of the participants but also Pushpinder Gupta, Mamta Rajouri. He commended highlighted the invaluable Dutt, Iftkar Dar, Mushtaq the dedication of all those contribution of every indi-Ahmed and Rabia Kouser who came forward to con-vidual towards the collec-Similar events, echoing tribute their 'Shram Daan.' tive goal of a cleaner and This exemplary ini- more vibrant Rajouri.

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

JI NEWS SERVICE 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 environmental pollution, ous slogans on discour- Smt. Rani Devi HOD IT, HODs, staff and students the students and staff paraging the use of polybags Jasdeep Kour HoD I&C., participated in the cam-ticipated in a 'Walkathon' and making alternative Sanjay Koul HOD Compaign. In order to curb from institute campus to arrangements instead the plastic menace, the bikram chowk after that to the use of plastic and HOD T&T, Chamel Singh students took the pledge a cleanliness drive was thereby supporting the PEM, Smt. Toshi PET, staff on 'Plastic Waste Manage- organized in the area Nationwide campaign and students of Government', 'Sanitation' and surrounding the college to keep our earth green ment Polytechnic Jammu 'Cleanliness Drive' besides campus. All the staff and and eco-friendly. The actively participated in all campaigning against the students were armed with students of the institute the activities taken up to 'Single Use of Plastic'. To brooms, dustbins, and a participated in various mark the occasion.

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 garbagefree environment. Principal along with Inderjeet Singh Workshop Supdt., Raj Kumar HOD Mechanical, Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Engg., Manjeet Singh HOD Electrical Engg., puter., Amit Sharma

Cleanliness **Drive under** Swachhta Hi Sewa Campaign conducted at DHS, Jammu JI NEWS SERVICE 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 Shramdan drive as part of Swachhta 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

Relief Organisation organises Swachchta hi Sewa campaign at 21 locations across UT

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

In a concerted effort to advocate the nationwide sanitation and cleanliness initiative, "Swachhata Pakhwada-Swachhata Hi Sewa 2023" in rural and urban areas, Relief and Rehabilitation Organization and 07 Migrant Schools in collaboration with the Department of Rural Development & Panchaya-Sports, School Education Department, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, CRPF and Sanitation Agencies.

The Nodal Officers and mark the celebration of attended by number of objective.



today organized number Gandhi Jayanti. Brooms, officials of department, of impactful activities at Disposal Bags, Disposable migrant children and ini-21 different locations viz Gloves, Cutter, Masks mates of migrant camps Head Office, 12 migrant were distributed among too which aimed to fulfill camps at Jammu & Kash- the participants by the a sole objective and instill mir under its jurisdiction department. About 300- a sense of social responsi-400 migrant students par- bility among the younger notified vide this office ticipated with immense generation towards ensurcircular No. 02-RRCM of enthusiasm and fervor ing cleanliness in their sur-2023 dated: 26.09.2023 and also raised slogans of roundings. Further more Green India, Clean India Kashmiri migrants were and Garbage free India. also made aware of special The same enthusiasm was summary revision during ti Raj, Youth Services and seen amongst inmates of the campaign. migrant camps who also joined hand in hand with tion Commissioner K.K. the department in making Sidha sensitized all the the cleanliness drive suc-

appointed by the depart- and followed by National

The Relief & Rehabilitaparticipants regarding the importance of ongo-Further, the occasion ing "Swachhata Pakhwawas marked by Swachhata da-Swachhata Hi Sewa the Visiting Offices were pledge taking ceremony 2023' campaign and also enjoined upon them to ment for conducting Mega anthem at head office and propagate the sense of cleanliness drive under various migrant camps cleanliness and hygiene in "EK Tareekh, EK Ghanta, which was led by officers action and spirit to fulfill EK Saath " campaign to of Relief Organization and the endeavor of aforesaid

Economics & Statistics Directorate conducts Swachhata cleanliness drive

JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

clean and make others tine manner.

to follow. The campaign has reignited the spirit of voluntarism and commu-The Directorate of Eco- nity participation among nomics & Statistics, J&K the masses. All the staff today undertook a cleanli- members of the Direcness drive under "Swach- torate, Regional Direchata Hi Seva" in the Director (E&S) Jammu, School torate complex at Jammu. of Applied Economics & Satvir Kour Sudan, Statistics, Jammu partici-Director General, Econom- pated in the campaign by ics & Statistics, J&K led the intensive cleanliness of officers and officials of the their respective sections Economics & Statistics also. The Director General cadre in the "Shramdaan' commended the efforts for cleanliness campaign. of all the participants and On this occasion all the emphasized that cleanliofficers and officials took ness should not only be "Sawachhta Pledge" for maintained occasionally keeping our surroundings but should be made a rou-



siasm throughout the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. As many as 191 events were organised at each Fire and Emergency station and command office day was observed by

As a part of Swachata

Abhiyaan, Fire and Emer-

gency Services depart-

ment conducted cleanli-

ness drive across its Fire Stations with great enthu-

ing areas. of Swachata Abhiyaan,

stations besides surround-

to adopt Swachata Abhi- Hqrs wherein command daily basis.

India drive. He also joined events. At Srinagar Hqrs, cleaning the offices and the cleanliness drive with Aqib Hussain Mir, Assis-Jawans. RK Raina, DD tant Director led the Swa-Jammu and Dr Manju Med- chata Abhiyaan. The main event was ical officer FES Jammu and

in all districts of UT. The yaan as a part of clean officers led the cleanness

Meanwhile Alok Kumar organised at Gandhi Nagar other senior officers also IPS ADGP Director Fire Hqrs Jammu, wherein accompanied in cleaning and Emergency Services Alok Kumar, ADGP Direc- of the office, Fire Station. has directed all suborditor Fire and Emergency Later, the surrounding nate units to carry forward Services joined the event Green Belt Gandhi Nagar this Swachata Abhiyaan area was also cleaned. and make a routine to Speaking on the occa- Similar functions were clean stations and offices sion, he asked the jawans held at Range and District besides surroundings on

LG participates in One Hour of citizen-led shramdaan for Swachhata at Dal Lake

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today participated in the One Hour of citizen-led shramdaan for Swachhata campaign and led the cleanliness and deweeding drive at Dal Lake.

He joined the citizens from all walks of life who were gathered in large numbers to pay 'swachhanjali' to Mahatma Gandhi.

"The way we see the surroundings becomes the experience of our life. Cleanliness brings happiness, joy and prosperity. It is the door to reach closest to the God. I am happy to witness cleanliness turning into the ambition of society and Garbage-free Campaign, under the cities and villages are no longer imagination but a Minister Shri Narendra also creating new liveli- lated the citizens and the reality," the Lt Governor Modi ji has become a Jan-hood opportunities, gen-administration on achievsaid.

upon the people to make sibility to protect our surity of life, and reiterated the 'Model' category. united efforts and contrib-roundings, our lakes & the commitment of the ute to realize the vision of rivers and spread aware- UT Administration to milestone underlines our were also present.



'Garbage-Free India'.

'Swachhata Hi Seva' The Lt Governor called It is our collective respon-

ness on cleanliness, the Lt strengthen the Swachhata Governor said.

He said the Swachh and improves the qual-

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movement in the UT.

At the UT-level event, guidance of Hon'ble Prime revolution across J&K is the Lt Governor congratu-100% villages of J&K under

NHIDCL conducts cleanliness, plantation

cleanliness and aware-

Regional Office of ness during Swachhta keep their environment

National Highways & Pakhwada made to con- pure and make their sur-

ment Corporation Lim- of surrounding areas of make good atmosphere

ited (NHIDCL), a fully RO-Jammu, their PMUs, for future young generaowned Company of Min- Construction sites and tions. Local people were

(Jammu -Akhnoor Road) taking ceremony was NHIDCL, RO-Jammu

under the activity of organized to keep our and their PMUsand con-

NHIDCL, RO-Jammu along with Project Moni- road sideDhabas, Bus

has started the Swachhata- toring Unit-Akhnoorhas stands, wayside ameni-

Pakhwada" Swachhata Hi taken an initiative of ties, repairing of street

Sewa" campaign under cleaning the approach lights, Filling of Potholes,

the chairmanship of road of National High- removal of encroach-

Executive Director (Proj- way (Jammu - Akhnoor ments, removal of clog-

ects), Col.Sandeep Sud- Road) and gave uplift- ging in road side drains

hera (Retd.). During this ment towards thought along National Highways.

drive, underscoring the role

of youth in bringing about

positive change in society. Over 50 NSS Volunteers

dents fanned out across

the Peer Baba Kanju Sahib

Dargah complex, armed

with brooms, dustpans, and

cleaning materials. They

worked diligently to sweep,

collect, litter, and remove

debris, focusing on the Peer

Baba Kanju Sahib Dargah

premises and its surround-

ings. The local community

welcomed the initiative and

joined hands with the NSS

Volunteers, showcasing the

spirit of unity and commu-

pristine the beauty of the

revered religious site. The

LG greets people on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti

Campaign, lots of efforts for plantation more and

were devoted towards more trees to become

On the celebration of 15th to 30th Septem-

The Staff of the its target toCleanthe

NHIDCL, Regional Office maximum number of

Gandhi Jayanti, a pledge ber 2023 was done by

drive on Jammu -Akhnoor Road

Infrastructure Develop- nect common masses

istry of Road, Transport local public places, a step

and Highways (MoRTH), was taken by NHIDCL to

Govt of India organized encourage all the people

a CLEANLINESS DRIVE to keep their locality

SwachhataPakhwada"Ek surroundings and society

GDC Kunjwani Conducts

cleanliness drive at Kanju

Jayanti and as a part of the accompanied by local resi-

address, highlighted the nity service together. They

importance of cleanliness restored the cleanliness and

vision of a clean and healthy programme was organized

and the PLANTATION clean.

Tareek Ek Ghanta" on clean.

OF TREES along the

National Highway-144A

O1st October2023, at

Sahib Dargah

To commemorate Gandhi

nationwide "Swachhata Hi

Seva" campaign, the nation-

al service scheme (NSS) unit

of Government Degree Col-

lege Kunjwani /Sainik colony

Jammu organized a cleanli-

ness drive at Peer Baba

tic participation from NSS

volunteers, Students, and

local community members.

The principal of the col-

lege, Dr.Ravender Kumar

Tickoo, in his inaugural

and Swachhata Hi Seva in

achieving Mahatma Gandhi's

The event saw enthusias-

Kanju Sahib Darga.

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united resolve of building dream villages with new potential, possibilities and full of self-confidence, he

The Lt Governor administered the Swachhata Pledge to the officials and the citizens. He also flagged off the fleet of Shikaras and participated in the cleanliness drive at Char Chinar.

At Golden Island in Dal Lake, the Lt Governor interacted with school students and encouraged them to become 'Swach-

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor, SMC; Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; senior officials and eminent personalities from diverse fields participated in the Shramdaan.

Padma Shri Dr SP Andolan in the UT of J&K. erates more revenues ing ODF PLUS status for Varma, members of Gandhi Global family and several other civil society He said this historic groups and organizations

"Hara Bara Bharat" and

roundings hygienic and

also invited to participate.

SWACHHATA PAKHWADA

"SWACHHATA HI SEWA",

a Cleanliness drive from

struction sites. NHIDCL,

LG's message on

the eve of former

PM Sh Lal Bahadur

Shastri's birth

anniversary

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birth anniversary.

Lieutenant Governor Shri

Manoj Sinha paid tributes

to the former Prime Min-

ister, Shri Lal Bahadur

Shastri on the eve of his

Governor said: "Sh. Lal

Bahadur Shastri Ji was

an exemplary leader

and one of the greatest

reformers of India. His

life and work had a sig-

nificant impact on the

evolution of our country.

Jawan Jai Kisan' continues

to inspire millions across

the nations to unite for

the cause of building

'Aatma-Nirbhar Bharat'.

On his birth anniversary,

Shastri Ji's slogan 'Jai

In a message, the Lt

RO-Jammu has achieved

On the Observance of

overwhelming public participation JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 1

Doda Administration is continuously holding Swachhta camps and events showcasing the importance of cleanliness across the district as a part of the nationwide Swacchta Hi Sewa campaign.

On the call of the Prime Minister of Bharat, Doda administration made an appeal to the PRIs and Public to participate in the One-Hour Shramdaan on the first of October from 10am to 11am, to which people from all walks of life responded enthusiastically.

gathering of public of all age groups and genders their surroundings clean. ebration. It is a time to from adjoining habitations of the river. Other events events were reported from cause of keeping our in the district include cleaning of offices, market Municipalities, and pan-large-scale transformation places, municipal wards, towns, educational institutions, panchayat ghars, panchayat wards, Angan- a Swachhta rally and did appreciated the efforts wadi Centres and all the Shramdaan in Doda Town, of PRIs, officers, and the tourist destinations of the under the supervision of general public in making

A nukkad natak was Doda.



staged at the new Bus Major events include Stand of Bhaderwah by sion, Dr Singla said that cleaning of Neru Nallah the artists arranged by from the Bhaderwah near Central Bureau of Commu-ADC office onwards. The nication, ministry of Infor- lize the participation of cleaning of Neru was led mation and Broadcasting, common man to bring by Secretary Revenue, Dr Government of India, field Piyush Singla along with office Doda, and Depart- sense of responsiveness ADDC, Pran Singh, ADC ment of Information and towards his surround-Bhaderwah Choudhary, PR, J&K, DIC Doda, to ings. SHS is not just about Dil Mir, BDC chairman highlight the importance picking up litter, but about Omi Chand, DDC Council- of Swachhta (Cleanliness) lor Thakur Yudhvir Singh, and inculcate the sense other officers and large of responsibility among people towards keeping

Doda Admin holds Shramdaan with

Educational Institutes,

Zila Sainik Welfare Officer

Swachhata Drive organised at CHC Katra

Speaking on the occa-Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) fortnight aims to mobibehavioural change and changing our mind set

towards cleanliness. 'Swachhata hi Seva' 2023 is a moment of cel-Similar inspirational reaffirm ourselves to the cities and villages clean. A chayats across the district. had never been imagined Ex Servicemen of the before, J&K has achieved district also conducted the status of ODF plus. He the Shramdaan in Doda district a grand success.

District Administration Launches Massive Cleanliness and Sanitation Campaign in Reasi



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The District Administra- and greenery through tion of Reasi executed a active participation. She community mobilization expressed her gratitude to and sanitation campaign all participants and urged as part of the Swachhta them to continue support-Hi Sewa initiative, aimed ing future cleanliness iniat instilling awareness of tiatives led by the District cleanliness among the Administration. community. The drive was inaugurated by Addition- together with ADC Reasi, al District Development actively participated in Commissioner Reasi, Jyoti the cleanliness campaign, Slathia, alongside ADC Abdul Star, ACR Anshumali Sharma, and numerous Reasi as part of the cam-PRI members, as well as paign. members of the general

Jyoti Slathia underscored Tehsil Headquarter, the significance of main- including all Municipal taining sanitation, clean- wards across the district. liness, and personal The campaigns witnessed hygiene. She called upon the enthusiastic particiall stakeholders to unite pation of PRI members, in spreading awareness district officials, the genabout cleanliness and elu- eral public, NGOs, and cidated the objectives of students, as well as staff the sanitation campaign. from various educational She encouraged the public institutions.

to pledge their commitment to maintaining the district's cleanliness

public and senior district lar cleanliness and sani-In her address, ADDC organized in every Block/

Traffic Police City organise SHRAMDAAN

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Gandhi, a SHRAMDAAN Programme (Cleanliness TPL Jammu Premises as Drive SWACHATA HI well as administration SEVA) was today organ- office area were cleaned/ ised by Traffic Police City sanitized. Jammu at Traffic Police Line, Gulshan Ground Jammu/Traffic booths/ cleanliness drive should office premises from 1000 continue to be part of hours to 1100 hours.

All the GOs, DTIs, SOs all officers to keep all the (T) and staff members of office premises as well Traffic City Office participated in the drive.

During the event, clean.

ADDC Jyoti Slathia,

leading a march from the DC office to Bus Stand Simultaneously, simi-

tation campaigns were

SSP Traffic City Jammu

In the cleanliness drive,

The SSP Traffic City

Jammu emphasized that

daily routine. He asked

working places viz. traffic

booths are dirt-free and

administered "SWACHTA India. He encouraged all by prof. Bushra Nizami NSS, let us dedicate ourselves PLEDGE" to all the offithe participants to actively Programme officer and Prof. to the ideals and work of On the eve of 154th Birth cers/officials who were engage in the clean -up Shamshad Bibi. Shastri Ii". Anniversary of Mahatma present in the drive.

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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha has greeted the building. Pujya Bapu's lifepeople on the eve of Gandhi long mission was to trans-Governor said: "the birth and rural India. His life Gandhi is an occasion for all which are guiding different social inequities in our soci-

ance, communal harmony and work for the nation of us to rededicate ourselves societies across the world. ety".

to his teachings of Non-vio- The significance of Pujya lence, peace, truth toler- Bapu's ideas and ideals and his philosophy of Non-violence and Peace is relevant today as never before. On the occasion of

Jayanti. In a message the Lt form the lives of people Gandhi Jayanti let us take a pledge to follow the path of anniversary of the Father and thoughts represent the Peace, Truth and Non-vioof the Nation, Mahatma eternal values of humanity, lence and strive to remove

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In continuation with various activities under "Sewa Pakhwada" a Swachhata Drive was organised at CHC Katra.

The Swachhata Drive

was started with a Swachhata Pledge by the Doctors, Paramedics and Sanitation Staff of CHC Katra, followed by thoroughly



cleaning of compound of occasion Dr Gopal Dutt patients as well as atten-Hospital including remov- Block Medical Officer dant of the patients and ing dirt washing of the Katra told that main aim visitors, so that we can area with water pressure, of the drive was to aware minimize the burden of removing mud from the and motivate the staff the diseases from the comdrains and cleaning of regarding importance of munity. The participants drains with water pres- the sanitation and hygiene in the above said drive sure, from the drains of the hospital, So that we were Doctors, BPMU, presents on both side of can provide infection free Paramedics and Sanitation the building. Speaking on clean environment to the staff of the Hospital.

Massive cleanliness drives conducted across Ramban district

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District Administration Ramban intensified activities across the district under week-long programme 'Sankalp Saptaah' to implement various Government schemes and initiatives including cleanli-

On the eve of 'Gandhi Jayanti' Deputy Commisdrive held in and arround public places, parks, and Complex, Maitra under the district. the theme Swachhta Hi

reinforcing the commit- Ramban. ment to environmental to the green legacy of Ramban.

event which witnessed of such initiatives in creat-tive.



the District Administrative streets in every corner of

At the outset, the he remains steadfast in its public about the signifi-Deputy Commissioner dedication to preserving cance of cleanliness, effiincluding ADC Harbans to continue organizing Lal, ACR Gias Ul Haq, similar endeavors in the CPO Kasturi Lal and vari- future. The collaborative ous senior officers besides efforts of the community participating in plantation and administration hold drive by planting a sapling the promise of a cleaner in their offices besides in the premises of DAC for and brighter future for

sustainability and adding deep appreciation for the public places with the par-Participating in the underscored the vital role of Sankalp Saptah initia-

sioner Ramban, Mussarat asked local organizations also called for sustained Islam today lead a massive and the general public to efforts to uphold the cleanliness and sanitation pool their efforts to clean momentum of cleanliness.

An array of awareness programmes was also conducted by the vari-The DC said that the ous institutions across the District Administration district to enlighten the administered a Swachhta the essence of this cleanlicient waste management, pledge to the participants ness drive and has plans and responsible disposal practices.

> Similar cleanliness drives were also conducted by the various institutions and departments adjoining areas to ensure cleanliness of towns, vil-The DC expressed lages, markets and other wholehearted participa- ticipation of all concerned tion of the community. He and general public as part

Like Chandrayaan, Indo-US relationship will go to the moon and even beyond: Jaishankar

WASHINGTON, OCT 1

The India-US relation-External Affairs Minister S the moon and maybe even ral conversation," he said. beyond.

Americans who had gathered at the India House things go well, the host unique. from various parts of the always gets the credit. US to attend the 'Celebrat- It's reasonable. But, the with each other. Couning Colours of Friendship' G20 could not have come tries do politics with each event organised by the together if all the members other. They have military this one (PM Modi's recent Embassy of India here on of the G20 did not work for ties, they do exercises, Saturday.

"There is one clear

ing of Indian-Americans at the India House.

Jaishankar said that the even beyond," he said. Jaishankar made the success of the G20 could

its success," he said.

message today that our support and the under-countries have that deep changed, I would say India relationship is at an all- standing that we got from human bonding, that's a and the US earlier used to time high. But as they say the US to make a successful completely different ball- deal with each other and in America, you ain't seen G20, I think that is some game. That is today the now they work with each anything yet. So, we are thing I would certainly like defining characteristic of other," he said. going to take this relation- to recognise in public in our relationship," he said. ship to a different level, to Washington DC," Jaishana different place," he said kar said amidst applause remember Rajiv Gandhi's between the two coun-

at the largest-ever gather- from Indian- Americans.

"So, it may have been our success in a literal "In this changing way, but I think it was the ship is at an all-time high world, I would say today G20 (nations) success. To and the two nations have that India and the US me, it was also a success of moved to a position where have moved to a position the India-US partnership... they see each other as very where we see each other please keep giving this desirable, optimal and as very desirable, optimal partnership the support comfortable partners, and comfortable partners it needs, the support it with whom it's a natural deserves and the support it Jaishankar has said, stress- instinct today to pick up expects. And I can promise ing that like the Chandray- the phone or if you meet you that this relationship, aan, bilateral ties will go to someone and have a natu-like the Chandrayaan, will go to the moon, maybe

Jaishankar said that the remarks while addressing not have happened with- human bond between several hundred Indian- out the support of the US. the two countries makes visit to the US in 1985, tries, all starting with the "As the host, when the bilateral relationship

> and they have cultural "The contribution, the exchanges. But when two and if you ask me what has

"Countries do business Narendra Modi's several

"But I have to say that state visit) was different, it was different in optics,

He said the people collaborative endeavours

2005 and Prime Minister include the India-Middle 1985 there were 3,00,000 pandemic that it could not ment of this century. East Economic Corridor, I2U2 (India, Israel, the US, the UAE), Indo-Pacif- more than 3 million Indian to more than a hundred of the day, if we ask ouric cooperation, and the initiative on Critical and to almost 5 million. **Emerging Technologies**

> good for the US, certainly," Jaishankar added.

(iCET).

of the diaspora in building the India-US relationship is it," he said. He recalled the recent the bilateral relationship is commendable," he added. something fantastic.

"There are no words India of today is different work...There are domains (Agencies)

that foundation that today we are looking ahead for...A new hope on the ferent India for which I out there, and it's the comaan-3 mission," he said. munity which is going to

1966, there were 30,000 Indian Americans, when

"If there is something "Alphabet 'I' is very ship it is the human bond our step, a confidence in about doing the decent He said the contribution mitment of the diaspora to are very good reasons for

that can capture it. It is on from what it was earlier.

you that this is truly a dif-

Nehru came to the US in 20, I don't want to say 1949, there were 3,000 quarrelling nations but 20 Indian Americans, when countries with different table together," he said.

Indian Americans, when only look after its people PM Modi came there were but could extend its hand Americans and it's grown countries across the world, he said.

"I want to say in many unique about our relation- ways, if there is a spring in doing the right thing, that we have. The role, our voice, a sort of squar-thing, and about leaving responsibilities and coming of our shoulders, there no one behind," he said.

The minister said the today on 10 years of hard simple," Jaishankar said.

where our capacities have "I want to share with doubled or tripled," he

"The new India is an horizon...So, I think when speak. It is an India, which India of Chandraayan, it's we look at the horizon, we as you heard from others, an India of CoWIN, it's an see fantastic possibilities is capable of the Chandray- India of 5G. This is really what we are capable of, "It is an India which and it is this India today deliver on that," Jaishan- was able to pull off the that the United States also most spectacular G20 and sees. It is this India with He recalled that when prove those who said that which the United States PM Pandit Jawar Lal we will not be able to get actually has an appetite for working, much more closely," said Jaishankar.

Remembering Mahatma PM Indira Gandhi came in positions, to come to the Gandhi ahead of his birth anniversary, he said calling This is an India, which him an extraordinary man Manmohan Singh's visit in letter 'I.' These initiatives PM Rajiv Gandhi came in showed during the Covid would be the understate-

"He said so many things so tellingly. But at the end selves what was the message, the message at the end of the day was about

"Gandhi ji's message is very complicated, but "Because it is built its essence is very, very

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GST revenue growth...

ongoing reforms in ease of doing business and sion that was launched by PM Modi." economy, he added.

programme on GST, the Lt Governor lauded the in Lucknow, said such events are being organised honest taxpayers for their contribution in development of J&K and shared the efforts of the government for creating a favorable environment for economy

been much higher than the national average and we have reasons to be confident about future prospects due to reforms we carried out in the last few years water bodies, 7,000 bus stands/toll plazas, 1,000 to accelerate economic growth with social equality, gaushalas, 300 zoos and wildlife areas and various

"New policies, greater transparency in governance and crackdown on cronyism have enabled enterprises, Industries and new-age businesses to grow. We have placed great emphasis to make the economy more competitive, increase the tax base, schools, colleges and water bodies. compliance and strengthen trust between citizens and the Government," he said.

The Lt Governor appreciated the State Taxes Department for making tax-paying process seamless and friendlier in every district and spreading awareness on tax regime.

He urged the department and the citizens of the in a statement. UT to play a constructive role in pushing forward to industrialisation and making J&K one of the engines of Viksit Bharat.

The Lt Governor also assured all the necessary support by the administration to the ICAI for establishing their Centre of Excellence in the UT.

The Lt Governor released the revised edition of GST Acts and Rules - Bare Law and felicitated the

tosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance; Dr Rashmi Singh, Commissioner State Taxes Department; Sh Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal, Vice President under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in NDPS Act. ICAI; Sh Sushil Kumar Goyal, Chairman, GST & Indirect Taxes Committee; Sh Umesh Sharma, Vice Chairman, GST & Indirect Taxes Committee; senior Officers; members of ICAI; representatives of Trade Punjab & Industry Associations and heads of educational institutions were present.

PM Modi pitches for...

Wielding a broom, Union Home Minister Amit arrested. Shah participated in a cleanliness drive in Ahmedin Delhi's Jhandewalan area.

Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath participated in cleanliness drive 'Swachhata Pakhwada' in Sitapur. Taking part in the "shramdaan (voluntary

labour)", Union Power Minister RK Singh told reporters, "We (Centre) have taken a resolve to make the country clean. It is a big challenge but we will do it."

try grabbed brooms and took part in the 'Swachhata Budgam Gowhar Ahmad Khan with immediate hi Seva' campaign.

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel participated in a cleanliness drive in Ahmedabad. BJP MP Khan, Addl. Superintendent of Police Budgam, is Dinesh Sharma, who also took part in a clean drive, hereby placed under suspension with immediate said "swachhata (cleanliness)" has become the face of the country.

hari took volunteered for a cleanliness activity in the order. (KNO)

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi said it held cleanliness drives at 500 locations across the nation-

Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, urging people to join the drive, said in a post on X, "Come, let's create a new history! At 10 am today, let's volunteer for an hour, paying rumour here that Ghulam Nabi Azad is going to be homage to Mahatma Gandhi through cleanliness."

"Scan or visit local cleanliness programmes to join. Dream of a #GarbageFreeIndia Together, we'll make it happen," he said.

Cricketers such as Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma also appealed to the people to come together for "Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath" and join the largest citizen-led movement to strengthen the resolve not being held in Jammu and Kashmir.

towards cleanliness.

people stay connected with the Swachh Bharat Mis-

Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh At the inaugural session of the Capacity building Pathak, who took part in a 'Swachhata Pakhwada' across the country on the prime minister's appeal. in the whole world including America and Britain, He appealed to everyone to participate in the drive.

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry said NGOs, market associations, self-help groups, The GST revenue growth of Jammu Kashmir has faith groups, trade bodies and private sector companies, among others, volunteered for the "shramdaan" in more than 22,000 market areas, 10,000 other locations in rural and urban India.

Among the states, Uttar Pradesh adopted more than a lakh sites for cleanliness drives while Maharashtra will conduct the programme in over 62,000 locations, including the beaches, religious places,

In Telangana, temples of historical significance were cleaned during the drive. (Agencies)

GST collection rises...

same month last year, the finance ministry said

"During the month, revenues from domestic transactions (including import of services) are 14 per cent higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year. It is for the fourth time that gross GST collection has crossed Rs 1.60 lakh crore mark in FY 2023-24," it said. (Agencies)

Cocaine worth Rs 300 crore

were registered in 2023 till date following the Northern army command... Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh San-recovery of 2,500 kg poppy straw, 10 kg charas, 200 grams heroin and 200 tablets," Singh said, adding 158 accused have been arrested and three detained

Banihal Station House Officer Mohd Afzal Wani identified the arrested smugglers as Sarabjeet Singh of Jhalandhar and Honey Basra of Phagwara in

While three kilograms of the narcotic was found hidden on the top of the vehicle, 27 kgs were recov ered from their luggage, he said.

Wani said the smugglers tried to escape when signalled to stop and were chased and subsequently

The officials said the high-grade cocaine was abad. BJP chief JP Nadda also took part in the drive smuggled from across the border and being taken from north Kashmir to Punjab. (Agencies)

Govt orders suspension...

attached with Zonal Police Headquarters Kashmir, during the period of suspension.

In a separate order, the home department ordered Union ministers and BJP leaders across the counsuspension of additional superintendent of police

"Pending enquiry into his conduct Gowhar Ahmad effect. It is further ordered that the Officer shall remain attached with Zonal Police Headquarters Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaud- Kashmir, during the period of suspension," reads

Azad denies rumours...

addressing a rally for celebrating the completion of one year of DPAP here.

"I will request people not to trust the rumour mills which are working in overdrive.... There is a fresh the next LG", which he denied.

He said abrogation of Article 370 and 35A was a monumental blunder committed by the government of India four years ago which pushed the people of Jammu and Kashmir further to the wall.

The DPAP President said that political parties are waiting for elections for several years which were

"We have been waiting for elections for the last BJP MP Meenakashi Lekhi said, "We hope that several years. Even some leaders died waiting for it

during this period ",the former Union Minister said. He said the people are facing numerous problems as inflation has risen and prices of essentials are

"It is true that inflation is not only in India but besides in Europe it is more. We belong to a poor country, they (Europe) have other avenues and resources but we have no resources. We have small weather if there has been a hailstorm that too gets damaged," Azad said.

Jammu and Kashmir. "How many times did the boys Sharma, Rahul Nargotra, Meena Jamal, Gurcharan and girls attend the interview but nothing came out of that, "the DPAP President asked.

Azad said mud sliding on other parties will fall

"We can criticize other political parties on their work or not doing or how they are running the chan Bala and others were also present. administration, "he said. "I have been through political fraud, but why

should I criticize anybody? Give respect to elders and political leaders whether they belong to any religion or party", Azad told party workers. "One Tulip Garden (which was made in 2007) has provided livelihood to thousands of people. As

CM. I had a plan to develop 10 to 12 tourist locations in each district of Jammu and Kashmir where Paramjit Singh Panjwar, who is the leader of the thousands of people could visit to generate local employment avenues".

The map of development I had drawn in 2008 is still in my mind and I want to make it now", he

the increasing use of drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) by adversaries.

The participants discussed a range of issues related to air defence, including threat assessment, sensor integration, weapon system integration, and command and control. (Agencies)

Major cache of Arms...

Grenades, 2088 rounds of 7.62 mm AK ammunition, 1 Silencer (Sound Suppressor), 900 grams of PEK (Potassium Nitrate), 20 No.27 Detonators, 19 Commercial Detonators with wire, 2 Booster Charges, 2 Explosive Devices (exact type vet to be determined), 10 Modified Mechanism Devices, 4 9V Batteries and 1 ICom Radio Set.

vigilance and proactive stance adopted by the Police and Army in curbing the inflow of arms and ammuto thwart any attempt to disrupt peace and security in the valley", reads the statement.

"The recovery operation demonstrates the dediand ensure the safety of our citizens. Their relentless efforts in intelligence gathering and swift action youths towards India. (Agencies) have undoubtedly made our nation more secure", concludes the statement. (Agencies)

Raina leads mega...

people including women from the SC community participated in the Programme.

President Minority Morcha, Councillor Sardar Sucha Singh & District Jammu President SC Morcha Chaman Lal Bhagat.

Speaking on the Occasion Ravinder Raina highlighted the schemes and Programmes of the Modi uplifting the weaker sections, and Dalits are getting due respect from the Modi Govt. The Modi govt is working tirelessly to fulfil the dream of Baba Sahab ber 29. Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar by ensuring Social justice to all, Raina further added.

Neelam Langeh & Sanjay Baru said that the Schemes of the Modi govt have made credibility much as the Modi govt has done for the welfare of

Keshav Chopra & Dr Pardeep Mahotra said that during the last 9 and half years, a large number of schemes have been launched for the benefit of every section of the society and the SC community has got special attention in all matters and at all levels.

Sardar Sucha Singh & Chaman Lal Bhagat presented a vote of thanks.

SC Morcha General Secretary Adarsh Jathiar, coconvenor Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Sahil Sharma, agricultural land and that too are dependent on Shri Guru Ravi Dass Sabha President Krishan Lal, Ex Sarpanch Raj Kumar, Rajesh Gupta, Anupam Gupta, Pratibha Sharma, Arun Dubey, Jatin Sethi, He said employment is not available here in Rajesh Saini, Paramjeet, Chakshu Kapoor, Deepak Singh, Parveen Ghai, Geeta Sodhi, Jatinder Khajuria, Deepak Kumar, Balwant Kumar, Shardesh Rana, Vikas Gupta, Sonali Gupta, Bablu Chand, Vikas Kumar, Sachin Nargotra, Jaipal Sharma, K.L Sharma, Omkar Verma, Samardeep Singh, Rajpal, Titoo, Kan-

Close associate of...

Sources said that Pakistani agencies are making significant efforts to portray both Zia ur Rehman and Mufti Qaiser as religious clerics with no connections to Hafiz Saeed and his LeT.

Previously, another individual linked to the ISI, Khalistan Commando Force, was also killed.

In February, Hizbul Mujahideen suffered a blow when its launch commander and a close associate of Syed Salahuddin, Bashir Peer, was killed in Rawalpindi by unknown assailants near the ISI headquarters and the military garrison.

He was shot at close range and succumbed to his injuries on the spot.

Following these recent killings, Pakistan's ISI has relocated several of its "assets" to secure locations, causing unease within the country's military-industrial complex.

Approximately a dozen of these individuals have been moved to designated "safe houses" by the ISI. The need for caution in safeguarding these assets

became even more apparent due to the earlier killings of two additional Lashkar operatives: Abu Qasim Kashmiri in Rawalkot and Oari Khurram Shehzad in Nazimabad in September.

Rahman, a suspected terrorist associated with LeT, was reportedly killed on September 12, with local police discovering 11 cartridges, some of which were of 9mm caliber.

He had been operating as an administrator at This astounding discovery is a testament to the Jamia Abu Bakar, a seminary used as a front for his terrorist activities.

The Pakistan Police labeled the murder as a 'ternition to the hands of terrorists operating in the rorist attack,' suggesting the involvement of homeregion. It highlights the commitment of our forces grown "militants." Additionally, investigators are exploring the possibility of gang rivalry as one of the potential motives for the assassination. Rahman's killing follows a series of attacks on religious preachcation of our security forces to protect our borders ers in Karachi, all linked to terror groups through the ISI, and involved in radicalising and mobilising

All Officers, Staff...

the staff of Hazratbal shrine have been placed under suspension with immediate effect for the grave negligence in their duties," reads the order.

The order stated that inquiry team headed by the The Programmes were organized by District chairperson has been constituted to probe into the

Last date to exchange...

has received Rs 3.42 lakh crore worth of Rs 2,000 Govt and said that the Modi govt is committed to notes from a total of Rs 3.56 lakh crore in circulation as on May 19. This has left only Rs 0.14 lakh crore worth of Rs 2,000 notes in circulation till Septem-

Information Department...

(Central) Sunil Kumar, Deputy Director (AV) among the Dalit community, no govt has done as Dharam Pal, Administrative Officer Renu Sharma, FPO Mukesh Kumar and other staff members were present on the occasion.

JINDRAH IMAGES

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

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

The meeting was attended by Dr Arun Khan, VC Kashmir Uni- integrating technological Jammu; Sh Anurag Goyal, ernance. Advisor, NITI Aayog; Sh trative Secretaries; HoDs growth," the Lt Governor



Kumar Mehta, Chief the workshop conducted Artificial Intelligence and approach to effectively Secretary; Sh Anurag earlier and today's meet- new technological tools tackle the various grow-Goel, former Union Sec- ing organized by the to plan schemes more retary; Prof. Umesh Rai, Planning Development & effectively and to make change, cyber threat and Vice Chancellor Jammu Monitoring Department public services more effi-University; Prof. Nilofer was to draw a roadmap cient. Technological adopversity; Dr Nazir A. Ganai, advancements into the tion and increased VC SKUAST Kashmir; Dr system to create more human & machine col-

BN Tripathi, VC SKUAST values through good gov- laboration will also enable informed decision "Change is the only making, improve policy Shaleen Kabra, Addi- constant and every making processes, target tional Chief Secretary Jal sector has to imagine a resources and services Shakti Department; Dr future in the backdrop of urgently required for Mandeep Kumar Bhan- increasing role of humans quality living of citizens dari, Principal Secretary and machines and their and speedy implementato Lt Governor; Adminis- collective strength for tion of projects, he said.

The Lt Governor said. He underlined the emphasized on adopting The prime objective of need for integration of strategic and integrated

the future, the integrated approach will help us to develop a system of Citizen-Driven Policies, he 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 the Planning Develop- Advisor IIT Jodhpur gave ment & Monitoring a detailed presentation Department to prepare on 'Future-Ready Goverfor the significant shift to nance'. The meeting also maximize the benefits of discussed the establishgovernment schemes for ment of a nodal cell in the the citizens and minimize Planning Department.

Dr Raghav Langer, Sec-Besides improving retary Planning Develpolicy performance, opment & Monitoring managing the complex Department briefed the challenges of the future meeting on the proposed and addressing disruptive initiatives and the future changes that will occur in strategy.

GDC Vijaypur conducts Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign

ing challenges like climate

issues in health, educa-

The Lt Governor asked

tion and agriculture.

the risk and loss.



JI NEWS SERVICE

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 nized under the able of "Swachhata Hi Seva" of cleanliness.

Poonam Kundan, Conve- Renuka Kundal.

nor ECO-Club, delivered a speech to the students about the significance of sanitation. In the end, the students and staff took an Anti-Drug and Non-Violence pledge. The event was orga-

the College campus guidance of Dr. Vandana under the observance Gupta, Principal of the College. While speaking campaign initiated by the on the occasion, she artic-Government of India to ulated that this unique promote the importance experience left a lasting of cleanliness and sanita- impression on all the tion in the country and to participants and all were celebrate Gandhi Jayanti eager to be a part of this 2023, under the aegis of great drive. The college Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhi- holds such kind of events yaan and Bhrashtachar every year to instill the Mukt J&K. The primary habit of keeping the surobjective of this program roundings clean. Overall, was to raise awareness it was a remarkable initiaamong students about the tive that brought togethimportance and benefits er students and staff to work towards a common With great enthusiasm goal of raising awareness and zeal, the NSS volun- about cleanliness to take teers, Green Warriors, action and make a posistudents and staff of the tive impact on our envi-College worked together ronment The whole proto make the clean-up drive gram was coordinated by a success. The sweepers Dr. Shittal Sharma, Conof the college also partici-venor IQAC, Dr. Naseem pated in the noble cause. Chowdhary, NSS PO and Volunteers picked up the Prof. Poonam Kundan, scattered wrappers and Convenor Eco-Club of the other items, and disposed College. The organizing off them in the dustbins. committee consisted of The students and teachers Mazid Malik, Dr. Madhu actively participated in the Bala, Dr. Tisha Gupta, Dr. event and inspired others Pooja Gupta, Dr. Radhika to do the same. Prof. Rasyal, Dr. Shallu Sharma,

Shramdaan at CMO Office

JI NEWS SERVICE

As per the directions of School participated in the Administrative Secretary Shramdaan/Cleanliness drive Health and Medical Education which was carried out in and Worthy Bhupinder Kumar IAS around the whole complex of and Director Health Services CMO Office & ANMT School. Jammu respected Dr. Rajeev K Shramdaan means a vol-Sharma, District Health Soci- untary contribution by the ety Doda under the guidance person towards community of Chief Medical Officer Doda welfare involving physical effort.

ter viz CMO Office Doda.*

The staff of CMO Office .Dv CMO Office and ANMT

activity as part of Swachhata Dy CMO Office and ANMT hi Sewa Campaign under school also took a pledge Swachhata Pakhwada during for Non Violence and Nasha the ongoing Ayushman Bhav Mukht Bharat before the start initiative at District Headquar- of cleanliness drive.

Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign

Mega Cleanliness Drive sets Kathua abuzz with Civic Spirit

JI 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 for the entire nation." an unwavering dedication and engaged in shram- that Kathua has achieved to a cleaner, healthier daan, voluntarily contributing their time and being declared an ODF as an ODF Plus Model effort to the betterment of their surroundings lage to achieve the status can be achieved when a making Kathua cleaner of ODF plus Model, it is community unites for a and greener. The event required to pass through common goal - a cleaner, aimed to instill a sense of three stages of ODF Plus greener and more proscivic responsibility and namely Aspiring, Rising perous Kathua. Earlier, create awareness about and Model. the importance of cleanliness, hygiene and sanita- achieves a condition the enthusiastic particition in line with Mahatma where it is visually clean pants who gathered to Gandhi's principles.

hands to clean the heart dents and shop owners Model," he said. also actively participated, reinforcing the idea that a cleaner Kathua is a shared responsibility. The event featured awareness programs on proper waste environment.

carry this spirit forward This accomplishment not and make Kathua a shin- only sets an inspiring ing example of cleanliness example for the region

but also reaffirms the The DC further said community's dedication a significant milestone by future. Kathua's success Plus Model. For a vil- is a testament to what a Swachhta Pledge was "When a village also administered among with minimal litter and contribute to the Swach-The cleanliness drive stagnant water, apart hata Hi Seva Campaign. showcased the remark- from solid and liquid With utmost dedication able unity of the commu- waste management and patriotic fervor, nity as citizens, officials, (SLWM) and adequate they pledged to serve and volunteers joined cleanliness awareness Mother India by keeping generation activities, it our beloved nation neat of Kathua. The Local resiis declared as ODF plus and clean. Their commitment towards cleanliness This achievement echoed as they vowed reflects the unwaver- to devote their time and ing commitment of the efforts to ensure a cleaner people of Kathua and environment for all. This their visionary leadership. Swachhta Pledge exempli-The journey to ODF Plus fied the spirit of unity and disposal, sanitation and Model status goes beyond responsibility, reminding the significance of a clean constructing toilets; it sig-everyone that the journey nifies a commitment to to a cleaner, greener India On the Occasion, DC cleanliness by effectively is a collective endeavor. Kathua expressed his grat- managing greywater and It serves as a powerful itude to all participants, solid waste. With meticu- reminder that each indisaying, "Kathua is not just lous planning, commu- vidual can make a differa place; it's a community nity engagement, and ence and play a vital role and today, this commu- awareness campaigns, in the mission to create nity has shown its dedi- Kathua has transformed a cleaner and healthier cation to cleanliness and into a beacon of cleanli- India for generations to

a healthier future. Let's ness and sustainability. come. **District Administration Launches Mega**

Cleanliness drive in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 1

The District Administration Udhampur on Sunday conducted a community mobilization and sanitation drive as part of the Swachhta Hi Sewa campaign to raise awareness about cleanliness

among the masses. The drive was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni district officers.

cleanliness, and personal Administration. hygiene. She called upon and outlined the objec- leading a march from the tional institutions.

Rai, in the presence of tives of the sanitation DC office to Domel Chowk SSP Dr. Vinod Kumar, drive. She encouraged as part of the campaign. ADDC Ghan Sham Singh, the public to pledge their ADC Joginder Singh Jas- commitment to keeping lar cleanliness and sanirotia, and numerous PRI the district clean and tation drives were orgamembers including gen- green through active par- nized in every Block/ eral public, and senior ticipation. She expressed Tehsil Headquarter, gratitude to all partici- including all Municipal

Simultaneously, simi-In her address, Deputy pants and urged them wards across the district. Commissioner empha- to continue supporting The drives saw the active sized the significance of future cleanliness initia- participation of PRI maintaining sanitation, tives led by the District members, district officials, the general public, Deputy Commissioner NGOs, Karam Karte all stakeholders to collab- along with SSP Udham- Chalo Bharat Scouts and orate in spreading aware- pur, actively participated Guides, students, and ness about cleanliness in the cleanliness drive, staff from various educa-

DHS Doda conducts

DODA, OCTOBER 1

Dr. Hamid Zargar, organised a Shramdaan/cleanliness

The staff of CMO Office,



Sashastra Seema Bal conducts cleanliness campaign

RAMBAN OCTOBER 1

Cleanliness Campaign launched by personnel Niwas & Bhaderwah. of Sashastra Seema Bal Udhampur & Doda.

nel of 6 companies of Kumar, AC Ashim Pandit, clean.

said Adhoc Bn in various AC Vishnu Kumar, AC Devika Temple, Jammu Munendra Kumar Shah. Swachhta Hi Seva was Road, Ramsoo, Yatri

parts of these 3 distts., viz- Sanjay Kumar Sutar, AC Ramnagar, Chenani, Sui, Hariom Meena & AC In the last phase of

the drive, the shopkeep-The campaign was ers, common masses, etc Adhoc Bn-XIII deployed started under the overall were educated to keep in districts of Ramban, direction of Shri Parag this drive on for the whole Chaturvedi, Adhoc Com- year at their own level & This cleanliness drive mandant & Company educate others also to was launched by person- Commanders AC Saurav keep our J&K neat and

Raj Bhawan.

and senior officers.

JI NEWS SERVICE POONCH, OCTOBER 1 In a powerful demonstra-

tion 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 Swachhta Pakhwada, a dedicated cleanliness and sanitation campaign.

members. ness by diligently revital- sioner underscored the to come. fare and prosperity of all cherished. Furthermore, future

of Poonch, providing limits of Poonch.

Deputy Commissioner them with the platform was accompanied by to actively engage in a tration fervently urges all district officers, officials myriad of cleanliness residents to participate ,NSS Volunteers, college activities. It is a clarion wholeheartedly in this

the enthusiasm for the

DC Poonch leads massive cleanliness drive

at 300 years old historic Poonch Fort

The District Adminisstudents and civil society call to embrace and pro-noble endeavor. Together, mote a culture of cleanli- we can transform Poonch Collectively, they manness and hygiene that will into an exemplar of cleanifested their unwavering resonate throughout the liness and hygiene that commitment to cleanli- city. The Deputy Commis- will inspire generations

izing and maintaining the importance of collective The success of this cleanliness of the historic responsibility in main-campaign ultimately fort. This concerted ini- taining cleanliness and rests in the hands of each tiative underscores the hygiene, stating, "Gandhi citizen, and together, the collective resolve of the Jayanti is a time to renew community can achieve community to nurture a our commitment to the remarkable results in the pristine and sustainable principles of cleanliness journey towards a cleanenvironment for the wel- and sanitation that Bapu er and more sustainable

Similar cleanliness Swachhta Pakhwada cleanliness drive extend- events were held in all beckons to every citizen ed well beyond the city government offices and

DLSA Samba conducts series of activities to promote Swacchta campaign

JI NEWS SERVICE 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, ent activities including Cleanliness drives in collaboration with Municipal at the Awareness Program. tion, Encourage the reuse and the history behind of materials & Recycling Swachhta Divas/Swachhta practices" and Awareness Hi Sewa Campaign (SHS) Rally at District Court 2023. Complex, Samba.

(also Principal District & ulty member and students Samba.



Rekha Kapoor Nis-The activities were conchal, Secretary, DLSA, ducted as per the direc- Samba presented the weltions of the JK Legal Ser- come address while vote of Judicial Officers, Prosvices Authority (JKLSA) of thanks was presented ecuting Officers, Panel and under the effective by Hitesh Sharma, Panel Advocates, Faculty Memleadership of Yesh Pal Advocate, DLSA, Samba. bers and students of Govt.

of Govt. High School, The Chairman DLSA, Nanak Chak, Samba also

At the end of the pro-Council Samba, Aware- In his special address, he gram, students were felicness Program on the topic highlighted the impor- itated with the Participa-"Minimizing waste genera-tance of Gandhi Jayanti tion 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 Kotwal, Chairman DLSA Dr. Vivek Sharma, Fac- High School, Nanak Chak,

JINDRAH IMAGES JAMMU, OCTOBER 02, 2023 MONDAY

EDITORIAL

Hold elections to local bodies

here has been no clarity over the conduct of urban local bodies and Panchavat 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 'hasslefree, 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

SUNIL GOEL/ DIMPLE KHOKHAR

report of ILO Areport of Global Employ-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, per cent. 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 young women (12.7 per remains higher than the cent). However, when pre-pandemic benchmark of 13.3 per cent in 2019.

countries in the evolution of unemployment rates indicators. In both Southern and Eastern Asia, rates in 2022 are project- young men. ed to be higher than the pre-pandemic benchmark by less than 1 percentage point, whereas in South- also jumped in the region the corresponding rate is ic, rising by 1.5 percentprojected to be higher by age points to reach 24.8 2 percentage points. In Sri per cent in 2020 - higher

experiencing balance of payments and sovereign debt crises, youth unems per the recent ployment in the second quarter of 2021 was at 30.0 per cent, whereas ment Trends for Youth 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.

Young men in the region face substantially higher unemployment rates (16.0 per cent) than examining a more comprehensive measure of Beyond the regional labour underutilization, aggregate, there are that is, the combined rate important divergences of youth unemployment between sub-regions and and potential labour force (termed the LU3 rate), the gap between men and other labour market and women diminishes, pointing to young women having higher potential youth unemployment labour force rates than

The proportion of youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) Lanka, which is currently than the global average



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

conditions in the first half for young men, while 23.0 cent) of those jobs. Policy

of 23.3 per cent. Whereas of 2022 are likely to further simulating the employincrease the NEET rate ment impacts of a package among young people in of green policy measures the region, with potential aimed at improving energy long-term scarring effects efficiency in buildings and on employment trajec- appliances, decarboniztories and incomes of ing electrical power genaffected individuals. The eration through a shift to gender gaps in NEET rates renewable energy, and are closely related to those expanding electric vehiin the labour force par- cles usage and the associatticipation rate (LFPR) and ed infrastructure (termed the employment-to-poputhe "green scenario") lation ratio (EPR). Young could, by 2030, create an women in Asia and the additional net 8.4 million Pacific experience much jobs worldwide for young lower LFPRs and EPRs: people aged 15-29 years east Asia and the Pacific, as a result of the pandem- compared to 0.9 per- the LFPR for women in relative to a "business-ascentage points for young the region in 2022 is pro-usual scenario", with Asia jected to be 26.3 per cent, and the Pacific accounting

per cent of young women measures aimed at providin the region are project- inguniversal (90 per cent) ed to be in employment internet broadband covercompared to 39.1 per cent age (termed the "digital of young men. Southern scenario") in the region Asia, at 29.9 percentage are projected to lead to a

ILO used a macro-econometric model to quantify pared to the green scement impacts of a number relatively smaller internet of policy measures for promoting inclusive and sus- Policy measures directed tainable green, digital and at increasing investments care transitions. The mac- in health and social care ro-econometric modelling Deteriorating economic compared to 46.6 per cent for 5.8 million (or 69.0 per

points, has the highest net increase of 2.1 million LFPR gender gap in the jobs for young people by 2030 relative to the base-In Global Employment line, accounting for a third Trends for Youth 2022, the of the global total. This lower global share comthe economic and employ- nario is a reflection of the coverage gap in the region. 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

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The timeless charm of of 'Chaturanga'

RAJDEEP PATHAK

hess 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

IIn 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 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, significant role in the evolution chess brilliantly simulated the of chess. The Mughal rulers, four divisions of the Indian military: infantry, cavalry, eledivisions corresponded to the ing the game himself, but also the top ten players in the world.

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 match conveyed vital moral lestance of strategy, foresight, and game to new heights. decision-making in the Indian cultural context.

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.

ruled over India from the 16th

modern chess pieces of pawn, organizing grand chess tournaknight, bishop, and rook. The ments 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 prince Yudhishthira and the in 1886. Steinitz's groundbreakdeity Shiva, who had assumed ing contributions, including the guise of a Brahmin. This insights into positional play and the endgame, revolutionized sons, underscoring the imporchess strategy and elevated the

Steinitz's successor, was a poly- enigmatic Garry Kasparov into and culture. For example, Saty-From its origins in India, math who brought innovation the limelight. Kasparov's tactical ajit Ray's "Shatranj Ki Khiladi' history that spans centuries. chess embarked on an epic jour- and adaptability to the chess-One of the most captivating ney along the Silk Road, a net- board. His 17-year reign showwork of trade routes connecting cased his exceptional skill and the East and West. It arrived in 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 The Mughal Empire, which to become a formidable chess player. In an international chess to the 19th century, played a career of less than five years (1929-33), he won the British Anand's successors, including Championship three times in P. Harikrishna, Vidit Gujrathi, particularly Akbar, fostered an four tries (1929, 1932, 1933), and Koneru Humpy, have also environment of intellectual and and had tournament and match made significant contributions phants, and chariots. These cultural exchange, not just play-results that placed him among to the world of chess.

Soviet Union rose as a chess pions 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 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 refreshing and timeless escape the World Chess Champion, a title he held from 2000 to 2002 and then from 2007 to 2013.

The 21st century has wit-

The mid-20th century her- nessed chess's resurgence, alded a significant shift as the thanks to technological innovations. Online platforms and powerhouse and World Cham- 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 intricaultimately claiming victory and cies, Indian cinema has shown capturing the imaginations. The the prowess of the game in vari-Germany's Emanuel Lasker, late 20th century brought the ous forms - style, strategy, crime brilliance redefined chess strate- painted a vivid picture of the gy. His match against IBM's Deep 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

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 – 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

one little mistake, then perfect. begins the torment of selfbashing. The individual wishes to have a time capsule to go back and make a facade of perfection."It's things right for themselves easier to be happy if we and others too as they look beyond imperfections fear what others will think rather than seeking happiabout them and that they ness by trying too hard to will be rejected and dis- make everything perfect." liked in society. In other Anonymous. A recent

and did over and over enough to make society again. And if we find that let go of their desire to be

others see their real self rather than hiding behind

anxious mind that won't stress levels, depression helps them move forward us. But, if one needs to potential, waiting to be let the individual see the and anxiety as perfectionur mind is in an truth. We all know that ists often catch their selfendless loop play- no one is perfect, but worth to their ability to ing what we said just knowing that, is not perform perfectly. This is a sad and true reality.

Quietly often, individuals assume that perfection One must choose to let is a prerequisite for the fulfilment 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 words, all of us seek to be study by Harvard Business enough is approved, we socially perfect. Whereas Review concluded that get punished, ignored or life. Each one of us prob- can create stronger and their beauty, strength and in reality, odds are that no while perfectionism can even criticized. Instead, ably has a personality more beautiful pieces of uniqueness. one even thought twice improve performance, it it should be believed that trait or a physical feature art. Remember, in every about goof-up but it's the can also result in elevated goals are something that that doesn't sit well with one of us lies an untapped

depressed in the long run. cruel society, it's really important to understand the flaws and imperfections that make an indi-

tions is key to leading an

vidual real.

what they lack. If love a centuries-old tradition and affection depend on practising kintsugi (an art abilities. what we do and not who of mending broken ceramwe are, we will of course ics with gold) as a metaend up being anxious and phor for life. It teaches goals and push themthat broken places make In today's fast-moving an individual stronger and better than ever before. The main philosophy the brightest. Everyone is behind this art is not only to value imperfections but ness. It's only to maximise it's beauty too, and cele-Embracing imperfec- brate them equally.

authentic and fulfilling and imperfections, one tions, in them one can find

and not something that be truly happy, one must unleashed. The journey serves as a hindrance that strive for excellence and to success begins with a keeps on reminding them not perfection. In Japan, simple yet powerful choice to believe in self and the

One must dare to dream big, set audacious selves beyond their comfort zone. That's where the true potential shines capable of achieving greatthe potential and turn aspirations into reality. By embracing the flaws Embrace your imperfec-

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

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 wherein the country's premier blended fitness and wellbeing with cleanliness and leading the 'Swacchata Hi Seva' campaign alongside registered with the union sion, Nuzhat Gull said wrestler-turned-social territory's premier sports that Swatch Bharat Abhimedia influencer, Ankit body. Baiyanpuriya.

several cleanliness drives at Bakshi Stadium in Sriwere conducted across all nagar along with other the sports facilities by the staff members brooming ings clean. J&K Sports Council.

These campaigns path leading to the staness in our surroundings



received good support dium. from athletes and trainees

the major portion of the

Speaking on the occavan aims to create aware-The campaign was led ness among the citizens With the onus to carry by Secretary, Nuzhat Gull about the importance of forward PM's message of who participated in the cleanliness and hygiene, cleanliness and fitness, major cleanliness drive and encourages them to actively participate in keeping their surround-

"Maintaining cleanli-

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 "Swachhta Hi Seva Campaign" held in Kupwara

JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, OCTOBER 1

Under the banner of "Swachhta 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 Swachhta Pledges were carried out by all sections of the society.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan took part in several Swachhta 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' espe- health, environment, and cially the general public, overall well-being. to maintain cleanliness

is not merely a matter green district. of appearance; it has a profound impact on our spoke and highlighted the

Vice Chairman DDC and sanitation in their in his address said that surroundings to achieve Swachhta Hi Seva is a the goal of Swachh good initiative of the Government which needs to She urged that clean- be implemented in letter liness is not confined to and spirit. He urged upon events were held in all physical spaces alone; the people of the district Government Offices, Colit also extends to our to cooperate in making habits and mindset. It Kupwara a clean and

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 Swachhta Pledge, Non-Violence Pledge and Nasha Mukt Pledge to the participants on the occasion.

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

Meanwhile, Swatchhta leges, Schools and Panchayats, municipal areas, Market places, and places Chairman MC also of worship in Kupwara

Massive cleanliness drives conducted at 4000 places in Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE

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 Swachhta 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 in an environment friendly manner.

nized swachhata drives Commissioner, Mushtaq locals. across offices, public Ahmad Simnani, Additionnag and Manasbal lake, officials. river fronts, drains and Secretariat Ganderbal nized at Oamaria Park and clean.



Nallah and other water under the supervision of which was also attended bodies for disposing it off Deputy Commissioner, by Deputy Commissioner, Shyambir which was also President Municipal Counattended by Additional cil Ganderbal, EO MC Gan-All departments orga- District Development derbal, Councilors and

Earlier, the DC adminplaces of high footfall al Deputy Commissioner, istered Swachhta Pledge such as bus stands, tour- Mehraj-u-Din Shah and among the participants in ist spots- Sonamarg, Nara- other district officers and the lawns of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal and every-Meanwhile, Municipal one pledged to devote nallahs in both rural and Council Ganderbal con- himself for cleanliness urban areas. The mega ducted a cleanliness drive and not indulge in littersanitation drive was held in the town area and the ing the environment and in and around the Mini main function was orga- making our country neat

Certificate of Appreciation for contribution in Shramadaan Swachh Bharat



JI NEWS SERVICE

The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Sunday awarded Certificate of Appreciation to Joint way to reduce pollution. Director Information

tion of JDI Kashmir for ity under Swachtwa Hi advocating & fostering Sewa campaign and under the environment of clean- Ek Ghanta Ek Tareekh Ek liness at different forums and under his official Government.

Information & PR; Assisity Unit, Cultural Officer proper manner. and other staff members Bharat Mission. Moham- from pollution.

mad 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

Meanwhile, Joint Direc-Kashmir, Mohammad torate Information Kash-Aslam for his contribution mir under the leadership in Shramdaan for Swachh of JDI, Mohammad Aslam Bharat under an initiative today conducted a cleanof Swachh Bharat Mission. liness drive in the office The selfless contribu- premises and in the vicin-Saath programme.

All the officers and officapacity has been given cials of the department recognition by the J&K participated in the cleanliness drive and collected The Deputy Director the plastic & other solid waste material which was tant Director Field Public- latter disposed off in a

On the occasion, congratulated Joint Direc- Swachtwa Pledge was also tor for the achievement held to ensure cleanliness and acknowledgement of in the surroundings and his endeavors in Swachch protect the environment

JDI Mohammad Aslam awarded Dir RDD Kashmir takes part in sanitation initiative at Chotipora, Shopian

JI NEWS SERVICE SHOPIAN, OCTOBER 1

Swachhta Hi Sewa pro-

gramme, Director Rural

path ceremony.

Development depart- aimed to donate one parks etc.

ment, Kashmir, Shabir hour of labor towards Hussain Bhat today vis- sanitation of our surited Shopian and took roundings like roads, An initiative under part in Shramdhan Sha- offices, tourist places, historical places, reli-The programme gious places, public

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No:-DHSJ/ES-89/9675-80

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.

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.

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

And whereas, as apparent from the face of record, you had been

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

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

JI NEWS SERVICE

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 drive on lines of "Swach- Authority Ganderbal. hata Hi Sewa-2023 (SHS-

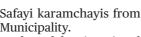
Court Ganderbal as a trib-ness and sustainability. ute to the great visionary



(DLSA) Ganderbal, under under the guidance of Safayi karamchayis from the aegis of J&K Legal Ser- the Sub-Judge/Secretary, Municipality. vices Authority today kick Nusrat Ali Hakak of the

The celebration aimed 2023)" national campaign. to pay homage to Mahat-The event took place at ma Gandhi and promote Authority Ganderbal orgathe premises of District his principles of cleanli-

leader Mahatma Gandhi ji. rated by Secretary District included awareness ses-The programmes were Legal Services Authority sions, cleanliness drives, towards a better future. It served as a reminder of held under the able super- Ganderbal and witnessed within the court premises. We are grateful for the the continued relevance of vision of the Principal Dis- a strong Participation of



The celebration aimed started 2-days cleaness District Legal Services to honor the teachings and principles of Mahatma Gandhi.

District Legal Services nized a series of activities to commemorate the together to celebrate awareness of the impor-The drive was inaugu- occasion. These activities the legacy of Mahatma tance of cleanliness and

trict and Sessions Judge, staff & PLVs of District symbolized the impor- of all those who made this challenges faced by our Ritesh Kumar Dubey and Ganderbal, officials Nad tance of cleanliness but event a success." District modern world.

also promoted a healthy Legal Services Authority and hygienic environ- Ganderbal remains dedi-

tary stated, "Mahatma the community. Through Gandhi's teachings on events like this, they aim cleanliness and sustain- to inspire others to follow ability hold immense in Mahatma Gandhi's footimportance even today. steps and contribute to a District Legal Services cleaner and more sustain-Authority Ganderbal able society. exemplifies commitment to honor his ideals and promote a cleaner and greener environment.

She further added, "It

cated to fostering a sense Speaking about the of responsibility and susevent, Sub-Judge/Secre- tainable practices among

The celebration of Gandhi Jayanti in the District Court Ganderbal showcased a resounding dedication to preserving is heartening to witness the legacy of Mahatma the community coming Gandhi ji and spreading Gandhi and contribute sustainability in society. This initiative not only support and participation his teachings amidst the

Swachhta Hi Seva events hosted at Jhajjar Kotli

Div Com, DC Jammu join locals to clean surroundings

JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

The Directorate of Rural Sanitation, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Jammu, in collaboration with 91.9 RED FM, organised a cleanliness drive in Jhajjar Kotli as part of the Swachhata Parv- Swachhata Hi Seva campaign.

The event was attended by Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar RJ Anchita, RJ Sarang, and Cluster Head RED FM-J&K, cadets, and volunteers



Vaishya; ADC Harvinder the 91.9 RED FM Jammu Leh & Uttrakhand. Singh; ACD, Preeti Sharma; team led by Sidarath Arora

Wazir was honoured for his contributions, and three other volunteers Local students, C-DYTE were recognised for their outstanding work.

RDD Doda holds massive cleanliness drive across 237 Panchayats

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, OCTOBER 1

As a part of ongoing Swachhta Pakhwada and acting upon the directions of UT Government Rural Development Department Doda organised a special cleanliness drive in all 237 panchayats of the district.

ACD Doda Phulail Singh Bandral JKAS alongwith the BDC Chairperson Kastigarh and SDM Assar spearheaded the cleanliness drive at Assar. The drive was conducted in a stretch of 1KM in which various market establishments were cleaned, slashed against the erring

shopkeepers for promot- areas by way of behav-

While speaking to the

ating civic sense. locals and PRIs ACD Doda ta comes internally from chayat Ghars, Schools, urged to promote the idea each individual of the soci- health institutes, market

ing the uncleanness in the ioural change and gener-

He added that Swachhbesides penalties were of Swachhta across the ety and we should collec- places etc, besides Pledge district as well as in their tively work in this direc- were also taken.

GDC Doda launches

cleanliness drive under

Swach Bharat Abhiyan

tion, besides asking the people to promote ecofriendly attitude among the masses and should curb the use of single use of plastic.

Later on Swachhta pledge, pledge on Non violence and Nasha Mukht Bharat was also administered to the locals, government officials as well as to

It is pertinent to mention here similar activities were conducted in all 237 panchayats of the district wherein cleanliness drive was conducted in Pan-

District-Level Mega Cleanliness Drive at Municipal Park, Bari Brahmna

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, OCTOBER 1

A District-level mega cleanliness drive took place at Municipal Park, Bari Brahmna, as part of the "Swacchta hi sewa" campaign. Led by DC Samba, Abhishek Sharma, the event kicked off at 9:30 am and garnered active participation from local citizens, students, and various senior officers, all coming together under the banner of "Ek Tareekh-Ek Ghanta-Ek Saath." of several officers, includ- at Trindiyan, Ramgarh,



ensuring proper waste gently to clean the area, cleanliness in the district. greener district.

DC Abhishek Sharma segregation. Addition- expressed his gratitude to The event witnessed the ally, a 'Swachta hi Sewa' all the officers and particienthusiastic involvement cleanliness drive was held pants for their unwavering dedication to the Swacching ADDC Samba, Rajinder on the same day. DDC ta hi sewa campaign under Singh, ADC Samba, Suresh member Sarabjeet Singh, the banner of "Ek Tareekh-Chander, and ACD Samba, along with other PRI mem- Ek Ghanta-Ek Saath." He Siddharth Dhiman. They bers and locals, also par- emphasized the signifiall took the Swachhta ticipated enthusiastically, cance of such initiatives pledge and worked dili- furthering the mission of in fostering a cleaner and

KVK Ramban initiates drive under Garbage Free India campaign at Dhalwas

RAMBAN OCTOBER 1

actively participated in the

drive, working tirelessly to

clean the park and water

sioner Ramesh Kumar

emphasised the need for

regular sanitation efforts

and suggested conduct-

ing monthly cleanliness

drives. He also instructed

that littering and spoiling

the beautiful tourist spot

Sarpanch Panchayat

Dhok Wazira, Raman

would be penalised.

Divisional Commis-

bodies of Jhajjar Kotli.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra Ramban, under the aegis of Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu, organized a drive for Garbage Free India under Swachhata Hi Sewa program at Dhalwas. The event was held under the leadership of Professor B. N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and the direct supervision of Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu. The program was conducted cer KVK Ramban Dr Raj the farming community of all the participants. Village Dhalwas to keep of the surroundings. The Kendra and also dis-ticipants for joining the program was attended by cussed the various activi-



rural youths, farmers and ties undertaken by KVK farm women of Dhalwas.

have also taken a pledge to save the Environment multi-dimensional role of and keep the surroundings Garbage free. Senior sustainability and pros-Scientist and Nodal Offito raise awareness among Kumar Gupta welcomed the various ongoing

cleanliness and sanitation mandate of Krishi Vigyan and thanked all the par-

Ramban for the benefit All the participants and upliftment of farmers in Ramban district and the farmers for maintaining perity in agriculture.

He also briefed about activities/programmes He highlighted the of Krishi Vigyan Kendra

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, OCTOBER 1

try headed by Lt. Colo- among the people.

nel Dr Arjun Singh and NCC Naval wing headed by Prof Zain Bin Hussain GDC Doda held a clean- were also part of this liness drive within the drive. The drive started campus and outside the with a Pledge based on campus under Swach Truth and Non-violence Bharat Abhiyan as a part administered by Dr.Wani. of Gandhi Jayanti Cel- After the pledge, a cleanebrations. This drive was liness drive of the entire held under the overall campus was carried out. supervision of Principal Then the NSS and NCC of the college Dr. Attar units along with in charge Singh Kotwal and in pres-faculties carried drive at ence of vice Principal different locations in the Dr Ajaz Ahmed Wani. A city and interacted with large number of faculty local people and also members and students spread the message of participated in this drive. importance of cleanliness NSS unit and NCC infan- and Ghanaian Philosophy

Nowshera Forest Division conducts cleanliness; plantation drives to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURL OCTOBER 1

Nowshera Forest Division celebrated Gandhi Jayanti-2023 by organizing cleanliness and plantation drives in all three forest Ranges with active participation

of PRI members, children, senior citizens, women, CRPF & BSF personnel and officials of many other departments. Range Officer Sunderba-

ni/Lamberi Sudesh Kumar Range. told that to commemorate activities related to awareadoption of paryavaran involvement of thousands Rajouri Vivek Verma



rallies etc till today were of people besides plantacarried out as per calendar tion drives and message of events issued in Sunder- to "keep our environment bani and Lamberi Forest clean and green" was disseminated to whole human-Cleanliness drives were ity. These drives were con-Gandhi Jayanti-2023 all carried out today in Sun-ducted under the superviderbani town, Gurudwara sion of Divisional Forest ness and protection of Sahib at Thandapani, Officer Nowshera Satyenforests, water bodies and Bowli at Thandapani, Rajal dra Mourya and Conserother natural resources, and Kalal areas with active vator of Forest west circle

DLSA Reasi organises Swachhta Hi Sewa campaign

'Swachhta Hi Sewa-2023 (SHS-2023).

The event was held under the able aegis of NALSA and J&K Legal Services Authority (JKLSA)

This initiative was undertaken to honour the 154th birth anniversary of man DLSA, Reasi, Ms. Sonia Gupta and close DLSA Reasi, Sh. Sunil beautifying the premises. through a door-to-door

along with dedicated Para tive responsibility towards Legal Volunteers (PLVs) maintaining a clean envi-District Legal Services and officials from the ronment. Authority, Reasi today Municipal Corporation, organized a series of Reasi, came together to Committee Katra and impactful activities as part give impetus to the nation- Mahore also spearheaded of the national campaign wide campaign under the cleanliness drive. Munsiff theme of "Garbage Free Mahore Sh. Choudhary India" here today.

District Court Complex Badyal, along with the Reasi witnessed a remarkable transformation as and Municipal Corpora-DLSA, Reasi spearheaded tion officials, actively parcleanliness drive. Chief ticipated in cleaning and Administrative Officer beautifying the premises. the Father of the Nation, Anil Puri, along with the Mahatma Gandhi. Under enthusiastic staff mem- ness Campaign: DLSA, the leadership of Chair- bers of DLSA, Reasi, PLVs, Reasi, took the message and Municipal Corporation officials, actively par-sible waste management supervision of Secretary ticipated in cleaning and directly to the community

The DLSA Reasi team, the importance of collec-

Ghulam Murtaza and As part of the activities, Munsiff Katra Sh. Lakshay enthusiastic staff members

Door-to-Door Awareof cleanliness and respon-The event emphasized awareness campaign.

Swachhata Hi Seva cleanliness drive conducted in Div Com Office Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

Divisional Commissioner Office Jammu conducted a cleanliness drive as a premises. This cleanliness part of Swachhata Parv -Swachhata Hi Seva initia- tic participation of all the

er Ramesh Kumar also their collective commitinaugurated a plantation ment to foster a cleaner drive by planting saplings and more sustainable of trees within the office environment.



drive witnessed enthusiasofficers and officials of Div Divisional Commission- Com office, showcasing

Enthusiastic public Participation marks Swachhta Hi Seva Campaign across District Kishtwar 2000 Shramdaan activities conducted by 60,000 citizens videographed

KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 1

participation across District Kishtwar today.

nation's cleanliness.

The District Adminis- headquarter. tration under the guid-

missioner Kishtwar echo- alongside officers from

The initiative aimed Bharat, the senior offi- other district officers. at instilling the values of cers such as DC Kishtwar community service and Sham Lal, ADC Kishtwar Cleanliness drive unfoldnation-building.A one- Inderjeet Singh Parihar, ed across district offices hour Shramadaan was and ACR Varunjeet Singh residing inside the DC conducted from 10 AM Charak, Joint Director Office Complex Kishtwar to 11 AM, emphasizing a Planning Mohd Iqbal and also at tehsil headcollective effort to con- besides district Officers quarters, blocks, and sectoral officers, field tribute significantly to the actively participated in panchayats, engaging functionaries, PRIs, civil

A Swachhta Rally, fea-

ing the national spirit for CRPF 52nd Battalion and a 'Garbage Free India,' the jawans besides gath-In alignment with the orchestrated Swachh- ering of 500 plus citizens vision of the the Prime ta Rallies and pledges marched from DC office Minister, massive cleanlibesides Cleanliness drives to Historical Chowgan ness drives and Swachh- in all the 236 panchay- Ground Kishtwar under ta Rallies themed "Ek ats across the district, the leadership of I/C, DC Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek emphasizing environmen- Kishtwar accompanied by Saath," witnessed spirited tally responsible disposal. ADC, ACR, Joint Director under the Swachh DSWO, CMO, CEO besides

> Simultaneously, a mega the activities at district government and municipal offices.

The commitment to participating. ance of Sham Lal-JKAS, turing officers, officials, cleanliness was firmly



officials at the Mini Secretariat DC Office Complex

Similar initiatives echoed through government offices and educational institutions, with society members, and

In the Town Kishtwar, In Charge Deputy Com- and staff of DC office, underscored with a Municipal Council Kisht- Kiru, Kwar, and Pakkal sible waste management. prehensive documenta- healthier India.

Leading from front Planning, DPO, DIO, STO, Swachhta Pledge admin- war, in collaboration with istered to officers and the Police Department, organized a Cleanliness drive and a "Swachhta Rally" from General Bus Stand to Girls Higher Secondary School Kishtwar, witnessing active involvement from school stu- plastic-free. dents, the general public, and civil society.

Dul HEP project sites ects, NHPC and CVPPL.

Hostel Chatroo, District through videography and Kishtwar.

BDC Chairperson, BDO Dachhan, and Army centres, Educational instijawan of 17 RR collabo- tutions remained on the strides made during the rated in a drive to collect forefront to conduct these campaign. plastic, advancing efforts to make Block Dachhan

All blocks and panchayats witnessed Plastic Under the "Swachhata Waste Collection Drives,

involves Head of Projects, Campaign in Kishtwar tiatives. staff and workers of these District witnessed an HydroElectric Power Projeexemplary level of comacross the district activemitment and enthusiasm, ly participated in captur-Social Welfare Officer daan activities involving event, reflecting the col-

> photography. activities by involving the local PRIs, AWWs, School

masses.

The Swachhta Hi Seva tion of the impactful ini-

The Departments Additionally, Tehsil with about 2,000 Shram- ing the essence of each Chatroo organized a more than 60,000 citi- laborative efforts towards Cleanliness Drive at Govt zens meticulously con- cleanliness and communi-Gujjar & Bakerwal Boys ducted and recorded ty service. The uploaded content serves as a valuable resource for further The RDD Offices, ICDS analysis and acknowledgment of the impactful

This initiative aligns with the transparency Students and common and accountability goals set forth by the Swachh The visual records have Bharat Abhiyan, showbeen thoughtfully upload- casing the dedication of SHGs of NRLM actively Hi Seva Abhiyaan" cam-reinforcing the message ed on the portal for the Kishtwar District in conpaign, mega cleanliness of environmental con- perusal of the concerned tributing to the larger drives also unfolded at sciousness and respon- ministry, ensuring com- vision of a cleaner and

Patnitop-Gouri Kund Eco Trail: Participants Overwhelming participation in Swachhta Hi traverse Nature's Path to Spiritual Bliss

JI NEWS SERVICE

PATNITOP, OCTOBER 1

In a collaborative effort, the Department of Excise, Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Patnitop Development Authority, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, and District Administration, Udhampur came together to organize the Patnitop to Gaurikund Eco Trail today.

Shaivite centers, and is bhandara by the temple. treks to internationally steeped in natural wonders including dense for- ulty of SMVDU, hailing PDA's jurisdiction. The ests, rolling fields, veg- from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, university places great etable gardens, and fruit Maharashtra, Delhi, Raj- importance on the holis-

for its construction using and even Nepal, were dents to embrace a healthy stones, a deviation from enthralled by the pictur- lifestyle while steering the prevalent use of esque vistas and the mys- clear of the pitfalls of sub-Deodar wood in the region. tical aura that enveloped stance abuse." It concluded at the sacred them throughout the trek. Gauri Kund Temple, dedi- They thanked the authori- event series, 'Visit Patnicated to Bhagwan Shiv and ties for making them part top,' which was initiated Mata Parvati. Legend has of this endeavour. After by Patnitop Development it that Mata Parvati would the trek, they also paid Authority in September daily bathe in its natural obeisance at the revered spring. Here, the partici- Sudh Mahadev temple. pants accompanied by the



Nagendra Singh Jamwal, the tourism potential of tains Save Future'.

The students and fac-renowned trails within asthan, Jharkhand, Guja- tic development of its stu-The trek started from rat, Chattisgarh, Jammu dents, and we believe that the Nag temple, notable and Kashmir, Haryana these treks will inspire stu-

> It was held under the 2022 to showcase the allencompassing beauty and

The trail traces an officials and staff from PDA Registrar of SMVDU, the Patnitop Tourism Cirancient pilgrimage route and Wildlife Department, expressed, "SMVDU, in cuit. Beyond adventure leading to Sudh Mahadev- relished traditional cui- partnership with PDA, and spirituality, the event Mantalai, prominent sines offered in year-long will continue organizing emphasized cleanliness, environmental consciousness, and preservation of the natural beauty that attracts travelers from far and wide. By collecting waste all along the trail. participants did their part to contribute to the ongoing nationwide Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign, an initiative aimed at building a Swachh Bharat in line with Mahatma Gandhi's vision. This endeavor also complemented PDA's ongoing initiatives, including 'Clean Patnitop Green Patnitop', 'Carry The Trash

Back', and 'Clean Moun-

Sewa Campaign witnessed across Bandipora

JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 1

Displaying spirit towards cleanliness, lacs of people from all walks of life Sunday came together in district Bandipora to participate in the "Ek Tareekh Ek Gahanta Ek Saath" event, organized as part of the Swachhta Hi Sewa Campaign.

'Ek Tareekh Ek Gahanta 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 Swachtwa Campaign. People numbering in the lakhs, from school children to senior citizens, took part in the campaign.

ADDC Bandipora Ali Afsar Khan presided over the cleanliness drive at MC Hajin wherein Chairman MC Hajin Irshad Ahmad Wani beisides thousands of people participated in the event. Nodal Officer Coordination/ACD Bandipora Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, accompanied by ARTO/DIO Bandipora Bilal Ahmad Mir, AD Food Bilal



Ahmad and others pre- ferent activities were held sided over the cleanliness event at MC Sumbal.

As a part of 'Ek Ghanta Pledge was held to keep gathered at Mini Secretariat Bandipora wherein the occasion. a mega cleanliness drive was held. ACR Bandipora, Shabir Ahmad, DTO Banducted in all the three sub dipora Mohammad Rafiq, divisions of district Banand other senior officers

As many as 5000 diftions, including offices, ment.

and public spaces, making impact on the overall cleanliness of the district.

parks, main roads, streets,

In addition to all the three Sub Divisions of district Bandipora, the drives were held in all the Municipal Councils/Committees besides health Institutions, schools and colleges, government offices, residential houses.

During the one hour long cleanliness drive, water bodies, tourist destinations were cleaned.

A massive cleanliness drive was also held in district court complex Bandipora wherein officials of judiciary and common people gathered to paracross the district. On ticipate in Swachtwa Camthe occasion, Swachtwa paign.

Alongside the cleanup Ek Tareekh Ek Saath', the environment neat and drive, awareness regardpeople from different clean. Plege for Nasha ing the importance of walks and age groups Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan cleanliness and sustain-(NMBA) was also held on able waste management was also raised.

The Swachhta Hi Sewa cleanup activities con-Campaign continues to serve as a powerful catalyst, inspiring and mobilizing people across India to of district administration Sumbal and Gurez where- collaborate for a cleaner participated in the drive. in a wide range of loca- and healthier environ-

Drive' under 'Swachhata Hi Sewa'

JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, OCTOBER 1

ha of Government Degree tee members and NSS volnized 'Swachhata Drive' under the aegis of Azadi regarding the importance Ka Amrut Mahotsav. This of cleanliness and encourdrive was carried out in aged them to always keep ship of Prof. (Dr.) Geetan- 'cleanliness is next to the pledge.

jali Andotra, Principal of godliness'.

A large number of NSS Dr. Shamsher Lal, volunteers participated The National Service NSS Programme Officer, in the cleanliness drive Scheme (NSS) Unit-Prab- along with NSS commit- and cleaned the College premises and streets of College Ramgarh orga- unteers, carried out the the adopted village. They drive. In the beginning, collected the waste and on 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' he briefed the volunteers it was disposed off on a designated site and also participated run for Swachhata Shramdaan. the College premises as the surroundings clean. The entire program was well as College's adopted He also said that this organized by Dr. Shamvillage 'Kalah' followed by activity provided a great sher Lal (NSS PO). The a Pledge on 'Swachhata' opportunity to the Col- proceeding of the Pledge Abhiyaan' inside the college to perform its social was conducted by the lege Premises and Run for responsibilities for the NSS volunteer, Jagmeet Swachhata Shramdaan. It society at large. Further Kour. All the enrolled stuwas carried out under the he said that Mahatma dents, Faculty members, supervision and leader- Gandhi believed that non-teaching staff took

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Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) took a determined step towards cleanliness today by organizing an extensive cleanliness drive as part of Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2023

out across the Union Ter- this initiative a success and ritory of Jammu and Kash- a part of daily lives. mir as a heartfelt tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the cleanliness campaign eve of his birth anniversary spanned across the offices on October 2, 2023.

as advocated by the Father of the Institute. of the Nation, Mahatma

"SWACHHATA HI SEVA"

The drive was carried a Swachh Pledge to make participants and empha-

of JKEDI located in the Dir JKEDI, faculty mem- UT of J&K. The drive was bers, and officials of the carried out at both the Institute actively partici- regional offices of JKEDI, pated in various swachha- located in Jammu and Srita activities on the ground, nagar, Centre for Women exemplifying their commit- Entrepreneurship, situated ment to the principles of in Jammu and Srinagar and

across all offices also took found gratitude towards all JKEDI's unwavering com- campaign.

High Court organize cleanliness drive

sized the organization's to the values and princi-

such initiatives in building of local residents and vola cleaner, healthier, and unteers also joined hands more prosperous future in this noble endeavour, for the Union Territory. He further amplifying the reiterated that this cleanli- impact of the cleanliness drive represents a sus-ness drive. Their colleccleanliness and sanitation across all 20 district offices tained and ongoing effort tive efforts demonstrated by the Institute to positively the unity and community Ajaz Ahmad Bhat Direc- contribute to the commu- spirit that lies at the heart Gandhi. The participants tor, JKEDI, expressed pronities it serves. It reflects of the Swachhata Hi Seva

clean and sustainable environment. Participants ardently

The event witnessed

dipora viz; Bandipora,

worked towards maintaining the hygiene and cleanliness of these locations. This widespread initiative aimed to raise awareness and instil a sense of responsibility for cleanliness at the grassroots level.The significance of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign goes unwavering commitment beyond the physical act of cleaning. It symbolizes a ples held dear by Mahatma collective commitment to a cleaner, healthier, and He underscored the more sustainable environparamount importance of ment. A significant number

ADDC Bandipora presides over Swachhta Hi Seva Campaign at Hajin

JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, OCT 1

As a part of Ek Ghanta Ek Tareekh Ek Saath, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan Sunday presided over cleanliness drives held under Swachtwa Hi Sewa campaign, at Hajin The event was attended by thousands of people including the President MC Hajin,

and subordinate staff. 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 Swachtwa Cam-

representatives from MC

Hajin, Executive Officer

Mega cleanliness drive organized by Amar Singh college

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

Amar Singh College Cluster University, Srinagar organized a massive cleanliness drive themed "Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath" in tune with the vision of the Honourable Prime Minister and con- Plogathon, in the morn- the water body and disducted a series of events. ing from Mehjoor Nagar posed of waste in a dump-

spirit of the nation this College, which was flagged year to build 'Garbage off by Prof. (Dr) Yasmeen efforts of the principal for Free India', the first event Ashai, Director Colleges conducting such a conwas a Shramadaan of one UT of J&K. hour, conducted under the able leadership of Teaching faculty, Non-Singh College and Nodal in the event. The Worthy The faculty members and principal Kashmir Division Director encouraged the hostel boarders together

event was to make a valu- alongside her colleagues. for shramadaan. able contribution to the nation in terms of cleanli- along the flood channel participants were engaged ness of surroundings.



Concurrent with the footbridge to Amar Singh

The members from the activity. participants by dedicating engaged in the activity

The participants jogged and picked up the litter in these events.

J&K Pollution Control Committee conducts

"Swachhata Hi Seva" cleanliness drive

Institution organised a from the embankment of ing van at Jawahar Nagar. The locals lauded the

structive and productive Another event was Prof. (Dr) Sheikh Aijaz Teaching staff, students organized for the clean-Bashir, principal Amar and parents participated ing of the college hostel.

The objective of the one hour for shramadaan and dedicated one hour Around three hundred members, Security Personals, outsource workers and PLVs participated in the drives with full enthusiasm. They voluntarily cleaned the Court premises from within and outside by devoting one hour Shramdan.

At High Court wing Srinagar, the drive was led by formed in Jammu wing neat and clean. Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General while Sobha Ram Gandhi, Registrar Judicial, Jammu wing, supervised the campaign at Jammu.

emphasized upon the role of all the officers and officials of High Court plex, Jammu. in spreading awareness about the need of hygienic ing of such noble mis- Court complex to help the cleanliness drive.



sions, he stressed upon Registry and staff in mainthe need of many more taining cleanliness in and such programs in future around the High Court to ensure comprehensive complex. and overall development of the nation.

Different teams were which were headed by Registry Officers and the campaign started from the main building Jammu wing. The teams while Registrar General cleaning the premises converged at the main gate of Faqoor Ahmad Bhat, the District Court com-

On the occasion, all the participants took pledge to keep their surroundings Tasleem Arief, Registrar

Vigilance, Rajinder Sapru, Registrar Rules, Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, JKLSA, Anoop Kumar, Registrar (IT), Registrar Judicial, Srinagar wing, Prem Sagar, While talking to media Secretary, HCLSA, Pravin persons, the heads of the Pandoh, Joint Registrar and clean society in over-teams emphasized the Judicial, Jammu wing and all development of all the importance of cleanli- Abdul Bari, Joint Registrar citizens of India. While ness in day to day life and Judicial, Srinagar wing, appreciating the launch- urged upon the visitors of also contributed in the

Swachhata Pakhwada

Information Deptt Kulgam organizes cleanliness drives at Aharbal, Information office



JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, OCTOBER 1

Under Swachhata Pakhspot in which Media per- Pollution, etc. sons from different media houses, employees from pants picked up the litter the information and forest from lawns of the office department participated complex for disposing it enthusiastically

participants picked up one hour was conducted the litter on the trail of with an aim to make a Aharbal- Kounsernag and valuable contribution to disposed off properly.

ried to disseminate a mes-roundings, fostering the sage to keep the tourist values of community serspots clean and litter free. vice and nation building.

The department also organized a cleanliness drive at the office complex at Kulgam under the wada, and on the occasion theme "Ek Tareekh, Ek of "Ek Tareek Ek Ghanta Ghanta, Ek Saath" which Ek Saath", Information was joined by other Department Kulgam departments housed in organized a cleanliness the office complex includdrive at Aharbal Tourist ing DIC, Mining, SICOP,

On the occasion particioff and to make the lawns During this drive the clean. A Shramadaan of our nation in terms of The drive was also car- cleanliness of our sur-

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today conducted cleanli- ticipated. ness drive under "Swach-

with the theme "Garbage areas and on roads was din. Free India". A massive collected and disposed off

ness drive was lead by also conducted in the Cell JK PCC Kashmir.

the Principal Secretary Regional office of JK PCC Forest, Dheeraj Gupta, in Srinagar alongwith Social which senior officers of Forestry Deptt wherein J&K Pollution Control the Forest Deptt and its staff of both the Deptts Committee, Kashmir sister organisation par- participated under the guidance of RD PCC Kash-Huge quantity of solid mir, Rafi Ahmad Bhat and hata Hi Seva" mission waste spread in forest RD SF Kashmir Mehraju-

The campaign ended campaign started at in eco-friendly jute bags. with the pledge ceremo-Shankar Acharya Hills in As the part of the cam- ny conducted by Sabiya Srinagar where cleanli- paign, a joint drive was Mahajan I/c Awareness

mitment to nurturing a

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As a sequel to nationwide

campaign "Swachhata Hi

Seva", a massive Swach-

hata Abhiyan was carried

out in both the wings of

High Court of Jammu and

Kashmir and Ladakh and

all District Courts of both

the UTs under the direc-

tions of Chief Justice, High

Court of J&K and Ladakh,

Judicial Officers, staff

N Kotiswar Singh.

The comprehensive

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

BUDAGM, OCTOBER 1

As part of the Nationwide Campaign "Swachhta Hi PLV's, members of LADC, cleanliness drive empha-Seva", District Legal Ser- Penal Lawyers and offi- sized the importance of vices Authority, Budgam cials of Municipal Coun-collective responsibility under the aegis of Jammu cil Budgam joined hands towards maintaining the and Kashmir Legal Ser- for providing impetus to clean and hygienic survices Authority orga- the nationwide campaign roundings. nized a series of impact- under the theme of (Garful activities highlighting bage Free India). the Mahatma Gandhi's aiming at addressing litter-

Swachhata

Pakhwada

cleanliness

drives held

across Kulgam

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KULGAM, OCTOBER 1

Massive cleanliness

drives across district

Kulgam were carried

out under Swachhata

Pakhwada, themed

"Ek Tareekh, Ek

A Shramadaan of

one hour was con-

ducted 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.

daan of one hour,

participants picked

up the litter from

roads, parks, offic-

es, schools, public

places, water bodies,

etc for disposing it

off in an environment

Meanwhile, all

departments orga-

nized swachhata

drives across offic-

es and cleanliness

drives were also held

at public places such

as bus stands, tour-

ist spots, river fronts,

drains and nallahs in

both rural and urban

Mega sanitation

drive was also held in

and around the Mini

Secretariat Kulgam

led by the Additional

Deputy Commis-

sioner Kulgam Viqar

Ahmed Giri which

was also attended by

officers and officials

housed in mini- sec-

retariat besides stu-

dents and sweeping

staff from Municipal

Council Kulgam also

tion drives were also

held at panchayats,

schools, colleges,

health institutions

and all other offices.

carried out special

sanitation drives in

all 04 municipalities.

nies were also held.

ADC administered

Swachhta pledge,

Non-violence Pledge

and Pledge against

the drugs among par-

ticipants at mini sec-

retariat Kulgam.

Pledge ceremo-

Municipalities also

Meanwhile, sanita-

joined the drive.

areas.

friendly manner

During shrama-

Ghanta, Ek Saath".

institutions.

ideals of cleanliness and with a remarkable clean- an awareness programme sustainability. The initia- liness drive spearheaded cum cleanliness drive was tives were undertaken to by Aijaz Ahmad Khan, organized in collaboration honour the 154th birth Additional District & Ses- with Oxford School. anniversary of Father of sions Judge Budgam along Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, with Judicial Officers, together staff members, Staff Members of District teachers, dedicated PLV's ing, waste management, Court Complex Budgam & and students, who worked and overall hygiene by DLSA Budgam, members tirelessly to clean and engaging individuals and of LADC, PLV's and Offi-regenerate their surround-Under the leadership of Budgam. The participants an opportunity to instill Aijaz Ahmad Khan, Addi- actively engaged in clean- the values of cleanliness tional District & Sessions ing and beautifying the and collective responsi-Judge, Budgam, Judicial ADR Centre and its sur- bility among the younger officers Jahangir Ahmad roundings including "Play generations.

Bakshi, Farah Bashir, staff Way area of Children", members of District Court premises of ADR Centre gramme was also orga-Budgam, DLSA Budgam and the premises of Court nized at Oxford School, along with dedicated Complex Budgam. The

Another remarkable initiative was undertaken The events started by DLSA Budgam, wherein

The event brought cials of Municipal Council ings. The event provided

An awareness prowherein 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.

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 river front.



Kishore Temple Sumbal rally people for a collec-paign. and culminated at Jhelum tive effort in cleaning their surroundings to promote walks of life participated 'Ek Tareekh Ek Gah- cleanliness ahead of Ghananta Ek Saath', a special dhi Jayanti Celebrations held across the district. event was designed to under Swachtwa Cam-

People from different in the cleanliness drives

Classrooms to Communities: DLSA Srinagar conducts Swachh Bharat Drive

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

Mahatma Gandhi, the Dis- their pristine glory. trict Legal Services Author-Sewa-2023 (SHS-2023)" by orchestrating a series of inspiring activities.

marked the 154th birth alternatives. anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a visionary who sustainability, and social responsibility.

ness drive and awareness scious citizens. at Muslim Public School, cleanliness drive.

enthusiastic participation surroundings.

of staff members, teachand students who tirelessthe Father of the Nation, school's surroundings to

Vice Chairperson of ity, Srinagar (DLSA), par- the institute, Asrar Ali, ticipated in the national delivered an impassioned campaign "Swachhata Hi address during the campaign, emphasizing the profound importance of sustainability and the This noble endeavor adoption of eco-friendly

His words resonated deeply with all particichampioned cleanliness, pants, highlighting the vital role that educational institutions play in shap-DLSA held a Cleanli- ing environmentally con-

Also, a cleanliness drive Srinagar. The grounds of and awareness Event Muslim Public School, was held at City School, Srinagar, bore witness to Nowgam. This multifaceta remarkable transfor- ed endeavor united staff mation as DLSA Srinagar members, teachers, Para joined hands with the Legal Volunteers (PLVs), the enduring values of institution for a sweeping and enthusiastic students in a collective effort to The initiative drew the clean and beautify their

The highlight of the ers, Para Legal Volunteers event was an inspiring address by Adv. Suhai-In a heartfelt tribute to ly worked to restore the la 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 environ-

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 cleanliness, sustainability, and collective responsibility that the Father of the Nation stood for.

'Swachhata hi Seva'

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

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PULWAMA, OCTOBER 1

In a resounding display of community commitment towards cleanliness and environmental preservation, a monumental "Swachhata hi Sewa" mega cleanliness drive was conducted at the Chatlam Wetland Reserve which was inaugurated by Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development Department, Mandeep 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 substancefree lifestyle and the non violence pledge affirming a commitment towards



stressing the importance

of cleanliness and discour-

aging loitering in public

commitment towards promoting Swachhata (clean-

tary lauded efforts of all exploring ways to link She applauded the J&K UT ODF plus. She tives. He assured that Deputy Commissioner, emphasized the role of the Pulwama would strive to who also serves as the department in creating become a model district Chairman of District Sani- assets and urged upon the in terms of cleanliness and heralding peace and har-tation Committee, and the citizens to work towards environmental sustainmony. In her speech, district administration sustainable utilization of ability.

created assets through community led ownership and taking responsibility of litter in around households and other establish-

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 vigrously across the district. He emphasized the and backward linkages in waste management and liness) across the district. expressed the district's Commissioner Secre- commitment towards stakeholders for making waste with financial incen-

DLSA Kupwara holds cleanliness drive at District **Court Complex**

JI NEWS 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 Seva²

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 "Swachta Hi Sewa" cleanliness drive

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

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

Reiterating the significance of Swachta Hi Sewa, a massive cleaness 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



DLSA Shopian conducts Sanitation Drive at Shopian



JI NEWS SERVICE SHOPIAN, OCTOBER 1

Under the Swachhta 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 to promote cleanliness Shopian. The sanitation and to create and contribdrive was led by Chairman ute towards a cleaner and Tehsil Legal Services Com-

mittee Shopian, Imtiyaz 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 healthier environment.

Horticulture, Kashmir celebrated 'Swachhata Hi Seva'



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the legacy of Father of the letter and spirit. Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

'Swachhata Hi Seva' also forward the message of called (Clean India Programme) was kick started should keep our homes, at Directorate of Horticul- offices and surroundings ture Rajbagh and Director clean. Being the head of Horticulture Kashmir, the Department, the Dir G. R. Mir officiated the said that sanitation should employees of the Department.

The Director initiated

Speaking on the occasion, the Director high-The Department of Hor- lighted the significance of ticulture, Kashmir on sanitation and urged all Sunday celebrated 'Swach- the participants to follow hata Hi Seva' to honour the 'Swachhata Hi Seva'in

He further stressed To mark the event, that we should carry 'Swachhata Hi Seva'and 'Swachha Pledge' to the also be an integral part of our Orchards, Farms and Nurseries.

Director thanked all the and led the sanitation participants and hoped drive in the premises of that in future more such Horticulture Complex cleanliness campaigns Rajbagh Srinagar. He was will be held to spread joined by other depart- the awareness about the mental officers and offi- Clean India Programme.

"Swachhata Hi Seva"

ACS Home launches cleanliness, plantation drive at Central Jail Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

Hi Seva", a cleanliness and plantation drive was

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

The staff including launched at Central Jail CISF, CRPF personnel and Srinagar by Additional inmates actively partici-Chief Secretary (ACS) R pated in the drive.



On the occasion, Goyal the country. highlighted the impor-

Mission and exhorted Swachh Bharat Mission upon the staff and and various activities like

tance of Swachh Bharat have embarked upon the er premises.

inmates to participate awareness programs, in cleanliness activities swachhta pledges, cleanlifor strengthening the ness and plantation drives sanitation journey of are being conducted regularly in jails with focus on All the prisons of J&K having cleaner and green-

"SWATCHATA ABHIYAAN" Unites Forces

Technology has immense potential to bring government and citizens' closer": V SRINIVAS

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

"India is marching fast towards digital empowerment of citizens besides cvbernated transformation of institutions to optimize transparency and accountability in day-to-day functioning", stated Union Secretary, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, V Srinivas, while delivering key note address on Prelude Conference on "New Paradigms of Governance" organized by Indian Institute of Public Administration, JK Regional Branch.

He said that good governance include technology usage, secretariat reforms, special campaigns, bench- Yojana and Aspirational nisms, promoting innovamark of governance and Districts Program, he outton, and ensuring effecservices, redressal of lined the role of effective tive redressal of public public grievances and governance in transform- grievances. It stands as improving service deliving lives, especially in rural a testament to the govracy and replication of security and improving towards providing citizen good governance practices overall public health and of the country...

Department of Adminis- approach in Jammu and in the Central Secretariat trative Reforms and Public Kashmir, which exempli- is being enhanced through Grievances (DARPG), is at fies the government's dedi-systematic reforms and the forefront of driving cation to uplift underde- leveraging technology transformative changes veloped regions through to streamline processes, in governance, embracing strategic interventions improve coordination, digitization and focusing and collaborative efforts, and achieve greater effecon inclusive development, which aim to improve key tiveness in policy formulawith innovative approach- indicators related to edu- tion and implementation es to enhance public ser- cation, health, nutrition, through convergence of vice delivery and good gov-financial inclusion, and multiple portals to one ernance. The Centralized infrastructure. **Public Grievance Redress** (CPGRAMS) stands as a Index, which was first



JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

Under the aegis of "Swachatta Hi Sewa Hai", Swachh Bharat Abhiyan," a massive cleanliness drive was conducted by Fisheries department across the 20 districts of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to commemorate the 154th birth anniversary of

Mahatma Gandhi. During the campaign, all rivers, streams, springs, fish farms, and adjoining neighbourhoods were brought under the cleanliness drive. The objective is to have cleaner water bodies and healthy ecosystems, sending a message to the general public about the significance of keeping water resources pollution-free for safe usage and following scientific methods of waste

At various places, there was an overwhelming response from the locals who also actively participated in the events.

disposal.

A massive cleanliness drive was conducted at the trout farming project in Panzath, Qazigund, which was led by the Director of Fisheries, Jammu & Kashmir, accompanied by JD Fisheries Kashmir, District Development Council member Bilal Ahmad Deva, DD Fisheries Anantnag, a large gathering of senior citizens, residents of Panzath village, and scores of Fisheries Officers/ Officials from the Anantnag district.



"National E-Services

another significant step

vices delivery mecha-

centric services in the digi-

vas. He said that efficiency

portal "one nation, one

recognized through the esteemed PM's Awards for Delivery Assessment is Excellence.

While mentioning the towards evaluating e-serinitiative like Har Ghar Jal well-being. He further tal age", maintained Srini-Srinivas said that the pointed out the focused

Srinivas added that the portal" with reverse inteand Monitoring System District Good Governance gration. hallmark in the journey implemented in Jammu is a huge success story towards an accountable and Kashmir, plays a piv- in this context. Vision ing from Kautilya Arthagovernance. This online otal role in evaluating and India@2047, an ambitious platform has significantly enhancing the perfor- initiative, aims to transstreamlined grievance mance of districts across form India into a self-reliredressal mechanisms, the nation. This initiative ant and globally competiproviding citizens with an facilitates healthy com- tive nation, emphasizing effective channel to voice petition among districts, sustainable growth, equitheir concerns and seek encouraging them to strive table development, and resolutions, he added. for higher standards of inclusive governance is a He said that the system's governance and service testament to the govern-

mitment towards providing efficient, transparent, and citizen centric services. These transformative initiatives pave the way for a brighter and more prosperous future, aligning with the aspirations of a 'New India' by 2047", asserted Srinivas.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, Former DGP, JKP and Patron, IIPA JKRB, in his address, said we are enlightened to have first hand information from V. Srinivas and emphasized the vital role of citizen-centric governance. He stressed that good governance alone is insufficient; proactive citizen involvement and a citizen-centric approach are imperative. He emphasized the need to empower citizens, ensure a proactive delivery system at various levels, and foster participation to ascertain ery, recognizing meritoc- areas, by ensuring water ernment's commitment inclusive and equitable practices.

B R Sharma, Former Chief Secretary, J&K and Chairman of IIPA JKRB, emphasized e-government as a developmental priority with a focus on citizencentric governance and effectiveness, rule-of-lawbased implementation. He said that integration of cutting-edge technology is vital for achieving objectives in the pursuit of good governance.

K B Jandial, Director (Seminars), IIPA JKRB, in his welcome address advo-"Jammu & Kashmir cated evolving governance from British legacy, drawshastra, e-governance, to embracing AI's potential.

The progamme was attended by over 100 government officials from General Administration Department and J&K Police, members of IIPA, eminent people from civil

ment's unwavering com- society and academia. **Legal Services Institutions observe** Swachhata Pakhwada - "Swachhata

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

Hi Sewa" across J&K

Commemorating observance of "Swachhata Pakhwada - Swachhata Hi Seva", a massive cleanliness drive under the directions of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, was carried out by all the **Legal Services Institutions** across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir here today.

The initiative was a tribute to Father of the Nation and a great leader of modern times Mahatma birth anniversary on October 02, 2023.

plex, Jammu led by Amit of Mahatma Gandhi Ji. Kumar Gupta, Member vices Authority.

large number.

across the UT of J&K carried out various cleanliarea free from garbage.

The campaign was car-



of cleanliness and sus-In one such drive orgatainability and was aimed es Authority at JDA Com- teachings and principles All the District Legal Ser-

Secretary, J&K Legal Ser- vices Authorities includ-Vinay Sharma, SDM Committees across I&K (Sub-Registrar, Khas), organized rallies under Prem Sagar, Secretary, the supervision of respec-High Court Legal Services tive Chairperson DLSAs Committee, all the staff and Secretary DLSAs in members, PLVs and locals collaboration with differof the area participated in ent government departments to spread aware-Similarly, all the Legal ness among the masses Services Institutions about the importance of

The campaign witness drives in their respec- nessed an overwhelming tive premises, major response and participacrossings, prominent tion of the staff, Panel places having huge footfall Advocates, PLVs, students including Dal Lake. During and government officials this drive, dustbins were who assured their comenvironment.

Speaking on the occa- of this campaign.

Gandhi on the eve of his ried out in the memory of sion, Amit Kumar Gupta, Mahatma Gandhi's ideal Member Secretary highlighted the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi on nized by J&K Legal Servic- to honor and spread the cleanliness and sustainability. He said that the Legal Services Institutions remain dedicated to foster a sense of responsibility ing Tehsil Legal Services and sustainable practices among the community. He urged upon the masses to ensure cleanliness in an around their respective places to check the spread of deadly "Dengue" which is spreading in various parts of UT of J&K. He said that through such events, the Legal Services Institutions aim to inspire others to follow the footsteps of Father of the Nation and contribute towards a cleaner and more sustainable society.

Lastly, he extended gratitude to all the particialso installed at various mitment towards promot-pants, supporters and collocations for keeping the ing a healthy and hygienic laborators who contributed towards grand success

in a Grand Gesture for Swachh Bharat

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

In a heartwarming tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, the District Legal Services Authority, Srinagar (DLSA), under the aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority in collaboration with Sainak Welfare Srinagar and the Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Forum (HQ) Delhi (J&K Chapter), ioined hands to organize a monumental "Swachata Abhiyaan."

action can bring about significant change.

Mahatma Gandhi's vision Ahmad Bakshi. for a clean and sustainable

Dal Lake: The pristine Dal the spirit of environmental Lake, an iconic symbol of stewardship that Mahatma a way of life. His words Kashmir's natural beauty, Gandhi so ardently advo- resonated deeply with witnessed a transforma- cated. This spirited initiative tion as dedicated staff was a part of the national members and Para Legal ration: "Swatchata Abhi- Gandhi and the principles campaign "Swachhata Hi Volunteers of DLSA Sri- yaan" was a remarkable

ing the 154th birth anniver- Sainak Welfare, and stu- groups came together for a sary of the great Mahatma dents of SP College, Sri-common cause. nagar, came together in a The "Swatchata Abhi- sweeping cleanliness drive staff members, and the yaan" serves as a powerful under the leadership enthusiastic students of SP

Jawad Ahmad and close er and greener Kashmir. It underscores the supervision of Secretary, enduring importance of DLSA-Srinagar, Jahangir Abdul Rashid War, Nodal The objective was not merely to clean the sur- importance of preserving

The Power of Collabo-

Sewa-2023" commemorat- nagar, volunteers from display of unity, as diverse

Para Legal Volunteers, reminder that collective and guidance of Hon'ble College, Srinagar, shared a Chairman DLSA-Srinagar, common vision of a clean-

During the event, Officer Zilla Sainik Office Srinagar, highlighted the The Cleanup around roundings but to uphold our natural heritage and promoting cleanliness as the volunteers, reinforcing the legacy of Mahatma of Swachh Bharat.

IRP-23rd

Battalion

observes

Swachhata

Pakhwada

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

The IRP-23rd Battal-

ion today organised an

event on "Swachhata

Pakhwada-Swachhata Hi

Seva-2023" at Battalion

Headquarters Lethpora

Pulwama and other Coy

Headquarters of the Bat-

On this occasion,

Baqar Hassan Samoon,

SSP Commandant IRP-

23'd Bn along with Irshad

Hussain Rather Dy Com-

mandant, Gh Qadir

Khanday Dysp and other

officers & staff of the Bat-

talion participated in the

cleanness program in the

premises of TRC Nowgam

The programme was

organized as a tribute to

the legacy of Mahatma

Gandhi for his contribu-

tion in advocating clean-

liness.

and Railway Station.

talion.

Sanitation cum Awareness Campaign Launched across Baramulla Distt

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BARAMULLA, OCTOBER 1

As part of 'Swachhta Hi Seva Campaign 2023', District Administration Baramulla today carried about 3000 activities meant to disseminate awareness about sanitation and its importance among the masses.

At the outset, Secretary in Rural Development Department, Tariq Ahmad Zargar during his extensive tour to Baramulla launched a mega cleanliness drives in various Water Bodies at Takiya Tappar Baramulla.

It is worth here to mention that Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign is a fortnight campaign launched on 15th September to 2nd October for undertaking sanitation and related activities aiming to generate jan andolan through community participation.

At District Headquarter Baramulla, the Additional District Development Commissioner Baramand other concerned led public significance were Sewa Campaign.



premises of DC Office to convenience. affirm the commitment of Garbage-free India.

A spectacular Swacchout at Government Mediwherein Medical Superintendent GMC Baramulla, campaign in the premises

of Institute. Similarly, ulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf stakeholders including in presence of Additional PRIs, civil society mem-Deputy Commissioner bers, prominent citizens Baramulla, Zahoor Ahmad among others, participat- institutions wherein the Raina, Assistant Commis- ed in cleanliness drives concerned heads led sioner Revenue Baramulla, wherein several locations the cleanliness drive to Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad and places, having vital observe the Swachhta Hi

Meanwhile, the employ-

ta drive was also carried Relations (DIPR) Baramvarious masses.

paigns were also carried out at all the public

the cleanliness drive in the cleaned for larger public

ees of Department of Information and Public ulla with participation of cal College Baramulla CRPF Personals also conducted a Swacchta drive in its offices campus meant Parvaiz Masoodi led the to disseminate awareness about sanitation and its importance among the

Similar Swachhta cam-Information Deptt, Shopian organizes

JI NEWS SERVICE SHOPIAN, OCTOBER, 1

Shapath

cleanliness

drives, Swatchta

Under Swachhata Pakhwada, and on the occasion of Ek Tareek, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath, Information Department Shopian today organized a cleanliness drive at the office at Mini Secretariat, Shopian in employees of the department participated enthusiastically.

During this drive, employees cleaned the office rooms and disposed of the waste prop-

The drive was also carried out to disseminate a message to inculcate good habits of hygiene.

DIO Shopian, Showkat Hussain Ganie, led the sanitation exercise at Office.The employees also attended the cleanliness drive at Rambaira river which was led by Deputy Commissioner, Shopian.

On the occasion participants picked up the litter from the river and disposed it off properly.

A Shramadaan of one hour was conducted with an aim to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhiji, on his birth anniversary who espoused for Cleaner and healthier India.

PCCF reviews working of Forest Deptt in Awantipora, Lidder Divisions

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of the Forest Force, J&K Roshan Jaggi, inspected Lidder and Awantipora Forest Divisions and reviewed the working of the Forest Department today.

He also reviewed the ongoing developmental works being executed in these Forest Divisions.

He informed that under flagship Green J&K Drive programme, the plantation target of 1.75 crores will be achieved this year in J&K.

He said a planting target of 15 lacs has been set up for this year for South Forest Circle.

The PCCF stressed on Chinar planting and lowcost greening initiatives. He informed that South Forest Circle achieved a plantation target of 14.00 lacs last year.

He directed for greening initiatives to be accelerated for rehabilitation of degraded forests here. During the tour, PCCF

inspected various ongoing development works in both the divisions including Shade Net Structure He also laid foundation local people. stones of Block officers hut



building at Awantipora and of New Range office building in Bijbehara.

The newly renovated Range Office Pampore was also thrown open to public services by the PCCF. An information brochure on forest fire management in Awantipora Division was also released on the occa-

PCCF visited Central forest nursery, Bijbehara where he gave directions for effective nursery management, increasing medicinal plant cultiva-

He directed that nurs- other Forest officials.

at Gossanard Pampore, ery management works New Forest Control Room should target locals to generate livelihood for them. PCCF also directed for quality plant production on scientific lines and improvement of nursery

based infrastructure as

During the inspection the PCCF & HoFF, J&K was accompanied by Conservator of Forests South Forest Circle Irfan Ali Shah, DFO Awantipora Forest Division Waseem Farooq Mir, DFO Lidder Forest Division Sheikh Mehraj, DFO Anantnag Mohammad Ramzaan,, tion, and biodiversity District level officers of for Pampore Nursery. conservation by involving Forest Protection Force, Range Forest officers and

Nikhat Zareen bags bronze; Parveen Lone ranger Avinash Sable wins maiden Hooda enter 57kg semifinal, secures gold for India in 3000m steeplechase Paris 2024 Olympic quota

Reigning two-time world champion Nikhat Zareen finished her campaign in the women's 50kg boxing event with a bronze medal at the 19th Asian Games after losing the semifinal bout to Thailand's Chuthamat Raksat, here on Sunday.

Nikhat lost to Raksat by a 3:2 split decision. Earlier this year, during the world championships' quarterfinals, the Indian boxer emerged victorious against Raksat in the quarterfinal match-up.



Hooda made it to the Uzbekistan.

Earlier in the day, 2021 women's 57kg semifinals World championships after unanimous 5:0 win bronze medallist Parveen over Sitora Turdibekova of

The 23-year-old Indian boxer, by virtue of making the top four, secured a maiden Asian Games medal as well as a quota for the Paris 2024 Olympics next year.

Parveen will face Chinese Taipei's Lin Yu Ting in the semifinals on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Jasmine Lamboria missed out on a medal after she lost by RSC (referee stops count) in the women's 60kg quarters against Ungyong Won of North Korea. The Indian boxer received three standing counts before the referee halted the match.

For years at major athletics championships and multi-discipline events, India's Avinash Sable has chased other runners in the 3000m steeplechase, hoping to use his explosive 'kick' in the home stretch to race past his opponents.

It has worked sometimes but mostly, Sable has either finished second, like in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in 2022, or faded away towards the finishing out of the medal race, like it happened in the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary, earlier this year.

On Sunday at the Asian 29-year-old decided to do some front-running and took lead from the start itself and waged a lone battle as he won the race by a big gap and claimed his first gold medal and also maiden gold for India in 3000m steeplechase at the Asian Games.

becoming the first Indian Sable opened up a decent athlete to win the gold gap that he continued to

medal in the Men's 3000m Steeplechase, leading from start to finish to clock a Games Record time of 8 minutes 19.50 seconds.

fourth medal, coming on the third day of competigold medals in Hangzhou.

Sable, the Armyman timing of 8:26.47. from Maharashtra, surged ahead from the start Sable rewrite the Asian itself and took over the Games Record of 8:22.19 lead from the pack going set by Hossein Keyhani Sable made history in into the second lap and of Iran in the 2018 Asian

He cut down his pace and did not go all out in an attempt to go for gold as he did not want to take any This was India's first risk as this is his last race gold medal in Athletics of the season and Sable tory'" said Sable during

in a major event. Ryoma Akoi of Japan tions in Athletics. It took took silver medal in 8:23.75 India's overall tally to 12 while his compatriot Seiya Sunada took bronzein a

By clicking 8:19.50, Habgzhou on Sunday by after a couple of laps, the Games in Jakarta. How-

ever, this is way slower than his personal best of 8:11.20 and the season's best of 8:11.63.

It was a slow race in the absence of tough competition but for Sable, it did not matter. It was a victory for his ambitions and tactical acumen. It was victory for his desire to win his maiden Asian Games gold medal and that is all that matters to Sable.

He completed the first 1000m in 2:40.97 and has clocked 5:27.48 at the 2000m mark,

"I have always followed the pace set by others. Today, I decided to set my own pace and not to bother about what others were doing'," Sable said after his emphatic vic-Games in Hangzhou, the in Hangzhou and also the wanted to win his first gold an interaction in the mixed zone. He said he was happy to have won his first gold medal in the Asian Games and thanked the Sports Ministry, the Sports Authority of India. His employers and all those who supported him.

> 'This is a victory for India. I am very happy to have won this gold medal'," said Sable

Gold for Narwal; Khandelwal, Francis take silver as shooters return with 3 gold, 4 quota places for 2024 Paralympics

LIMA (PERU), OCT 1

Paralympic champion pistol shooter Manish Narwal clinched his first gold medal at a World Championships as Indian para shooters finished the campaign with nine medals for their best show ever in a Worlds.

Overall, team India finished with three gold, four silver, two bronze medals and four quota places for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. The shooters' scinyear ahead of the Paris 224 Paralympic Games gold medal for my coungo for the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games.

Lekhara giving a miss to there, too". the event owing to prepahome the glory.

side with a golden show Paris 2024 Paralympics in men's 10m air pistol thanks to his efforts of Rahul Jakhar and Amir major events lined up in SH1, his first gold since his 239.7 points to Republic Ahmad Bhatt together the coming time." victorious campaign at of Korea's Jungnam Kim's clinched the Team gold the Tokyo 2020 Paralym- 235.9 in the final series. medal in P3 - Mixed 25m quota places for India at pic Games and also was his first gold in the World awardee, also took the Nihal claimed the individ-delwal, Nihal and Ahmad Championships.



World Championships tosh Vithoba Gadhe.

rations for next month's happy time for India. I and Akash combining to Asian Para Games, the will take back home very win the P5 - Mixed 10m Air Indian side relied on their nice memories of being Pistol Standard SH1. pistol shooters to bring here," added the 21-year-Manish Narwal led the also claimed the quota for event.

team silver in P1 - Men's ual bronze.

"I am so happy and 10m Air Pistol SH1 combintillating show came one proud to win my first ing with Akash and San-

Narwal's gold was the and less than a month to try," said Narwal, who also only individual gold medal promised to "train hard for India at the champifor the Paralympics, but I onships, while the other With star player Avani will be very proud to be gold medals were won in Team events with Rubina "It has been a very Francis, Pooja Agarwal

Francis meanwhile took old from Faridabad, who the silver in the individual

Promising Rudransh Khandelwal, who started competing internationally only last year, claimed two silver medals and a quota place thanks to his consistent show in pistol events. His efforts of 216.4 points saw him taking the individual silver medal in P4 - Mixed 50m Pistol SH1

He took the team silver with Akash and Jakhar.

Speaking to Paralympic Committee of India, chief national coach J.P. Nautiyal said: "I have a mixed feeling - in one hand I am elated with the performance of pistol shooters, who have won all the nine medals and won four quota places; on the other hand, I am disappointed with the performance of rifle shooters."

"Overall, it was the best-ever performance by Indian para shooters at a World Championships. We achieved what we had targeted for. But the Earlier, Nihal Singh, work continues as we have

Narwal, a Khel Ratna Pistol SH1, an event where the Paris 2024 were: Khan-

Men's Trap team claims gold, women secure silver



AGENCIES HANGZHOU, OCT 1

The Indian shooting squad set itself up for a final hurrah in the shoota silver and taking their had a score of 119. tally to 21 medals in all, including seven gold.

men's and Women's individual competitions.

The Men's Trap team of Kynan Chenai, Zoravar Singh Sandhu and Prithviraj Todaiman bagged the gold medal with a Games shooter while Sandhu individual section with a Record score of 318 as it too made it after coming score of 114.

respectively.

Chenai led the scoring The Indian men over-

the end.

finished ahead of Kuwait through a shoot-off with and China, who took three others as all four silver and bronze medals had a score of 120. He finwith scores of 358 and 354 ished tied at second posi-

In the Women's Trap ing competitions at the for India with 122 points Team competition, the 19th Asian Games here from a possible 125 at Indian trio of Manisha with the Men's Trap Team the end of the qualifying Keer, Rajeshwari Kumari picking a gold medal and event with Sandhu second and Preeti Rajak finished the women's team adding with 120 points. Todaiman second behind China to claim the silver medal. The Indian team pro-

came a tough challenge duced a combined score They were in the hunt from Kuwait, that includ- of 337, finishing behind for more medals in the ed in its ranks the double The Republic of Korea gold medalist in skeet who shot a World Record Abdullah Al-Rashidi, and score of 357.Kazakhstan China but triumphed in bagged the bronze medal.

In a boost to the wom-Chenai qualified for the en's team, Manisha Keer final as the top ranked made it to the final in the

Haryana to establish shooting ranges: Khattar

AGENCIES CHANDIGARH, OCT 1

In a significant move to promote sporting talent, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Sunday announced the establishment of shooting ranges in major towns and cities.

Interacting with the media during Rahgiri event in Rohtak city, he said sportspersons from the state have consistently brought glory to both the state and the nation with performances on the national and international levels. He said that under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's global image has seen significant improvement, and the country has joined the world's top five nations.

He lauded the remarkable performance of Indian shooters at the Asian Games in China. He highlighted the state government's commitment to securing the future of athletes through the implementation of sports policies.

Indian women's hockey team fightbacks to secure 1-1 draw against Korea in thrilling Asian Games clash

HANGZHOU, OCT 1

The Indian women's hockey team came from behind to record a thrilling 1-1 draw against Korea in their third Pool A match of the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 on Sunday. For India, Navneet Kaur (44') scored

an equaliser after a goal

from Hyejin CHO (12') had

put Korea in front.

Both teams showed flair in the attack from the word go and it was Korea, chance. who had an opportunity to take an early lead, but the switched to counter- they even won two pen-Indian team Vice Captain attacking and it paid off alty corners but failed to and defender Deep Grace when they won the pen-capitalise on any of them. Ekka made a brilliant goal- alty stroke, which was Also, Sangita Kumari once line save to deny Korea converted by Hyejin CHO again had a big opportufrom going in front.

settled into a passing of an equaliser, repeated- target. rhythm while controlling ly testing Korea's defense line and had to beat their with Korea leading 1-0. goalkeeper but she could thus missing out on a great quency of their attacks time break.



not keep her shot on target India increased the fre- their 1-0 lead at the half-

in an attempt to level the Meanwhile, Korea score courtesy of which (12') without much diffinity to score an equaliser After avoiding the culty. Following that, India with just the goalkeeper to early scare, India quickly upped the ante in search beat but her shot was off

In terms of possession the majority of possession and even coming close to and creating chances, and Sangita Kumari even scoring on multiple occa- it was India who domigot a good opportunity to sions, but were unable to nated the second quarter give India the lead as she find the back of the net and came close to scorwas past Korea's defense as the first quarter ended ing quite a few times but game but were unable to somehow couldn't thus In the second quarter, allowing Korea to maintain

To capitalise on their lead, Korea launched a strong offensive push in the third quarter, earning an early penalty corner, but couldn't convert it. Meanwhile, India remained determined to equalise and kept Korea's defense under pressure by rigorous attacking and it paid dividends as Navneet Kaur (44') converted a penalty corner to put the Indian team on level terms as the third quarter ended with the score tied at 1-1. High on confidence

after scoring the equaliser, India came out all guns blazing in the fourth and final quarter of the match, however, Korea not only soaked the pressure well but also kept checking India's defence. The Indian team, on the other hand, switched to counterattacking in search of the winning goal and even won a penalty corner in the closing minutes of the convert it. The final quarter didn't witness a single goal as the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Indian golfer Aditi Ashok bags silver

HANGZHOU, OCT 1

Indian golfer Aditi Ashok bagged the silver medal after she was unable to hold onto her seven-shot lead and shot 5-over 77 in the final round of the 19tth Asian Games, here on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the team also slipped from first to fourth and ended without a medal. Though it was a major

disappointment for the Indian team, the individual silver medal for Aditi was the first-ever golf medal for India in Asian

for scoring, as only six players shot under par and only two went into the 60s. One of them was the 21-year-old Arpichaya Yubol of Thailand, who 68 in the final round and



team also fell from the 32nd. The men's team top spot to fourth and also ended seventh. out of medals. As Yubol It was a difficult day to Aditi and the bronze the gold, Thailand were medal was claimed by Korea's Hyunjo Yoo (65) who had the best round of the final day.

In the men's section, Anirban Lahiri (65-67like Aditi plays on the 74-68) was T-12, SSP to his third-round lead medal as she raced past LPGA Tour. Yubol shot Chawrasia (67-72-68-75) dropped to T-28. Khalin won the gold ahead of the Joshi (70-69-69-73) was (66-65-66-65) took silver on the back nine in her T-27 and Shubhankar at 26-under. Taipei's round of 7-under 65.

The Indian women's Sharma (68-69-76-73) was

The Indian men ended took gold, the silver went seventh, as Korea took second and Hong Kong third.

In the men's section, Hong Kong's Taichi Kho (62-60-70-69) was 27-under as he held on ished third for the bronze to win gold. Korea's PGA a bunch of better-known Tour winner, Sungjae Im names with six birdies

Chien-Yao Hung (65-63-67-69) at 24-under.

The 25-year-old Aditi, who had rounds of 67-65 61 on the first three days, crashed to 77. After 19 birdies and two eagles and just one bogey in the first 54 holes, she gave away four bogeys and a double bogey against just one more birdie in the final round. She dropped from overnight 22-under to 17-under. In contrast her playing partner, Arpichaya Yubol of Thailand, compiled a superb 68 in difficult scoring conditions on a day, when just two players carded below 70. Yubol (67-65-69-68), trailing Aditi by seven shots, rose from 15-under to 19-under and beat Aditi by two shots.

Korea's Hyunjo Yoo (68-73-66-65) at 16-under fin-