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J&K admin hands over land papers to landless beneficiaries under PMAY

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handed over to some of tive Deputy Commission-Jammu and Kashmir the selected beneficiaries ers will do the same in administration on Monday by Lieutenant Governor their districts," Sinha said. began the process of hand- Manoj Sinha at a function ing over land documents held here. "It is a matter that this scheme might be to the landless people of of happiness that I handed used to alter the demog-Jammu and Kashmir for over documents of 5 raphy of Jammu and house construction under marlas land to some ben- Kashmir, Sinha asked the the Pradhan Mantri Awas eficiaries who are landless grassroots-level represen-

but eligible for housing The documents were under PMAY. The respec-

Dispelling the charges





the list of beneficiaries in on every issue," he said. their respective areas.

sentatives are here. You poor people should also should look at the ben- have their own houses. eficiary list and check if But some people are doing there is anyone from out-politics even on this issue. side (JK). There are some people who are unnec- why Jammu and essarily playing with the

tatives to keep an eye on emotions of the people

"This decision was taken 'The elected repre- after a lot of thought that This is one of the reasons

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In terms of basic facilities, gaps between village and city are disappearing: LG Sinha

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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and a Charkha installation, as a mark of tribute to the Father of the Nation on his

Jayanti, at Civil Secretariat.

"Pujya Bapu always believed that the message to serve mankind, to live freedom, he said. without hurting others, to create an inseparable labour," the Lt Governor

ODF plus status

Paying tributes to Governor said. Mahatma Gandhi, the Lt

significant tool by Bapu to work dedicatedly for lives of the rural popula-

of Charkha's circumfer- in the fight against Brit- the dignity of every citizen ence is much broader than ish Rule. It is a symbol of in the society, for equalits tangible circumference. Swadeshi movement, self- ity, social justice, and for a The goal of the Charkha is reliance and economic developed and self-reliant units in the villages with Jammu Kashmir," the Lt

The Lt Governor reiterbond between the rich Governor said the ideals of ated the commitment of and the poor, capital and Bapu are for all humanity. the UT Administration to 10,628 new units had been "I hope our officers, develop the villages as the installed, he added. The Lt inspired by Bapu's ideas centre of socio-economic Charkha was used as a and ideals, will continue growth and transform the

tion. Today, villages in Jammu Kashmir are witnessing unprecedented growth due to the availability of various sources of income. New entrepreneurs are starting their new innings from villages. In terms of basic facilities, the gaps between village and the city are disappearing, the Lt Governor said.

Following the ideals of Pujya Bapu, J&K in 2021-22 had established 21,640 manufacturing and service the help of KVIC, providing employment to more than 1.73 Lakh. In the last Financial Year, more than Governor congratulated the Iammu &

Efforts are being made to create J&K of Bapu's dreams: LG Sinha

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed the UT-level event organized by the Department of School Education to celebrate the 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The event also marked the culmination of the 'Shanti Yatra' started from Anantnag and series of other programmes which are the part of the month-long celebrations of Gandhi Jayanti held in schools across the UT.

In his address, the Lt Gover-



of former Prime Minister Shri Lal power of truth, ahimsa, satyagra-Bahadur Shastri.

nor extended his greetings to the eternal values of Mahatma Gandhi, brotherhood. people on the occasion of Gandhi which has been inspiring genera-Jayanti and the birth anniversary tions across the world and the

ha, simple living is guiding entire The Lt Governor recalled the humanity on the path of peace and

> 'Bapu's thoughts are CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

PM congratulates **J&K for 100% J&K UT Villages achieving**



NEW DELHI, OCT 2

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has lauded Jammu and Kashmir for for 100% J&K UT

villages achieving ODF Plus status in 'Model' category under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) phase-II.

Prime Minister Modi posted on X : "Laudatory effort, for which I congratulate the people of Jammu and Kashmir. This is a monumental step in our journey towards a cleaner and healthier India."

Govt's 'light' yet to reach 61% of public schools in J&K

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percent government-run-schools are without any electricity-thus 5526 private schools of Jammu and raising a question on promises Kashmir, only 2468 institutes were made by the department of provid- having electricity facilities available ing multiple infrastructural facilities while as students of 3058 private to the students.

Besides, at least 45 percent of priity. vate schools in Jammu and Kashmir sans electricity facilities for the stu-that only 50 percent of aided dents enrolled in those educational

The official figures accessed by the news agency, reveals that out schools, at least 14,240 institutions cent of the institutions were were lacking electricity facilities.

of educational institutions that amount to 8933 government schools In Jammu and Kashmir, at least 61 were availing the electricity facility.

Similarly, out of the total of schools were deprived of the facil-

The official figures further states schools functioning in the regions were having electricity facilities available for the students.

"In general, among all schools of of the total number of government Jammu and Kashmir, at least 27 per-

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Rains lash parts of Kashmir, Snowfall on higher reaches

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SRINAGAR, OCT 2

Rains lashed parts of Kashmir valley and higher reaches ,including Zojila pass, experienced fresh snowfall on Monday, Meteorological office said.

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Kashmir including Bandipora, Ganderbal experest of the places in J&K. rienced rains breaking giving much respite to the people.

The MeT office said places of south, north and division, the MeT office Zojila Pass on strategic central parts of Kashmir said. Srinagar-Ladakh highway valley while upper reach-

Samba while it was dry at

Rain is likely to stop

witnessed a fresh snow- es of Doda-Kishtwar in remain fairly to partly favourable for Jammu division witnessed cloudy in both Jammu

fall while parts of south snowfall. Rains lashed and Kashmir regions from October 3-8.

The MeT office predicted that there was a posthe prolonged dry spell by afternoon and fair to sibility of light to moderpartly cloudy weather will at erain or snowfall over prevail thereafter in Kash- higher reaches at scat-The source said current- mir and partly to generally tered places with 60-70 ly it was raining in many cloudy at Doda in Jammu per cent chance during October 9-10.

It also advised the farm-It said the weather will ers that weather will be

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Kashmir based BJP leaders' tender 'unconditional apology', after party's indiscipline notice

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JAMMU, OCT 2

Eight Kashmir based Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) leaders who were issued notice over indiscipline, have tendered "unconditional apology" for their conduct and have given undertaking to not repeat such acts in future.

This was stated by Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janta Party's Disciplinary Committee, Sunil Sethi on Monday in Jammu, as per news agency.

all of them have submitted their "unconditional apology" and have

also given undertaking not to repeat such conduct and not indulge in anti-party activities or indiscipline in future.

The leaders who were issued notice include Dr Ali Mohd Mir, G M Mir, Altaf Thakur, Manzoor Ahmed Bhat, Arif Raja, Bilal Parray, Anwar Khan and Asif Masoodi

Chairman BJP Disciplinary Committee Advocate Sethi said that the BJP Disciplinary Committee is satisfied with the apology and keeping in view their past standing and contribution to the party, the disciplinary Sethi said that in response to the committee has requested the party notice issued to eight BJP leaders, President J&K Ravinder Raina to close proceedings against them.

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Search operation launched in Rajouri

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Security forces on Monday launched a search operation in the forest area of Kalakote in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district following information about suspicious movement, officials said. The Army along with police cordoned off Broh and Soom forest belt in Kalakote area for the searches, the officials said.

They said a few rounds were heard during the cordon and search operation but it was later clarified that the security forces fired the probing shots o check the presence of suspected terrorists.

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Dr Jitendra Singh flags off 'recycling on wheels' to mark 'Swachhata

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, OCT 2

In alignment with the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign, celebrated from September 15th to October 2nd this year, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the revolutionary "Recycling on Wheels Smart-ER" at Anusandhan Bhawan, New Delhi.

During the flag-off ceremony, Dr. Jitendra Singh stated, "The 'Recy- circular economy, thus aligning Swacch Bharat Mission on 15th aligns perfectly with the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign's objective said, it not only bolsters transportation efficiency and cost reduction but will also efficiently extract part of life" precious metals from shredded



cling on Wheels Smart-ER' project with the Swachh Bharat mission. Seva theme, Dr Jitendra Singh the cleanliness mission got instiof fostering a cleaner India" He said, "Mahatma Gandhi gave us the tutionalized within few years and virtue of Swacchata, while Prime it has become a way of life, a true Minister Narendra Modi made it a mass movement (Jan Andolan).

e-waste in its later phase, making soon after taking charge in May, restricted to 2nd October a significant contribution to the 2014, PM Modi has declared

August, 2014 to make India Open Dwelling on the Swacchata Hi Defecation Free Country. He said,

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the The Minister elaborated that swachhata campaign is not

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Our aim is to root out fear from common man's heart and mind: Spl DG Swain

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, OCT 2

Jammu and Kashmir police's Special Director General (CID) RR Swain Monday said that police is trying its every bit to root out fear from the common man's heart and mind while the fight against those who promote violence is purely for the general public.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a mega Kashmir marathon organised by the J&K police, the spe-



ing against the enemy which is "organised" after using the outside support and influence. "To fight some people who promote violence needs an extra bit of valour and that is found within the J&K police. Chal- Jayanti, the birth anniversary of cial DG (CID) as per news agency, lenges before J&K police are quite said that J&K is police quietly fight- different from what other forces

are facing," he said. "We are fighting this battle quietly, silently for the common man who is sitting in a far off village. Our fight is for a small farmer, a lawyer, a Khateeb and a small journalist or for that matter a common man who respects and abides by the law." J&K police had organised a massive marathon in which participants from Kashmir, Jammu and other parts of the country participated. The event coincided with Gandhi

Mahatma Gandhi, the father

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Govt Departments, Educational Institutions celebrate Gandhi Jayanti with enthusiasm, fervour across Jammu Division

JAMMU, OCTOBER 2

The Government Departments and Educational Institutions organised an array of activities across Jammu division to mark the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, today.

SWD Ramban: Social Welfare Department Ramban celebrated Gandhi Jayanti and Swacchta hi Sewa event with the cleanliness drive and Swachhta Pledge in offices as well as all Child Care Institutions.

ties were also carried out tor Department of Social principal Dr Ajaz Ahmed in One Stop Centre for Forestry, Suresh Kr. Women in Ramban as well Gupta. as DHEW, Ramban.

The Gandhi Jayanti was campus including the hosted a remarkable to Mahatma Gandhi and celebrated in District Jail play grounds and build- event on the eve of the remind his principles. Jammu which was wit- ings of different depart- 154th Birth Anniversary of nessed by the Jail Staff, ments of the Institute Mahatma Gandhi and the ebrations was a cultural CRPF Personnel and Jail followed by a plantation conclusion of the nation-Inmates under the super- drive. Around 100 plants wide Swachhta Hi Seva cased the life and teachvision of Superintendent of different species were campaign. The event took Jail Harish Kotwal.

rich tribute to Mahatma Institute. Gandhi on his 154th birth anniversary and high- attended by the Corpora- Mahajan, along with Addilighted the life history of tor of the ward Sanjeev tional District Develop-

undergoing life imprison- der Kr. Gupta, Regional Officer, Field Publicity Gandhian ideals and work ment was released from Director, Social Forestry officer CBC- Doda circle, the Jail by the orders of Department and others. Principal GHSS Boys, J&K Government. The move will boost the spoke on the importance guests. morale of other convicts of Swacchta Abhiyan. and prove a boon to ref-

ormation of the inmates.



The cleanliness activi- servator of Forests/Direc- Coordinator and incharge

cial series of activities to of Mahatma Gandhi but opment Department: Gandhi Jayanti concluded of the need for collec-Departments of Forest and with a grand valedictory tive efforts to maintain members participated Skill Development jointly function in Government cleanliness and uphold enthusiastically. celebrated the Birth- Degree College Doda. The the values he stood for. day of Father of Nation, different activities and It was a fitting tribute to mark the "SWACCHTA HI from the 15th of Septem- resonating with his belief Government Industrial supervision and guidance Godliness.'

the District office, Tehsil Training Institute Jammu. of Principal of the college The programme was Dr Attar Singh Kotwal chaired by Pr. Chief Con- and in presence of IQAC

A cleanliness drive Government Boys Higher organized an array of District Jail Jammu: was organized on the ITI Secondary School Doda activities to pay tributes na Koul. planted by the dignitaries, place at the school prem- Students participated in All the participants paid staff and students of the ises, with the presence The programme was Commissioner, Vishesh Panda, Sudershan Kumar, ment Commissioner, Pran Meanwhile, a convict Director, SDD, Mohin- Singh, Chief Education all the students to uphold Students of the Institute and other distinguished ety. The pledge empha-

> The event not only GDC Doda: The spe- celebrated the legacy





The highlight of the celprogramme that showings of Mahatma Gandhi. skits, songs, and dance of District Development performances that reflect the values of non-violence, truth, and simplicity that Gandhi stood for.

A pledge was taken by towards building a peaceful and harmonious socisized the importance of truth, non-violence, and equality of all.

A rally was also orgateachers, and community

GDC Ramban: Gandhi Jayanti-the birthday of

GHSS Pranoo: Govern- Degree College, Ramban GHSS (Boys) Doda: ment High School Pranoo under the aegis of the college Principal Prof.Archa-

> The programme began with the lighting of Diyas (earthen lamps) and offering of floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi by the tion, Shafia Tabasum bers and students.

Students, including NSS volunteers took part in the programme under the guidance of NSS programme officer Prof. Vickey Rattan. Faculty ees also attended the programme.

Government Polytechnic Ramban celebrated and the flagship banner held on the theme "Truth ing Govt.Boys HSS Reasi, Gandhi Jayanti with Great of 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh', and Non-violence." In all Girls HSS Reasi, Gurukul Spirit, zeal and zest.

presence of HOD E&C Er. importance and health Harsh Dev emerged as the Mahatma Gandhi ji. Pawan Kumar.

tributes were paid by the and staff of the college ondary School Vijaypur tional lecture on the life Mahatma Gandhi and to programs were organised the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, was principal of the institu- actively participated in today celebrated Gandhi of Gandhi ji and stressed celebrated with patriotic tion, HOD E&C, staff and the campaign drive with Jayanti with great fervor upon the teachers and stu-SEWA"Abhiyan here in ber under the overall that "Cleanliness is next to fervour and traditional the students. In continu- great enthusiasm and and enthusiasm. Deputy dents to follow the pringaiety in the Government ation of the programme fervour. The cleanliness Commissioner, Samba, ciples of Gandhi ji.

several pledges were also drive and campaign which taken by the staff and stu- was launched by the Prindents of the Institution on cipal, Dr. Vandana Gupta, "NASHA MUKT BHARAT" on the college campus was NON-VIOLENCE" and extended to various locali-

Painting and poster branches and semesters ing areas and disposed of and better India, the DC participated.

them properly.

GDC Batote: Govern-

Mukt Bharat campaign.

An intra-college quiz

Anisha Devi, E&C 5th 1st semester stood 2nd and zest and a pledge was District Reasi. and Muthaheer Ahmed, civil 1st semester stood staff to up-hold principles 3rd. A documentary based of truth and non-violence Girls HSS Reasi. on the life of Mahatma and to promote the Nasha Gandhi was also screened.

GDC Vijaypur: The NSS ernment Degree College, presided over the event. Vijaypur under 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' campaign The programme started yaan' and 'Gandhi Jyanti teams participated in the benefits of cleanliness. winner of the contest. Subsequently, floral NSS volunteers, students

Chief Guest on the occasion. CEO Samba Kewal Krishan also present on the occasion. Performances cen-

tered around the theme of Gandhian principles, including 'Swacchta Abhiyan,' as well as speeches and cultural presentations by students, were featured during the event

While speaking on the occasion, the DC said that Mahatma Gandhi's adoption of peace and non-violence during the struggle for independence has also contributed to world peace. We 'SWACHHATA HI SEVA". ties in Samba and Jammu should draw inspiration districts. Volunteers col- from his life and rememmaking competition was lected plastic, polythene, ber his contributions as held in which various and other waste materi- we work towards making students from different als from their surround- our nation a cleaner added.

GGHSS Reasi: 154th semester bagged 1st posi- ment Degree College Birth anniversary of Batote celebrated Gandhi Father of Nation Mahatma Principal, faculty mem- from civil Engineering, Jayanti with great zeal Gandhi was celebrated at

taken by the students and The program was organised at Government

The event was inaugurated by Chief Education The Principal of the col- Officer Reasi, Sunita Bali and other college employ- Unit (KHIDMAT) of Gov- lege, Prof. Nirlape Kour and paid rich tributes to the Father of Nation.

Teachers and students competition was also of various Schools includ-'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhi- 16 students, comprising 4 Public HSS Reasi and Trikuta Shiksha Niketan HS with the lighting of the Celebrations 2023' organ-competition. The team Reasi participated in the ceremonial lamp by the ised door to door aware- A comprising Ravinder program and performed Forest and Skill Devel- mark the celebration of also served as a reminder nized in which students, Principal of the Institu- ness campaign educating Anthal, Ankesh Singh various activities on the tion, Er. Vivek Mahajan in citizens regarding the Katoch, Rahul Kumar and life and teachings of the

Chief Education Officer Gandhi Higher Sec- Reasi delivered a motiva-

Lt Governor awards Certificate of Achievement to DC Srinagar for Outstanding Leadership in achieving ODF+ Model Status of the District

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Asad with Certificate Felicitation Ceremony

Bharat Mission (SBM-2.0). The Deputy Commission-

an initiative of Swachh Bharat Mission(SBM-2.0) stone under SBM-2.0.

The Certificate of er Srinagar was honoured Achievement was award- and given recognition by The Jammu and Kash- ed to Deputy Commis- the J&K Government for mir Government on sioner Srinagar by the encouraging and fostering Monday awarded Deputy Hon'ble Lieutenant Gov- the environment of clean-Commissioner (DC) Sri- ernor, Shri Manoj Sinha liness at different forums nagar, Mohammad Aijaz at Raj Bhawan during a under his official capacity.

In this regard, the of Achievement for his organized by Rural Devel- Deputy Commissioner Exemplary Dedication, opment Department to Srinagar has thanked his Unwavering Commitment honour the contribution RDD Team and members & Outstanding Leadership of the Officers and rec- of PRIs for their brilliant in the pursuit of Swachha- ognise their outstanding work and support to ta and playing an instru- capabilities in the pur- District Administration mental role in achieving suit of Cleanliness under which has led to attain-ODF+ Modal Status under an initiative of Swachh ment of important mile-

CS e- inaugurates Geo-science Museum at SIDCO Budgam

JI NEWS SERVICE BUDGAM, OCTOBER 2

Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today inaugurated Geology and Mining Department's first of its kind Geo-science al Office Budgam at SIDCO ism but also help preserv- mir for the students also. and Geological resources.

Speaking on the occa-Geoscience Museum as a at the Museum. centre for research for all geologists and scientists.



Museum & District Miner- spot of Geoscience tour- itage of Jammu and Kash- ment preserving Mineral on the occasion. ing out rich geo heritage.

sion, Chief Secretary ally also inspected the 150 appreciated the depart- samples of fossils, rock ment of Geology and minerals and industrial Mining for opening the minerals of J&K preserved

He emphasised that the Museum is made a place Dr Mehta said the centre of learning and awareness would not only serve as a regarding the rich geo her-

Secretary Mining, als have been kept under Museum. one roof at this Museum.

best use of this museum ceremony on Non- vioregarding preservation of on the occasion. rich heritage of J&K among

huge collection of miner- also displayed in the

and school heads to make Secretary also led pledge resources.

to generate awareness lence, Swachhta and Drugs

Compendium on District Mineral Foundation Secretary Mining also Trust and Pradhan Mantri deliberated on the differ- Khanij Kshetra Kalyan ent facets of the Depart- Yojana was also released

The welcome address As a mark of tribute was presented by the Chief Secretary virtu- Dr Rashmi Singh who on Father of the Nation, Director Geology and addressed a gathering Mahatma Gandhi on Mining, Om Prakash during the inaugural func- Gandhi Jayanti various Bhagat and Joint Director tion said that it is great stone carved models Nisar Ahmad Khawaja preachievement that rare and including Charkha were sented welcome address.

> Professor GM Bhat presented the overview Paying rich tributes to of preservation of fos-She urged teachers Mahatma Gandhiji, the sils, minerals and other

Gandhi Jayanti 2023: Div Com Jammu flags-in Shanti Yatra at Jammu- the final destination of inspirational voyage

JAMMU, OCTOBER 2

Divisional Commissioner ous competitions Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, were conducted in on Monday welcomed the schools and colleg-Shanti Yatra to Jammu dis- es across the Jammu trict, a commemorative division, including expedition organized by quizzes, painting, the Directorate of School debates, essay writ-Education Jammu to pay ing, symposiums homage to Mahatma and more, span-Gandhi on his birth anni- ning all districts. versary.

The Shanti Yatra, was informed that which traversed through the Shanti Yatra the Jammu Division, embarked spreading the principles its journey from grand reception took place division. at Padma Shri Sachdev Government PG College dents and 2234 teachers presented a splendid culfor Women Gandhinagar, actively participated in tural programme depictwhere a splendid function the Yatra which involved inglife history of Gandhi Ji. was held to honour the 1254 schools. Shanti Yatra

Director of School Education Jammu shared that numer-Furthermore, it

of Gandhian philosophy, Poonch and arrived at Jammu Division. today reached its final Jammu after covering all destination Jammu. The the districts of the Jammu

Department and School Notably, 30100 stu- Education Department

The UT level prowinners of various compe- moved with great glory gramme on the occasion of sion, Divisional Commis- Joint Director School Edutitions and the enthusiastic and honour receiving Gandhi Jayanti was held at sioner Ramesh Kumar and cation, Subah Mehta; in participants of the Yatra. a warm welcome from the SKICC Srinagar, which other esteemed dignitar- addition to several profes-As part of the Gandhi administrators and com- was watched online by ies felicitated the students sors, teachers, and a large

School Education Jammu On the occasion, Stu- and Higher Education, dents of Higher Education teachers, students and the dignitaries present in the function. More over this program was also live relayed in schools and colleges of Jammu Province

On this auspicious occa-Jayanti celebrations, the moners throughout the the staff of Directorate of who presented cultural assembly of students.

items and to the winners and runners up of the Divisional Level Symposium competition on the theme Truth and Non violence held both at school and college level.

The event witnessed the presence of Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; Director School Education, Ashok Sharma; JKBOSE Chairman, Parikshit Manhas

,Special Secretary school Education Kanta Rakwal, senior advisor of Gandhi Global family, Retd. Lt. General Rakesh Kumar, Dr. S.P Saraswat Parade College Jammu. Meenu Mahajan Principal of Women's College Gandhi Nagar;

BJP undertakes cleanliness campaign on birth anniversaries of Gandhi ji and Shastri ji



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 2

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir sion. led by its senior leaders in the entire region of promote Khadi usage. Jammu and Kashmir on

organized various 'Sewa' Ji on their birth anniver-

Shastri ji. BJP leaders also ister Lal Bahadur Shastri nearby area.

programmes like, medical sary at Satwari Chowk camps, and blood dona- in Jammu. He called on tion camps on the occa- all to promote the concept of 'Shramdaan' for Senior BJP leaders also cleanliness in their surundertook a number of purchased Khadi products roundings for a better cleanliness campaigns and prompted others to environment and better living conditions. Accom-J&K BJP President panied by other BJP leadthe occasion of the birth Ravinder Raina paid tribers, he cleaned the statue anniversaries of Mahatma ute to Mahatma Gandhi of Mahatma Gandhi ji at Gandhi ji and Lal Bahadur Ji and former Prime Min- Satwari Chowk and the

Lt Governor inaugurates weeklong 'GI Mahotsav' at Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 2

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated the week-long 'GI Mahotsav' at Kashmir Haat, Srinagar today.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated Agriculture Production Department for providing an excellent platform for farmers, craftspeople, artisans, entrepreneurs and share best practices value of these products. for commercialization of GI-tagged products.

tions aim to protect and Administration, under the offer, the Lt Governor promote products origi- guidance of Hon'ble Prime said. nating in a specific geographical area. GI Tag is Modi to promote unique moting these products a treasure that can give a characteristics of Agriculfillip to J&K economy and ture, food and handmade it can boost export of pro- products of the UT of J&K. tected products," the Lt

Tags for local products high quality of these prodfrom J&K like Bhaderwah ucts will benefit the entire impressed upon the pro-Rajmash, Ramban Sulai community of producers," Honey, Rajouri Chikri the Lt Governor said. Wood Craft, Mushqbudji

and other stakeholders tect them from counter- economy. from across the country to feiters and unfair competi-

At the inaugural event, the Lt Governor highlight-"Geographical Indica- ed the efforts of the UT Minister Shri Narendra

will be a game-changer higher values in the global He said the several GI for the rural economy and

More than 504 GIs of showcase their products tion and increase the sales India reflect ancient cultural values and diversity of products that our Agriculture and handicraft, handloom sector has to

> By protecting and prothrough Brand Positioning and Innovative marketing strategy we can boost "GIs of J&K products exports and also receive market, he added.

The Lt Governor ducers, Farmers & trade associations and admin-He called for effective istration to work togeth-

and distribution network to bridge the gap between

producer and consumer. We also have to pay attention to quality, product specifications and regulations to protect the interest of small-marginal farmers and small handicrafts units, he added.

Sh Som Prakash, Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for organising the GI Mahotsav on the occasion of Gandhi

He reiterated the commitment of Central Gov-Kashmir Saffron will pro- GIs to transform the rural product, communication platforms at domestic and present on the occasion.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor distributed GI certificates for J&K's products and also released a publication on agriculture sector of the UT.

The Lt Governor visited the stalls displaying the unique and niche GI-tagged products from across the country.

More than 100 stalls of GI products from Jammu Kashmir and different parts of the country are put up at Kashmir Haat Exhibition Ground. Padma Shri Dr Rajni-

kant, General Secretary Human Welfare Association; Sh Aftab Malik, Chairman, DDC Srinagar; Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department; Sh Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce; Vice Chancellors of various Universities; HoDs, officers of ernment to promote the UT administration, large local products of Jammu number of farmers, crafts-Rice, Basohli Painting and campaign to popularize er on strengthening the Kashmir and provide them people and artisans were

India's diverse culture is a symbol of eternal and the infinite: LG

JI NEWS SERVICE

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha attended the Sanskriti Mahotsav, featuring prominent folk dances of Karnataka, at Srinagar today.

In his address, the Lt Governor welcomed the artists from Karnataka to the UT and commended the endeavour of the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages to promote rich diversity and uniqueness of ageless Indian culture and the cultural inter- observed. linkages between J&K UT and Karnataka.

"Our prime objective is to popularise cultural diversity of such cultural event is to added. and reconnect the young gen- introduce the new generaeration with incredible arts tion to the great heritage of and performing art forms of the country," the Lt Goverthe country. Such events are nor said. The Lt Governor finest examples of 'Ek Bharat' appreciated the artists who Shreshtha Bharat' and bring performed the famous tragreater peace, prosperity and ditional folk dance form of happiness in society," the Lt Karnataka. Governor said.

nataka has been the center tradition is to create a bridge of literature, architecture, between different cultures Principal Secretary PDD: Dr music, dance and many folk and languages, weave them traditions, customs and festi- into one thread and to con- Principal Secretary to Lt Govshagana was first mentioned country. Every language, in Chandraprabha Purana. every instrument, every Department; Sh Bharat Singh This world famous theater dance style has one message Manhas, Secretary JKAACL, art has also been described of unity, he added. in the Mallinath Purana of



He said the objective of Since ancient times, Kar- all the art forms and folk vals. The oldest form of Yak-nect the society and the

Nagchandra, the Lt Governor artists from Karnataka perfields were present.

forming Yakshagana during "J&K UT is witnessing the upcoming Navratra Fesan unprecedented revival tival at Shri Mata Vaishno of vibrant culture. The aim Devi Shrine, the Lt Governor

> Yakshagana and the Kannada and Tulu folk Lore classical fusion by the artists received a standing ovation from the audience.

Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr Hina Shafi Bhat, Vice Chairperson, J&K KVIB; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh H. Rajesh Prasad, Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, ernor; Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary Tourism senior officers and eminent I am hopeful of seeing the personalities from diverse

Enthusiasm, fervour marks Gandhi Jayanti celebration across District Kishtwar

KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 2

The District Kishtwar witnessed array of activities to mark the celebration of 154th Gandhi Jayanti, with a mega program held in the Government High Secondary School Boys, a valedictory function at Government Degree College and special Gram Sabhas at 136 Panchayats.

At GHSS Boys Kishtwar, a simple yet impressive program unfolded to commemorate the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur

The event commenced government and private philosophy and teachings of cleanliness. schools, including the host of Truth, Non-Violence, school, GHSS Girls, SDM and Swachhta Hi Seva, Public School, Bal Niketan inspired by Gandhi Ji. School and Islamia Faridia and Municipal Council.

Najjar; District Panchayat ples into their lives. Officer, Sunil Bhutyal, cipal HSS Boys.

side school staff and CEO non-violence. office members, paid a floral tribute to Mahatma dents were also felici-

featured engaging per- a moment to honor sani- standing performances of field functionaries and the



School besides the staff of ing, the ADDC emphasised the patronage of Princi-Educational Institutions the relevance of Gandhi Ji's pal GDC Dr. Jyoti Parihar. philosophy in today's sociorganising, marking the The guests at the event ety. He termed the event end of fortnightly activiincluded ADDC, Sham as an opportunity for stu-ties organized from Sep-Lal; Chairman Municipal dents to understand and tember 12th to October 1st. Council, Sajjad Ahmed imbibe Gandhian princi-

The participating stu-reciting poems.

with the administration of including skits, patriotic Municipal Council, recogthe Non-Violence pledge songs and a thought pro-nizing them as true followto students from different voking speech on the ers of Gandhian principles

> Meanwhile, at Government Degree College Kishtwar, the valedictory Addressing the gather- function was held under

Mukesh Bali, District Officer Pollution Control In the valedictory Committee attended as Chief Education Officer speech, the CEO expressed the Chief Guest and Prof. Prehlad Bhagat and Pringratitude to all contribu- MM Mattoo as guest of tors and encouraged stu- Honour. The students The attendees, along- dents to uphold truth and displayed their talent by singing patriotic songs and

The program included tated on the occasion. a prize distribution cere-The program also The Chairman MC took mony to acknowledge outformances by students, tation workers from the students during the 15-day general masses.

celebration of Gandhi Jayanti. Similarly, special Gram Sabhas were held across all 136 Panchayats in the district facilitated by Panchayat secretaries and PRIs. The community discussions revolved around finalizing Gram Panchayat Plans for the next financial year besides taking non violence pledge and paying of floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

Besides this Gandhi Jayanti celebrations were held across the government and private institutions and the government offices with cleanliness activities and paying of floral tributes and remembering the philosophy and teachings of Gandhi ji.

An Awareness campaign under the supervision of Dr. M.Y Mir, Chief Medical Officer, was held in the premises of Mini Secretariat New DC Complex.

The CMO flagged off the Kusht Mukt Abhiyan Rath to spread awareness amongst the general masses regarding Leprosy. The CMO exhorted field functionaries to keep generating awareness in the general public regarding Leprosy and to maintain close surveillance for early detection and treatment of

Pamphlets containing information about Kusht Mukht Abhiyan were also distributed amongst the

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations promote Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign in Udhampur district

UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 2

In commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversary, a series of activities were conducted by the district administration Udhampur under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai,.

As a part of the ongoing Swachhta Hi Sewa Campaign on Gandhi Jayanti, a Wall Painting event was organized in Shaheed Bhagat Singh Park. Sixteen educational institutes and approximately 160 students participated in the

The DC also visited the Park and interacted with the students, and appreci- cultural performances by missioner Revenue, Rafiq was organized by the disated their tireless efforts. local artists and students Ahmed Jaral; BDC Chair- trict Administration and She expressed hope that from different schools. the hard work of the students would inspire them ed by Chairman DDC, members and prominent participation of cyclists. to excel in life.

ta Hi Seva campaign took Additional District Develsioner spoke about Mahat-participants.





place at Sports Stadium opment Commissioner, Udhampur, in collabora- Ghan Sham Singh; Addition with RED FM 91.1.

Lal Chand; Deputy Com- citizens. Another significant missioner, Saloni Rai;

ma Gandhi's teachings and philosophy, emphasizing his dedication towards uplift of the deprived and downtrodden. She urged participants to follow Gandhi's path and spread messages of peace, prosperity, and progress. The DC also called upon the public to maintain the cleanliness of Udhampur district and promote proper waste disposal.

Earlier in the day, Additional District Development Commissioner Ghan Sham Singh, along with ADC Joginder Singh Iasrotia and Ward Counciltional Deputy Commis- lor Priti Khajuria flagged The event featured varisioner, Joginder Singh off a bicycle rally from ous theme-based skits and Jasrotia; Assistant Com- Martyrs Chowk. The rally man, Balwan Singh and UB Randonneurs Cyclists The event was attend- other officers, besides PRI Association and saw huge

Later, the Chairman Addressing the gather- DDC and Deputy Comevent under the Swachha- SSP, Dr. Vinod Kumar; ing, the Deputy Commis- missioner felicitated the

DC Rajouri presides over Grand Function hosted at BHHS to Celebrate Gandhi Jayanti

RAJOURI, OCTOBER 2

In a momentous celebration of the 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a mega function was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, at Boys Higher Secondary School Rajouri.

The event held today, brought together students, teachers and other dignitaries to pay homage to the Father of the Nation and reflect on his invalu-India's freedom struggle and his enduring legacy

DC delivered a thoughtprovoking address during the celebration. He emphasized the relevance teachings in the present times, stressing the He also highlighted the Gandhian values in their pivotal role that Gandhiji daily lives and to be torchplayed in India's struggle bearers of change, echofor independence and his ing the timeless message tireless efforts to unite a of "Be the change you want



banner of non-violence.

embrace Gandhian principles in their lives, stating, and borders. His message ideals and work towards journey towards progress of Mahatma Gandhi's a more just and equitable and social harmony. society.'

diverse nation under the to see in the world."

This remarkable cel-Deputy Commissioner ebration of Gandhi Jayanti also urged the students to at Boys Higher Secondary School in Rajouri underscored the enduring legacy "Mahatma Gandhi's phi- of Mahatma Gandhi and able contributions to losophy transcends time his teachings, reaffirming continue to guide us their relevance in today's of peace and non-violence world. It served as a powof non-violence and truth. is as pertinent today as it erful reminder of the need was during the freedom to uphold the principles of struggle. It is up to the truth, non-violence, and youth to carry forward his unity as India continues its cated his life to the service

In addition to celebrat-The DC concluded the ing Mahatma Gandhi's importance of truth, non-event by encouraging life, the occasion providviolence, and harmony. all present to practice ed an opportunity for the lives. As we move forward, local community to come let us remember the words together and strengthen of Mahatma Gandhi and their bonds. It served as a strive to create a world platform for dialogue and that reflects his vision of unity, fostering a sense of peace, harmony, and juscollective responsibility tice.

towards building a better society.

The grand function at Boys Higher Secondary School in Rajouri was not just a one-day event but a call to action. It inspired all attendees to actively engage in community service and social initiatives that align with Gandhian principles. By carrying forward the torch of his teachings, individuals can contribute to a more compassionate and inclusive India, where the values of truth and non-violence towards a brighter future.

In conclusion, this celebration of Gandhi Jayanti was a heartfelt tribute to a visionary leader who dediof humanity. It highlighted the enduring relevance of his teachings and the importance of incorporating them into our daily

DLSA Samba promotes SWACHHTA by organising series of competitions

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, OCTOBER 2

symposium and debate competitions here in Samba Fort sions Judge), Samba. to mark the 154th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and as a part of National -SWACHHTA HI SEVA (SHS),

Chairman, DLSA Samba was the Chief Guest

The program was organ- from the drugs, while

pants, the Chief Guest high- Samba, Counsellors of diflighted the contribution of ferent wards from Districts Campaign under the banner Mahatma Gandhi in freeing Samba, faculty members "SWACHHA PAKHWADA India from foreign Domina- and students from Govt. tion and also the purpose Degree College Samba, Govt behind the Campaign. He Higher Secondary School also sensitised and appealed (Girls), Samba, Staff memthe students to stay away bers from District Court

ised as per the directions of explaining thir ill effects. the JK Legal Services Author- Rekha Kapoor, Secretary, The District Legal Services ity (JKLSA) and under the DLSA Samba also spoke on Authority Samba, in collaboinsightful directions and the occasion. Amit Gupta ration with Municipal Coun- over all supervision of Yesh E.O, Municipality, Samba cil organized quiz, painting, Pal Kotwal, Chairman DLSA presented the welcome (also Principal District & Sesaddress. The program witnessed the presence of Vice Addressing the partici- Chairman Municipal Council

Complex, Samba and LADCs Samba, Staff Members and PLVs of DLSA Samba

The winner students, who participated in the competitions, were awarded with Certificates of merit and the remaining participants of the competitions were also awarded with certificate of participation.

At the end of the programme, Swachhta Pledge taking ceremony was also organized. The participants took pledge to work voluntarily towards the Swachh Bharat Mission

Ladakh set for big fight

as poll campaigning for

LAHDC elections ends

Fruit growers rejoice as apple prices fetch good returns compared to last year

SRINAGAR, OCT 2

due to various reasons in he said. The growers said steady and strong so far. recent years, fruit grow- that swift and hassle-free ers in Kashmir are seeing government assistance traditional varieties have a ray of hope as traditional has been instrumental in yet to be harvested and apples fetch higher prices allowing easier transport this trend shows no sign

different parts of Kashmir better returns for the the year, it would bring told the news agency that farmers. They said the considerable relief for this the demand for traditional traditional varieties like critical industry," he said. varieties has increased sig- Kulu and Delicious have nificantly from last year, been selling particularly produces over 20 lakh resulting in hefty profits well, with high demand in metric tonnes of apple for farmers.

Javaid Ahmad, a fruit received minimal profits, this year, they have been receiving offers from fruit mir Valley Fruit Growers over 3.5 lakh hectares businesses to purchase Cum Dealers Union (KVF- being under the cultiva-

different Mandis.

grower from the Pulwa- considered a significant as 25 lakh metric tonnes. ma district, claimed that boost for this industry, compared to last year which has suffered mas- nomic survey of J&K, when they struggled to sive losses in the past few about half of Kashmir's sell their produce and years due to various circumstances, they said.

President of the Kash- the apple industry, with their yield. Most orchards GCDU), Basheer Ahmad, tion of apples. KNO

have received more than while acknowledging double the prices they that the production has received in the different reduced this year, assured After suffering losses apple Mandis last year, that demand has been

"As of now, most of the in the market this season. of apple-laden trucks, of dwindling. If demand The fruit growers from which has resulted in remains high throughout

> On average, Kashmir annually, with figures This outcome could be sometimes going as high

> > As per the 2017 ecopopulation is directly or indirectly dependent on

Shopkeepers in Tral demand construction

PULWAMA, OCT 2

ma district, whose shops Ahmad, one of the affected were demolished in 2020, shopkeepers. demand construction of the government shopping comthem by the administration. brink of starvation.

Around 50 shops were

since the demolition, they

provided shops in the gov- mounting debts. ernment shopping complex,

He expressed his frustra-

"We were expecting the

Despite meetings with The shopkeepers said that officials, authorities, and politicians, the construction

ernment that we would be adding that they are facing

They have urged the Lieu-Shopkeepers in Tral area no progress has been made tenant Governor and Deputy of south Kashmir's Pulwa- on the ground," said Bashir Commissioner Pulwama to personally intervene in this

tion, saying the demolition KNO that approximately five plex that was promised to of shops has left them on the crore rupees have been allocated for the construction of 18 shops on the ground floor and an additional 35 shops town by the administra- with new shops soon after on the second storey of the

> macadamisation of the bus stand and drainage facilities, the official said.

He said the delay was due their livelihoods. "Despite leaving us in financial dis- struction work is expected

Dr Farooq led around 20 opposition leaders set to hold meeting in Jammu today

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 2

Nearly 20 opposition leaders headed by Member of Parliament from Srinagar constituency and National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah are set to hold a meeting on Tuesday afternoon in Jammu.

Sources privy to the development told the news agency that around 20 leaders will be attending the meeting of opposition leaders tomorrow at Dr Farooq Abdullah's Jammu residence, which will begin at 2:30 PM.

Those who will participate in the meeting include NC President Dr Farooq Abdullah, PDP President Mehbooba Mufti, CPI (M) leader M Y Tarigami, INC Raman Bhalla and Vikar Rasool, ANC Muzaffar Ahmad Shah, Dogra Sada Sabha Ghulchain Singh Chadak, Panthers Party Harsh Dev Singh, IDP R D Khajuria, United Peace Alliance Shahid Saleem, Muslim United Front Zaffar Ahmad, Peoples Movement Dr Hussain, Akali Dal

CPI's G M Mizrab.

Moreover, some of the leaders from other parties including Shiv Sena and Akali Dal have also been invited for the meeting.

Talking to KNO, PDP and Congress said that the to their leaders and conin the meeting.

CPI (M) leader, M Y Tarigami has left for Jammu believed, the leaders will today to attend the meeting tomorrow.

However, sources said that four major parties political issues after tomorincluding the ruling BJP and DPAP led by Ghulam Nabi Azad, Peoples Conference led by Chairman Sajad Gani Lone and Apni Party led by Syed Altaf invited for the meeting.

Sources said the meeting will discuss several issues including the prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir and across

The meeting will also discuss the issue of defer-

sion hood Sunil Dimple, outlets in Jammu and Kashmir besides seat-sharing for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls for INDIA alliance, sources said.

He also said that a threadbare discussion will also take place regarding launching of mass moveinvitation has been sent ment against deferment of local body and panchayat firmed their participation polls in Jammu and Kash-

> also hold a meeting with civil society Jammu to discuss several social and row's meeting.

Sources said at the meeting, members of opposition parties will also discuss the proceeding in light of the impending decision Bukhari have not been on the Article 370 petition by the Supreme Court, expected by mid-October.

The hearing on petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 commenced on August 2nd and concluded on September 6th. Following arguments from both sides, the five-judge ment of local body and bench, led by Chief Justice Panchayat polls as is being of India D Y Chandrachud, Narendra Singh, State Misreported by several news has reserved the judgment.

but was later changed to If sources are to be Supreme Court verdict. Ladakh Autonomous

given elections are happening in Kargil for the first time since Article 370 was abrogated in August 2019. Earlier, the council

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Poll campaigning for the

5th general LAHDC elec-

tions concluded today

with top leadership of BJP,

last minute pitches for

Initially, the election

held on 10 September 10

SRINAGAR, OCT 2

their parties.

poll body Kargil ordered the conclusion of poll campaigning at 4 pm.

It ordered all the parpublic or exit poll.

are in the poll fray. The NC-Congress alliance will its first election in Kargil besides 25 are contesting as independent candidates. Top leadership of NC, Congress, and BJP response.

dates of her party (BJP) in Kargil. She had also joined some candidates in filing nomination paper.

BJPs National General Secretary Tarun Chug also visited Kargil to campaign NC, and Congress making for party candidates. Apart from them Ashok Koul, general secretary (org) J&K and Ladakh also was scheduled to be campaigned for his party. Ladakh MP Tsering Namgyal also joined his party October 4 following the to campaign for his party candidates.

Some top faces of BJP Hill Development Coun- from Jammu and Kashmir cil (LAHDC) is politically were also sent to Kargil to significant for all parties campaign for party candidates.

From the Indian National Congress (INC), the only national leader to visit the region was Rahul was headed by a National Gandhi. During his visit, Conference leader Feroz Rahul Gandhi addressed public gatherings and also As per details available held youth interaction with the news agency, the programs. He has also assured them to be their representative in parliament sessions.

National Conference ties and people not to hold (NC) Vice President, Omar meetings, display election Abdullah the former Chief matters, or propagate Minister of the erstwhile election-related matters. state of Jammu and Kash-Also, none can conduct a mir also campaigned for his party. He also visited A total of 85 candidates Drass after addressing a gathering in Kargil. He was accompanied by Nasir be in direct contest with Aslam Wani during his BJP. AAP is also contesting visit to address a public gathering at Choo Stadium.

In the last couple of weeks, parties along with their candidate held camcampaigned for their par- paigns including road ties in the region to evoke shows, door to door campaigns, and also organized Union Minister of State multiple public outreach for Culture and External programs to persuade Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi voters to vote in favor of

of promised govt shopping complex

demolished in the main government to provide us tion in March 2020 on the our old ones were demolgrounds that they were ished, but the promises constructed on government remain unfulfilled," Bashir land, the locals told the news said.

assurances from the gov- tress, the shopkeepers said, to commence soon. KNO

Meanwhile, an official told

existing complex. The project also includes

to the tendering process, have been struggling for work has not started yet, but assured that the con-

Police arrest man for raping his daughter in Baramulla

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCT 2

In a swift and determined Rafeeq Mochi son of Abdul response to a distressing Jabbar resident of Kalantra incident, Jammu & Kashmir Police in Baramulla on Monday said to have successfully apprehended a rape statement issued to the news accused within hours after a complaint was filed.

received a written complaint sections of law was registered ther investigation of the case from one girl (name withheld) in Police Station Kreeri and is in progress," police said.

age about 19 years stating therein that she was raped by her father namely Mohd Payeen, Baramulla and is absconding from home, a agency said.

Accordingly, police said formalities of the victim girl Police Station Kreeri that a case under relevant have been conducted and fur-

investigation was initiated. "During the course of investigation, after strenuous efforts the accused person was traced and arrested within hours after the complaint was received. He has police spokesman said in a been shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Furthermore, medico-legal

campaigned for candi- them.

always promoted non-violence." Swain said: "We will have to make the distinction between peace loving people and those whose ulterior There was no contact with any suspected person motive is violence. So our fight is against those projecting violence. Our fight is for the general public and our endeavour is to root out the level of fear from the common man's heart and mind."

A police spokesman said that the marathon route stretched from Lake View Park Golf Course (LVPGC) to even, but it has assumed a new dimension of con- Duck Park via the picturesque Nishat-Foreshore road. Birth Anniversary is only a reiteration of the cleanliness ners of 13 different events including on spot raffle draw

> Spl. DG CID, J&K, R.R Swain was the Chief Guest on the occasion. He along with three former DGsP AK Suri, Gopal Sharma & Kuldeep Khoda and senior officers distributed prizes, certificates among the winners of the event. Addressing the gathering, Swain appreciated the overwhelming participation of athletes from organised on the birthday of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, an auspicious day in the history of the country. He appreciated the efforts of ADGP Armed/IR J&K SJM Gillani and his team for organising the mega event successfully.

Referring to the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi about the Police, the Spl. DG said that 'success of Police is possible only with the support & cooperation of people', adding that Police is from the people, for the people and can deliver only with the support of people. He said that it has been the rich history of J&K Police to work against people involved in unlawful activities for the larger interest of the public. He said that J&K Police is committed to continue work for the safety, security & welfare of the people who abide by the rule of the law to the best possible extent.

A.K Suri (retired DGP) while speaking on the occasion said that he has been in Kashmir after a gap of seven years during which he visited a number of places here He concluded, "As we embark on this transformative" and added that the situation is entirely different as peace is quite visible. He said that J&K Police particularly in recent times has been working with strong resolve and commitment for peace and tranquility of Jammu and Kashmir for which he congratulated the force. Addressing the participants, he said playing sports is a great way to improve one's health and fitness. Sports have a huge impact on a person's daily life and health, he added.

ADGP Armed/IR J&K, S.J.M Gillani in his welcome address appreciated & expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, participants and their families, media persons for their presence & support on the occasion. He said that it is a matter of honour and happiness for Jammu and Kashmir Police as three former DsGP who have led this force have attended the event. He said that J&K Police has been organising a number of events at different levels in the UT under its Civic Action Programme. He informed that this year three major Central level events were organised in the UT level wherein around 7000 players participated. In today's event, over 5000 athletes participated as compared to 3500 in last year, he added-(KNO)

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afresh an effort to have city-like facilities in villages as social interests, he said. well," Sinha said.

Mohammad Aslam, a resident of Khanpur Panchayat losophy of truth, non-violence, selfless service, sacribeen living in Nagrota since 1974. There are around 600 families in Khanpur Panchayat. We are thankful to the LG for giving us the land for making our own house," Aslam said. Rafeeq Ahmad, a beneficiary from Kishtwar district, said after 70 years of struggle, his family will finally have land to construct a house.

"We have suffered a lot. We have been pursuing the land for many years. We were living on forest land for more than 70 years. We are thankful to the LG and DC Kishtwar for giving the documents for the land," he

In terms of basic...

Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) for the installation of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and Charkha. He also called for collective efforts by all the stakeholders for promotion of Swadeshi products.

There is a need to promote city-based Self Help Groups engaged in Khadi, which has become a new fashion statement for youth, he said.

Dr Hina Shafi Bhat, Vice Chairperson, KVIB; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Administrative Secretaries and senior officers of UT and Police administration also paid their tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

Efforts are being...

powerful instrument for prosperity, dignity and empowerment of people. His timeless ideals are the only effective instrument to tackle the challenges confronting the world," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor applauded the inspirational journey undertaken by more than 27,000 students during Shanti Yatra to pay homage to Bapu and his ideas and ideals.

Bapu's life teaches us that spirit of dedication and purity of means, can not only ensure independence but the society can also be made prosperous, the Lt

"Efforts are being made to create J&K of Bapu's dreams. The voices being raised against violence from and inclusive development of Mahatma Gandhi have added. turned into a Jan-Andolan," he said.

The Lt Governor urged every section of the society, especially the youth to imbibe wisdom from the valued teachings of the Father of the Nation and strive to build a peaceful, inclusive and equitable society.

Each and every precious word of Bapu acts as an

institution. What you will learn from his philosophy of Kashmir has not been able to progress," the LG said. life is not available anywhere else. Only the precious This decision will strengthen the rural economy and the treasure of Bapu's ideals will be able to guide you in social fabric in Jammu and Kashmir. "We have started nation building and it will empower you to protect the The lifelong campaigns of Pujya Bapu and his phi-

in Nagrota area of Jammu, said 600 families in his area fice, love and tolerance must continue to guide all the will benefit from the government's decision. "We have citizens to achieve the golden future of Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor added.

> dents for depicting the life of Mahatma Gandhi through their enthralling performances. At the UT-level event, the Lt Governor honored the eminent Gandhians from across the country for their

> extraordinary contribution in promoting the teachings and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. He also interacted with the participants of the Shanti Yatra and felicitated the students who have excelled in various competitions organized as a part of Gandhi

> Javanti celebration. On the occasion, the Gandhians including Padma Shri SP Varma; Sh Ramesh Bhaiya; Sh Laxmi Das; Dr Ranjana Mukhopadhyay, and Sh Ashok Kapoor threw light on the lifelong campaigns of Mahatma Gandhi.

Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, School Education; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Administrative Secretaries; senior officials; heads of educational institutions; students, teachers, youth and prominent citizens were present. Educational Institutions from across the UT also joined through virtual

Govt's 'light' yet...

lacking the electricity facility," it reads.

Previously, KNO had reported that at least 14,929 government-run-schools in Jammu and Kashmir were without books in the libraries.

Among the total of 23,173 government run schools in Jammu and Kashmir, at least 14,929 schools that amount to nearly 64 percent of the institutes were without books in the respective institutions–(KNO)

Rains lash parts of...

harvesting & outdoor activities during the period. Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of 11.4 degree Celsius, Qazigund 12.0 degree Celsius and it also received 4.6mm of rainfall, while Pahalgam had a low of 8.6 degree Celsius and it every corner of J&K and huge participation of people in also received a rainfall of 9.1mm and Gulmarg recorded 'Shanti Yatra' is a testament that the teaching of peace a low of 7.0 degree Celsius on Monday, the MeT office

Kashmir based BJP...

These leaders earlier have been asked to stay committed to their undertaking, failing which strict action will be taken against them–(KNO)

Search operation...

during the operation which was continuing when last reports were received, the officials said.

Dr Jitendra Singh flags...

The Lt Governor also commended the artists and stu-tinuity and the process is on. He added that Bapu Ji's Prizes worth Rs 6,52000 were distributed among win-

Referring to "Recycling on Wheels Smart-ER" Dr Jitendra Singh said, "This project recognizes SafaiMitra's crucial role in cleanliness, preserving both the environment and their health through responsible e-waste disposal. It stands out by offering skill development, aligning with Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and promoting sustainability, contributing to the motto across the country in the event which he said has been of Training, Transport, and Technology, empowering the informal sector with skills, efficient transportation,

and technology for a better future." Dr. Jitendra Singh also acknowledged the strategic partnership between the Technology Development Board (TDB) and M/s Eco Recycling Limited, a Mumbaibased public limited company, in response to Prime Minister Modi's call for heightened awareness regarding proper e-waste disposal. This groundbreaking e-waste management project has received a generous financial support of Rs 6.00 crore from TDB.

Speaking about "Recycling on Wheels Smart-ER," he emphasized, "This project introduces a pioneering approach to e-waste management in India, with no comparable counterpart in the country to date. It sets an entirely new benchmark for sustainable e-waste practices, characterized by a unique design and implementation that amalgamates efficiency, accessibility, and environmental responsibility."

journey of 'Recycling on Wheels Smart-ER,' we actively contribute to the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign and reinforce the significance of cleanliness, environmental responsibility, and the well-being of our dedicated SafaiMitras. Together, we are creating a cleaner and greener India, in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary call."

In her address, Secretary, DSIR, Dr N. Kalaiselvi said, Bapu rightly mentioned that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" and narrated about Gandhiji's contribution for three vital and basic components of food, shelter and clothing in alignment with environmental and cli-

Dr Kalaiselvi said that all the 37 CSIR labs across the country are engaged with both physical cleaning and e-cleaning that processing and weeding out of the obsolete files. She also promised to fasten the file movement in DSIR and CSIR from coming week.

Our aim is to...

of the nation. The top police officer said: "Gandhiji

DC presides over Gram Sabha at Panchayat Saranoo

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RAJOURI, OCTOBER 2

In commemoration of the 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a significant Gram Sabha was convened at Panchayat Saranoo, Rajouri, which was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal. The event was a remarkable display of participa- on Rural Development tory democracy and com- Department, PWD, Jal sioner also elucidated the munity empowerment, Shakti, PDD and others. role of GPDP in promoting with the attendance of These proposed works bottom-up planning and local residents.

developmental works members. under the Gram Pan-

on these projects. particular emphasis areas.



The Deputy Commis-

He also went on to

Sarpanches, Panches and were carefully curated development. He emphaand decided upon with sized how GPDP empow-The Gram Sabha served the unanimous consent ers local communities to as a platform to discuss of the Sarpanch, Panch- identify their own needs and propose various es and local community

The Deputy Commistive developmental initiachayat Development Plan sioner Rajouri, Vikas tives. (GPDP). Representatives Kundal also addressed from key departments the gathering and shared elucidate that GPDP, as including Rural Devel- inspiring insights on the envisioned by the governopment and Panchayati life and principles of ment, is a powerful tool impact on the lives of the Raj (RDD), Jal Shakti, Mahatma Gandhi. He for decentralized planning residents of Panchayat Public Works Department reminded everyone pres- and decision-making. It (PWD), Revenue, Animal ent of the timeless values not only promotes trans-Husbandry and others of truth, non-violence, parency but also ensures were present to deliberate and community service that developmental projthat Gandhi Ji espoused ects are tailored to the One of the key high- throughout his life. His unique needs of each Commissioner Developlights of this gathering words resonated deeply Gram Panchayat. He ment, Vijay Kumar; Diswas the collaborative with the audience, empha-encouraged all attendees spirit exhibited by the sizing the importance of to actively participate in Auqil Nuvaid; Block Develattendees. The proposed collective action and unity the GPDP process, stat-opment Officer Dhangri, projects spanned across in achieving progress and ing that their input and Mohd Javaid; Sarpanch, a wide spectrum, with development in rural

community.

Gram Sabha on Gandhi Jayanti at Panchayat Saranoo symbolizes the commitment of the local administration to empower grassroots governance and foster a sense of ownership and responsibility among the rural population. It underscores the dedication of the Government to inclusive development and participatory decision-making processes.

The event concluded with a renewed spirit of cooperation and determination among the attendees to work together for and priorities, resulting in the betterment of their more targeted and effeccommunity, thereby honoring the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. The projects proposed during this Gram Sabha are expected to make a meaningful Saranoo and contribute to the overall development of the region.

The Gram Sabha was attended by the Assistant trict Panchayat Officer, panches and locals Resi-

Sheetal Nanda inaugurates "VYOM" Child Developmental Centre at Lower Roopnagar

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 2

Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda, today inaugurated "VYOM" (Vibrant Young Open Minds) a Child Developmental Centre at

Lower Roopnagar here. The VYOM has been established by Social Welfare Department in collaboration with Brainpreneurs Foundation.

Commissioner Secretary highlighted the challenges being faced by the parents in want of such child development centre. It has been a constant demand in UT for opening of such early intervention centre which caters to the need of intellectually challenged children

ment needs of intellectual ing, and more, all under disabled children but also one roof. aims at identification of children who need early intervention.

Brainpreneurs' representatives, Dr. Sushil facility free of cost to the PWDs, Anganwadi work-Razdan (Neurologist) and Sunaina Tickoo (CEO) holders and very nominal Brainpreneurs) highlighted VYOM's role in providing comprehensive services like physiotherapy, special education, speech with neurodiverse needs, therapy, occupational sh asserted. This facility of therapy, psychological VYOM shall not only pro- assessments, parent and cater to children with varvide holistic state of the child counseling, life ious neurodiverse backart facilities for develop- coaching, career counsel- grounds, including intel-

It is pertinent to mention here that the departdevelopment centre PHH and AAY Ration card charges shall be charged from other beneficiaries which shall ensure that the benefits of the centre is being taken by all in need of such care.

VYOM is designed to

lectual disabilities, slow learning, autism, ADHD, and cerebral palsy. Social Welfare Department's efforts and Brainpreneurs' expertise, VYOM's impact extend beyond its center. It has already conducted teacher training programs in various government schools, enhancing awareness and identification of special needs with the help of child and adolescent psychologists. VYOM will commence operations on October 3, 2023. Various ment is providing child representative of NGOs working for the interest of ers, Superintendents of child care institutions and other officers and officials of the department participated in the program.

Vivek Sharma, Director General Social Welfare, Jammu, Harvinder Kour, Mission Director, Mission Vatsalya and other senior officers were also present on the occasion.

Col Mahan Singh pays heartfelt homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary

JI NEWS SERVICE

PLAKH / BASOHLI (KATHUA)

On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, Colonel Mahan Singh (Retired), the Chairman of the District Development Council (DDC) in Kathua, along with DDC Member Basohli, paid heartfelt homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, in a moving ceremony.

The event took place at SC Basti Tandua, Plakh Panchayat, where the members of the Scheduled Caste (SC) community warmly welcomed DDC Chairman Col Mahan Singh. This gesture showcased the strong connection and camaraderie within the community.

In addition to the DDC Chairman, several dedicated individuals were in attendance, including local BJP workers such as Capt Harnam Singh, Yub-

karan Singh, Mohinder play of community spirit, Singh, Angrez Singh, as Colonel Mahan Singh also well as community leader took the time to visit the Ramesh Chander and Saheed Hans Raj memoothers. During the event, rial at Mandla Village. He Colonel Mahan Singh led a cleanliness drive in threw light on Mahatma the vicinity of the memo-Gandhi's profound ideolrial and the statue, underogy, his unwavering con- lining the importance cern for the downtrodden, of cleanliness and civic and his significant contriresponsibility. butions towards bringing them into the mainstream rate this occasion, sweets of society. This tribute were distributed to served as a reminder of Karyakartas (party work-

Gandhi stood for. In a remarkable dis- among all present.

To further commemothe enduring values and ers) and community memprinciples that Mahatma bers, fostering a sense of togetherness and unity

of wildlife protection. Painting competition was organised on the theme of wildlife conservation across different landscape

Displayed paintings showcases the abundances of rich faunal diversity of Jammu & Kashmir and the vital role played by ecosystem in supporting

The exhibition was visited by parents along with their children's. Mr. Rai, while interacting with the students and parents, highlighted the crucial role played by children in wildlife conservation and spreading awareness among public, and active support of all sections of society in

Painting Exhibition will remain open Himalayan avian.

Shanti Rally taken out in Poonch to promote Gandhian philosophy of truth

JI NEWS SERVICE POONCH, OCTOBER 2

& non-violence

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary today flagged-off the Shanti Rally from Moori Gursai to Shahsitar.

The Shanti Rally was organised to spread the message of Mahatma Gandhi to all, more specifically with regard to the Gandhian philosophy of truth and nonviolence.

The participants marched through the village, holding placards adorned with inspiring quotes from Mahatma Gandhi and chanting slogans advocating peace and harmony. The rally's overarching goal was to inspire individuals to embrace the path of non-violence and actively contribute to building a more peaceful society.

On the occasion, the DC said that the Shanti Rally is aimed to popularize the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi with regard to peace and universal brotherhood.

DC also urged students on maintaining cleanliness not only in houses but also on roads, drains, public places including tourist spots and all other surroundings for the healthy society.

He also commended the School Education department for organising Shanti Yatra to commemorate the birth anniversary of the father of the

Chief Education Officer Poonch, ACR Zaheer Ahmed Kaifi, SDM Surankote/Mendhar, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, BDO, DEPO Poonch N.M. Suri, Principal, Teachers and other concerned were present on the occasion.

BJP OBC Morcha organized **Blood donation camp**

involvement were vital in

shaping the future of their

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Sunil Prajapati (State President BJP OBC Morcha), Suresh Salgotra (Vice President BJP OBC Morcha), Ravi Mehra (Vice President BJP OBC Morcha), Ashok Verma (Stare Secretary BJP OBC Morcha), Purushottam kumar (State President District Jammu entire life to humanity. OBC Morcha), Gopal Sano-Morcha), Jai Kishan (Dis-Shastri ji", he added. trict General Secretary

ent in the camp.



tra (District General Secredo our bid to serve the ditions. tary OBC Morcha), Rakesh society today, then we are Mandal Mandal President certain that we have done Ambhphalla Mandal OBC a tribute to Gandhi ji and

Dr. Manyal explained Jammu Border) were pres-further that the blood donation camp itself is an Dr. Devinder Manyal activity that saves a lot of to building a safe and susappreciated the working lives as each pint of blood tainable blood supply.

Social Media Secretary), of the OBC Morcha and collected saves three lives Sanjay kumar (State Exec-said that we commemorat- at a time. He said that utive Member), Ashok ed the birth anniversary here is an urgent need to Salgotra (District Presi- of Gandhi Jayanti, a peace create awareness especialdent BJP OBC Morcha), icon and great personal- ly among youth on Blood Parveen Kumar (Vice ity who has dedicated his Donation as this noble act can help those suffering "We feel that if we can from life-threatening con-

Sunil Prajapati said BJP organized Blood donation camp under sewa Pakhwada. He said every single donation is a precious life saving gift and repeat donation is the key

DLSA collaborates with civic bodies to conduct sanitation drives at Kathua, Lakhanpur

JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, OCTOBER 2

As per the directions of the JK Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) and under the radiant guidance and overall supervision of Ashok Kumar Shavan Chairman DLSA (also Principal District & Sessions Judge), Rekha and Municipal Council 2023. Lakhanpur around DC an Awareness Program gramme. under the theme"Hara



Kapoor Nischal Secretary, discussed the importance school staff, students and Authority Kathua orga- promote effective recynized sanitation drives cling and waste managein collaboration with ment under Swachta Hi India Garbage Free. Municipal Council Kathua Sewa Campaign (SHS)

The proceedings of the Office and New Toll Plaza program were conducted Lakhanpur which were by Sarpanch, Raja Ram. manned by the staff of Para Legal Volunteers of New Toll Plaza, locals and DLSA Kathua, Panches, Para Legal Volunteers of and locals were also pres-DLSA Kathua. Besides this, ent in the awareness pro-

In addition to this, a Geela, Sookha Neela: Swacchta Pledge Taking 2-Bin System" was also Event was also organized organized by DLSA Kathua by DLSA, Kathua in colat Panchayat Ghar Logate laboration with District reinforce the concept of wherein the Resource Administration Kathua Person Rajesh Kumar at Government Higher business make aware the Panel Advocate, DLSA Secondary School (Girls) Kathua highlighted and Kathua in the presence of

District Legal Services of source segregation to Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA Kathua as a commitment towards making The objective of orga-

nizing all these programmes/activities was to encourage individuals to adopt simple changes in their daily life that can contribute in maintaining better cleanliness in the surroundings on implementation of Swachhta Hi Sewa Campaign (SHS) 2023, to disseminate the importance of Sampoorna Swachh Kathua and to Sanitation as everyone's local masses of the District

Landless PMAY-G Beneficiaries at **Udhampur** JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 2 District Development

DDC Chairman,

Lease Orders to

DC distribute

Council Chairman Lal Chand along with Deputy Commissioner, Saloni Rai and other officers distributed allotment/ lease orders to six landless beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) at a ceremony held in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex, today.

BDC Chairman, Balwan Singh; Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghan Sham Singh; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral and other officers were present.

During the interaction with the beneficiaries, the Chairman DDC and DC extended congratulations to all the recipients. They emphasized the need to expedite the identification and verification process, ensuring that eligible beneficiaries receive their entitlements promptly. They also underscored the importance of raising public awareness about the eligibility criteria to ensure that only eligible individuals come forward to process their cases.

Gandhi Javanti Celebration District Administration Ramban pays rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi Ji



JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, OCTOBER 2

in the district.

tion held in Conference part of Sankalp Saptaah hall of District Administrative Complex, Additional Deputy Commissioner, of Mahatma Gandhi ji in Harbans Lal along with the freedom struggle, he other officers and officials described Gandhi ji as a paid rich tributes to the Mahatma Gandhi Ji. ACR, Gias Ul Haq; CPO, Dr. Kasturi Lal; ACD, Ashok Singh ji was an apostle of non-Katoch and several other officers and officials of different departments took Nations has declared this a pledge for maintaining day as International Non peace and communal har-

istered a pledge to particithe world," he added.

pants under Nasha Mukht

Speaking on the occa-District Administration sion, the ADC said that Ramban today celebrat- under the aegis of the ed Gandhi Jayanti with Deputy Commissioner national fervour and Ramban, Mussarat Islam enthusiasm to pay rich the line departments and tributes to the father of the institutions conducted Nation, Mahatma Gandhi Ji more than four thousand and launched a cleanliness cleanliness drives and campaign at many places other events across the district to pay tributes to At a district level func- Shri Mahatma Gandhi ji as

campaign. Recalling contributions great visionary and an International personality. The ADC said that Gandhi violence and a staunch peace lover. "The United Violence Day, thus recognizing contributions and Meanwhile, District philosophy of Gandhi ji Social Welfare Officer, which is more relevant in Rahul Gupta also admin- the current scenario across

Chief Wildlife Warden J&K inaugurates Wildlife Week 2023

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCTOBER 2

Wildlife Week celebration, starting from 2nd October 2023, was inaugurated today by Sarvesh Rai, Principal Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/ Chief Wildlife Warden at Wildlife Complex, Manda Jammu. The inaugural event was marked by an exhibition of more than hundred paintings drawn by students as part of UT level painting competition organised by NGO "The Himalayan Avian" in collaboration with department

and ecosystem.

such diverse fauna.

prevention of Human Animal conflict.

for general public at Manda NIC during the wildlife week celebration. Chosen best paintings will be acknowledged by presenting certificate and trophies to the concerned student artist during the wildlife week's concluding session. The programme was also attended amongst others by Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu, Wildlife Warden Jammu, Guldev Raj (The Himalayan Avian) and staff of wildlife Division Jammu and volunteers of The

EDITORIAL

Opposition's crucial meet

eoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) constituents, mainly leaders of all opposition parties, are scheduled to hold an important meeting in Jammu tomorrow to discuss, what they call, current political situation in Jammu and Kashmir. It has been given out that these leaders will evolve a strategy to counter the 'anti-people' policies allegedly being pursued by the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre. The meeting holds significance against the backdrop of the rumours that the Centre is likely to defer the urban local bodies and Panchayat polls in Jammu and Kashmir. After the media reports, these political parties have individually targeted the BJP and observed that Jammu and Kashmir has become a 'slippery slope' for the Saffron Party. They believe that the Union territory administration reportedly deciding to hold the urban local bodies polls and the panchayat elections, originally scheduled for later this year, after the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and it is being done because the BJP has 'lost its ground' due to certain decisions taken by the UT administration and the central government. The opposition parties coming together is not a new phenomenon because these parties have formed I.N.D.I.A bloc to unitedly contest Lok Sabha elections in order to ensure "possible defeat" of the BJP. The opposition groups are of the opinion that it is the high time for them in Jammu and Kashmir as well to sit and understand each other, discuss the emerging situation (in Jammu and Kashmir) and find a common ality in their approach to counter the policies which are being forced on the people without their consent. Till now, these groups have failed to make any significant impact or dent to the BJP in Jammu and Kashmir. The saffron party has managed to sneak into the rural pockets of Kashmir Valley while it strengthened its base in Muslim dominated areas of Jammu region as well. The BJP, due to some unpopular decisions taken by the UT administration including installation of smart meters, imposition of property tax etc, has been feeling the heat in Jammu region. The recent shutdown call given by various groups was a reflection of the people's anger against these decisions. It was a warning signal for the BJP to go for introspection instead of planning to hold urban local bodies polls—the verdict of which it sensed to go against it. The meeting of united opposition seems to be imperative as people are undeniably suffering due to the wrong decisions of the administration. The PAGD is now using every opportunity, even a feeble one to raise its voice vociferously. The political spectrum of Jammu and Kashmir is fast changing and it is going to be interesting in the coming days. For the time being, political leaders, having different ideologies, have also rolled up their sleeves for tomorrow's meeting. The BJP is definitely keeping a close watch on the outcome of this meeting.

Jo Kheleaga Vehi tu Khilaga

OMKAR DATTATRAY

Prime minister Narendra Modi is the firm believer that there is need and necessity for the youth to be attracted towards the games ,athletes and sports .Thus Modi is the big advocate and propuder of the games and supports and likes the youth take active part in games and supports and shine their name and the name of their country at the international arena .Therefore Modi takes immense interest in popularizing the games and sports among the youth so that a strong personalities will be built which will become assets for the nation .Modi some time before has given the novel idea and slogan of Khelo INDIA and through it is making efforts to hone the energies of the youth and channelize these into productive endeavors so that it will beneficial for the youth and the nation .Modi wants to build a physically strong nation and for this noble cause ,he lays great stress on the games and sports so that a physically strong India will be created.

More recently Modi has given the slogan of Jyo Khalega Vehi tu Khilaga and thus emphasizes that games and sports are very important for the growth development and blooming of the individual personalities and therefore youth of the nation should take part in games and sports and thus contribute in the well being of the individual personalities and thus lead to the development of the country .Jyo Khaleaga Vehi Khilaga is the new mantra of Modi and he likes all youth to take an active part in games and sports and

the nation. Modi believes that of the country so that strong in our small and far off villages there is enough potential and talent present and there is need to exploit, harness and channelize this into bringing about the youth into suitable personalities and this is possible only when the sporting talent is harnessed .Modi has laid down the good structure of the stadiums in various parts of the country . According to Modi it is very important to develop sports and games and this will result in the well being and development of the country The new education policy 2020 laid enough and required stress on the games and sports and it made the games and sports as an equal subject like all other subjects and the students will have sports to pass the examination .

in the individual personalities of our country will shine at the and lead to the development of international level. the country .Modi's government is spending thousands of crores

personalities come out from cities and rural areas who will contribute their might in the growth and development of the country .Various state and UT governments are spending crores of money on the development of sports infrastructure so that it can lead to the growth of strong and fit individuals who will contribute to the development and growth of the nation .Khelo India is in fact the right way to impart the sports education to the youth and this will definitely lead to the development of the country and when we are able to cultivate strong personalities and this can help us to fight the games and sports at the international level and to pass the subject of games and bring laurels to the country. Thus the youth of the country Thus equal stress has been should be encouraged to take given to sports and games in active part in games and sports the new curriculum in the NEP so that they will create a niche in 2020 and this will in fact lead the field of games and sports so to much transformation and that the name of the individual revolution through education sportsmen and also the name

Modi is big votary and champion of making youth interthus make the physically strong of the money for the develope sted in games and sports and

pate in games and sports at the international level and compete with the world and led to shining of the Indian youth at the international level .This is only possible when the youth of the country will attach much importance to games and sports and involve themselves in the games so that they can compete with the players at the international level and in this way peace and friendship will develop to vast extant and conflicts and war are kept away and thus the participation in games and sports will give a boost to peace, security and tranquility in the world which stands threatened by the enemies of the humanity .So the participation in games and sports will open the channels of peace and development in the greed torn world and make peace and tranquility possible so that required development will be possible in the world.PM Modi gave the very apt slogan of in Varanasi ,UP which is the religious and spiritual city .Galaxy important occasion .Modi said that one place of Shiv Shakti is on the moon ,while the other one is here in Kashi.

advantage of this and partici-

The design of the international stadium in Kashi is dedicated to Lord Mahaday .Modi further said when the sports infrastructure is built which has not only, a positive impact on nurturing young sports talent but also local products and in fact to the

structure so that they can take apt and practical slogan of PM Modi .He further added that the government moves with the athletes like a team member from school to the Olympic podium .According to Modi ,youth coming from small towns and villages have become the pride of the nation today .As per Modi ,expansion of sports infrastructure is essential for the development of a nation .The PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the international cricket stadium in Varanasi the other day.

The modern international cricket stadium will be developed in Ganjari ,Rajatalab ,Varanasi at a cost of about Rs 450 crores and will spread across an area of more than 30 acres .Addressing the gathering Modi expressed delight in getting the opportunity to visit Varanasi once again and remarked that that the joy of this city is beyond words.PM said that he is visiting Kashi on a day ,exactly one month after India reached the Shiv-Shakti point on the moon jo Khilega wohi tu Kileaga while where Chandrayaan landed on laying the foundation stone of the moon on the 23rd of the the international cricket stadium last month. Modi remarked one place of Shiv -Shakti is on the moon ,while other one is here of cricketing greats graced the in Kashi .The PM highlighted that the design of the international stadium dedicated to Lord Mahadev has installed a feeling of pride among the citizens of Kashi.PM underlined that the development of sports infrastructure of such scale not only has positive effect on sports but also has a positive impact on the regional economy .In short Kashi has now become a augurs well for the local econ- sangum of spirituality and modomy as it will give boost to the ernism and this admixture of the two should be maintained for local economy .He said now the the sportsmen and also for the personalities possible who can ment of the sports infrastruc- thus he wants the youth to be mood of the nation is-Jo Khelega general public. Modi deserves contribute to the well being of ture in every nook and corner equipped with the sports infra- wohi tu Khilega and this is the Kudos for this important feat.

Pakistan's Selective Minority Community Outreach

NILESH KUNWAR

akistan army chief Gen Syed Asim Munir's recent interaction with a Christian delegation at General Headquarters [GHQ] Rawalpindi was obviously meant to soothe frayed nerves and allay fears of this community that witnessed the horrendous torching of more than 20 churches and sevof blasphemy.

state intervention at the highest level. But when an army chief and not a politician, bureaucrat or religious scholar met a civilian delegation led by a religious head to discuss inter-faith amity it only reaffirmed the harsh reality that Pakistan is not a country with an army, but an army with

As numero uno in Pakistan's list of all-powerfuls, Gen Munir giving audience to the delegation led by the Moderator and President Bishops [Church of Pakistan and Bishop of Raiwind] aptly conveyed a message that the highest echelon of authority in the country had taken note of the Jaranwala arson.

Being a devout Muslim, an Islamic scholar and 'Hafiz-e-Quran' [one who has memorised the entire Quran], who could be better than Gen Munir to clarify any erroneous or misplaced notions about Islam that the delegation members or the Christian community may have been harbouring.

As per Pakistan army's media wing Inter Services Public Relations [ISPR], And Gen Munir informed the delegation members that "Islam is a religion of peace and there is no space for intolerance and extremism in Islam and society," making it clear that the Jaranwala incident violated fundamental tenets of Islam. By adding that "No one can be allowed to take law in his own hands in a civilised society," the culprits would definitely be

army's media wing Inter Ser- attacked, damaged and desvices Public Relations [ISPR] ecrated in broad daylight with

interest, religious and inter-faith harmony were discussed. COAS lauded the contributions of Pakof the motherland."

alabad district's Jaranwala area minorities in the country." That last month! was humongous and did merit members of the Christian community "appreciated Army Chief's gesture as an inspiration for Pakistani minorities to take greater and more active part in nation building and in restoring their faith in a cohesive and tolerant society," is heartening.

From the ISPR press release it appears that this engagement has been extremely beneficial in restoring faith of Pakistan's minority Christian community, and hence Gen Munir definitely deserves accolades for his commendable initiative. Unfortunately, his outreach also raises some disconcerting questions regarding the state's response to rampant persecution of minority communities in Pakistan.

No one would begrudge the Pakistan army chief's decision of walking the extra mile to comfort a traumatised minority community. However, this development raises a question- since there are several other minority communities in Pakistan like the Ahmadis, Shias, Hindus and Sikhs who are also facing persecution orchestrated by fundamentalist forces, what's holding back Gen Munir from holding similar meetings with them too?

The contribution of the Ahmadiyya community in nation building and defence of Pakistan has been remarkable and despite institutionalised persecution, its members have reconciled to this gross injustice and are living peacefully. Yet unprovoked murderous assaults the army chief indicated that on its community members are commonplace in Pakistan. Not only this, Ahmadiyya places In its press release, Pakistan of worship are continuously

What's even more alarming is that law enforcing agencies are istani Christian Community in openly participating in damagnational development, including ing Ahmadiyya worship places. promotion of quality education, Human Rights Commission of healthcare and philanthropic Pakistan [HRCP] has documentservices and outstanding role ed at least 34 attacks on Ahmadiplayed by them for the defence yya religious sites in this year alone, and The Friday Times has The press release goes on to reported five incidents of police eral houses of their brethren by state that the "Christian Com- destroying minarets of Ahmadifrenzied mobs over allegations munity members acknowledged yya prayer halls in just a single Pakistan Army's efforts in com- week. Al Jazeera has quoted plight of the minority Hindu it goes without saying that any The scale of destruction bating terrorism and provid- a local saying that at least 74 community living in Pakistan meeting of Gen Munir with wrecked by arsonists in Fais- ing secure environment to the Ahmadi graves were vandalised

These alarming statistics provide an insight into the wretched condition of Ahmadis in Pakistan, but yet Gen Munir doesn't consider it necessary to meet and reassure the beleaguered Ahmadiyya community!

The condition of Pakistan's minority Hindu community is no better. Abduction, forcible conversion and marriage of Hindu girls [often minors] has become Pakistan's new normal. In a news report carried by Dawn ['5,000 Hindus migrating to India every year, NA told', May, 13, 2014], Ramesh Kumar Vankwani, a Hindu member of the National assembly of Pakistan revealed that about 5,000 Hindus migrate annually from Pakistan to India due to fear of forced conversions.

Nearly 90 percent of the Hindus in Pakistan reside in Sindh province and in November 2016, a bill declaring forced conversion a punishable offence was passed by the Sindh Provincial Assembly. However, the Governor succumbed to objections from religious parties and pressure from fundamentalists and refused to ratify the bill into

Desecration and destruction of Hindu temples and religious sites also continues unabated. Since January 2020, at least 10 Hindu temples and shrines in Pakistan have been either destroyed or vandalised by mobs. Many incidents of desecration go unreported due to fear of retribution and refusal of the police to allow registration of

With a large section of Pakistan police harbouring communal hatred towards Hindus, has mentioned that "During brazen impunity as perpetrators this minority community has

the meeting matters of mutual of such hate crimes are seldom become an easy target for well as the army in Pakistan dacoits and criminals. In its has been indiscriminately using tweet of July 16, Human Rights religion as an expedient tool for Commission of Pakistan [HRPC] revealed that about 30 members of the Hindu community were to take root and spawned a host taken hostage by "organised criminal gangs" in the Kashmore and Ghotki districts of Sindh. Even a green horn will tell you thus created are completely that two and a half dozen people unreasonable and absolutely can't be abducted without active police connivance.

doesn't seem to stir Gen Munir's

Pakistan's largest minority community of Shia Muslims is also a hapless victim of faithdriven persecution and it is estimated that about 4,800 Shias lost their lives in sectarian violence between 2001 and 2018. The minority Sikh community too is extremely vulnerable to the abduction and forcible marriage of their womenfolk, and the men are often subjected to murderous attacks, but it seems that the Pakistan army chief apparently has no time for the Shias or Sikhs.

Returning to the question of why Gen Munir has been so miserly in reaching out to Pakistan's victimised religious minorities, there are two possibilities. One, due lack of meaningful steps taken by the powers that be for ending persecution of minority communities on the basis of religion, has created a major trust deficit between the establishment and these minority communities.

Convinced that such meetings are merely photo ops choreographed by ISPR, these marginalised minority communities avoid the same as it exploits and also mocks their poor plight. However, the counter to this assumption is that if GHQ seriously wants to hold such meetings, there's no way that the vulnerable communities can refuse to oblige. So, this argument is not convincing.

The second supposition is that Gen Munir is intentionally avoiding meeting delegations from other persecuted minoris fraught with the danger of antagonising the powerful radical lobby and fringe elements.

Both the political class as

allowed fundamentalist ideology of far-right Islamic extremist political and religious parties.

Though the Frankensteins intolerant, they have a huge following and as such their power Unfortunately, the miserable cannot be underestimated. So, members of the Ahmadiyya community will outrightly be deemed a sacrilegious act by these radicals.

Similarly, in Pakistan Hinduism is portrayed as an existential threat to Islam and hence, any attempt to apply a 'healing touch' to this community of 'Kafirs' [non-believers] is akin to sleeping with the enemy. Any attempts at reconciliation with the Shia community would be tantamount to betraying the majority community and hence not acceptable to the religious bigots who hold sway over the masses in Pakistan.

The communally instigated Jaranwala incident infuriated the West and occurred at a time when resumption of financial aid by the International Monetary Fund [IMF] had just recommenced after a prolonged hiatus. Needless to say, Pakistan could ill-afford bad blood with Western powers that fund and control IMF at this critical stage and hence it's quite likely that Gen Munir's decision of reaching out to the Christian community was an exercise in maintaining cordial international relations.

This also explains why Gen Munir's minority community outreach terminated with just a single meeting. Interacting with the Christian community delegation was an inescapable requirement to pacify the West. Conversely, while there's nothing much to gain by interacting with delegations of other minority communities, there's definitely a lot to lose-probably that's why the wily Gen Munir has wisely avoided any interacity communities since doing so tion with other minority community members!

All parties will be consulted on one nation, one election: Azad

SRINAGAR, OCT 2

Former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, who is a member of the highlevel committee formed to explore the feasibility of simultaneous polls, on Monday said all political parties will be consulted before a decision on 'one nation, one election' is cian, who was named for giving up rigidity to taken.

Azad told reporters here.

in the panel headed by pass the legislation in both "Only a preliminary former president Ram houses of the parliament. meeting has been held. It Nath Kovind, said, "It is was an introductory meet- also wrong to think that should have come 15 If there are no elections, ing. I do not think there is the committee will take to 20 years earlier... It any urgency in implement- a decision on its own. should have come even 30 ing it, as some people are Everyone's opinion will saying, because consulta- be sought." On the Wom- attempts like during the not only due but overdue, tions are to be held with en's Reservation Bill, the UPA, some of the constitunational parties, regional former J-K president and parties, recognised parties chairman of the Demo-.... Many people have to be cratic Progressive Azad ity. Now, at least there called (for consultation)," Party (DPAP) said the bill is unanimity, and it was ty but it has been a long has come 30 years late but passed in both Lok Sabha time since assembly polls The veteran politi- lauded the political parties and Rajya Sabha. The gov- were held," he said.

ties, which did not stick to their rigidity and supported the bill this time, deserve to be congratulated for it," he added.

On the "delay" in holding assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the former chief minister said polls were the essence of democracy and have to be held, even though these have been delayed.

"It is unthinkable that there will be no elections. there will be no democ-"And the elections are

especially the assembly elections. Parliament elections are held on time, there has been no difficul-

NC speeding towards meteoric success in kargil council election on Oct 4: Omar

SRINAGAR, OCT 2

Former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday claimed that the National Conference is speeding towards a meteoric success in the election to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) in looking at the upcoming Kargil on Wednesday.

The campaigning for the Kargil Council poll ended on Monday. There are 85 candidates in the fray, with 22 representing the Congress, 17 from the NC, 17 from the BJP, four from the AAP, and 24 Independent candidates.

The National Conference and Congress are in alliance and the two parties are trying to keep BJP out of the 30 member Council.

On Monday, Omar addressed various election meetings and rallies at Drass and other places during his

ridiculed the claims of the held or not. ruling dispensation on decimating the National Conference party from Ladakh.

"Contrary to the claims, a meteoric success in the LAHDC election," he said. "People of Kargil are not

council election as just general elections but the people here want to send a message to the entire country along with the local administration that what happened on August 5, 2019 was wrong, undemocratic, unconstitutional and not reflective of their aspirations," Omar

The former chief minister said in his speech that still being held on time in the laws in New Delhi, some- in Ladakh, Jammu. Now Kargil, but in Jammu and times four seats are being people want to reverse all

"Having a duly elected government & assembly is a distant thing, we were the NC is speeding towards and local body elections and were looking for candidates. They too are lost to view after the union home minister's meeting with the

> The reason why BJP is shying away from elections is due to its long dismissed him,"he added. public support in its so plains," he said.

local BJP leaders from J&K.

alleged that the administration in Ladakh was dancing to the tunes of BJP.

Omar said that in order to occupy the council in Kargil, the council elections are these people are changing thing is being outsourced Kashmir, no one knows kept for nominations, somethese actions with their when the elections will be times eight are specified and vote," he said.

daily tour of Kargil where he held, whether they will be sometimes something is being done, but no matter how hard these people try, they will be defeated.

"It will be faced because preparing for panchayat the people here are really not seeing this election as just a council election, the people here want to send a message not only to the administration but to the whole country that what happened on August 5, 2019, should not happen to

The former CM said that called stronghold Jammu he used to tell the people of Leh time and again that after The NC Vice President the removal of Article 370, Leh and Jammu will suffer the most and that is exactly what happened.

"Jobs, contracts and administration, every-

DC Doda leads Parvavaran Rally organised by Doda Forest Div



DODA, OCTOBER 2

A Paryavaran rally to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti 2023 was organized by the Department of Forest, Ecology, and Environment Doda (Doda Forest tant Commissioner Devel-Division) here today.

rally was to raise aware- tatives of different organiness about the importance zations and communities of environment conserva- participated in the rally. tion and to pay tribute to birth anniversary.

the Forest Division Office polythene drive at Lal and marched towards the Sports Stadium.

The participants carsave the environment and drive.

protect life. Vishesh Mahajan quoted the Doda FD along with Mahatma Gandhi's famous PRIs, locals and other quote, "You must be the departments.

Gandhi Jayanti

Health Department sensitises

people about leprosy on

Gandhi Jayanti at Ramban

change you wish to see in the world," while encouraging everyone to

play their part in creat-

ing a cleaner and greener

Divisional Forest Officer, Ravinder Singh, Assisopment Phulail Singh and The purpose of the forest officers, represen-

Meanwhile, the Forest Mahatma Gandhi on his department carried out cleanliness drive at Forest The rally started from Complex Doda and anti-Draman the famous tourist destination.

At Lal Draman, the ried banners and placards ceremonial plantation with slogans promoting of Chinar was also done. the use of eco-friendly The officials of different alternatives to plastic and wings of Forest, Ecology emphasizing the signifi- and Environment Departcance of planting trees to ment participated in the

Similar events were also Deputy Commissioner, conducted in all Ranges of

Modi led BJP regime brought miseries for people: Vikar Rasool

BJP will face humiliating defeat in elections: Bhalla

JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, OCTOBER 2

"It has come late. It

years earlier. The earlier

ent parties were against it.

"There was no unanim-

JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool wani today hit out at BJP government saying that it brought lot of miseries for the common man & each &every section during it's nine years rule and people are prepared to bring

change in next elections at

the centre and in Jammu

&Kashmir.

Addressing a large workers convention of Dist Congress Kathua today, JKPCC Chief raised volley of questions on the Modi Government's nine years rule, blaming it of major failures on various fronts half years. right from economic front poor people besides large

ployment. Bhalla and other senior leaders, he addressed a dent Pankaj Dogra which was attended by Th ,Naresh Sharma, Nirdosh Sharma & others local

years of non Congress caste census. governments out of which



his own, for about nine & years of BJP regimethe

He questioned why , farmers issues, maintaing there is large escalation & social harmony besides unchecked price rise, and vitiating political atmo- record unemployment,; sphere, weakening con-rich is getting richer, poor stitutional &democratic becoming poorer, the institutions, and failure to public assets being sold SC, ST, OBCs, women and body can ask questions.

Why the investors day long convention of money in LiC and SBI was DCC led by Dist presi- put to risk to extend benefits to Adani and why Prime Minister who used Manmohan Singh, Ved to claim to end corruption, Mahajan ExMLC, Shashi does not answer on the Sharma, Pawan Raina issue of 20,000cr invested through shell companies, he questioned,.

Mr Raman Bhalla said JKPCC Chief raised sev- why an atmosphere of fear eral questions about the being created and politics performance of the Modi of division being persued led BJP' government on for vote bank politics. He various fronts, as it has alleged that Prime minbeen in power for more ister remains mute over puts all blames on all the STs, OBCs, and minoriprevious regimes includ- ties and it is maintaining ing more than twenty silence on the issue of

He said during nine others

constitutional & democratic institutions were weakened, the opposition governments were pulled down, while there is political Vendetta against the opposition ,he added. Bhalla asked why

ensuring social Security to to Modi ji friends and no people of J&K are deprived of their right to have elec-Why the income of tions and elect the govscale inflation and unem- farmers has not doubled, ernment of the choice. It the promises made with was in 2014 last election Accompanied by JKPCC them including the MSP to assembly were held and working president Raman guarantee not imple- no body knows when next elections shall be held as BJP knows it will face humiliating defeat.

Prominent present on the occasion include Naresh Sharma, Rx-Chairman MC Kathua, Nirdosh Sharma, Yog Raj, Narinder Khajuria, Paramjit Singh, Ravinder Pail Singh, Tarsham Pal Saini, Subash Chander, SatPal Bhawani, Kulbushan Kumar, Vinay Kumar, Gurdev, Arun Metha, Sham Lal, Ramesh Kundal, Raman Thapa, Ravi Kumar, KV Jasrotia, Manvir Singh, Sanjay than nine years but still atrocities on women, SCs, Razadan, Meash Chander, Lokh Nan, Santosh Chand, Vipan Andotara, Yashpal Thakur Dass, Jaswant Singh, Kamaljit Singh and

U/19 Boys Divisional Level Kho-Kho tournament commences in Doda

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DODA, OCTOBER 2

The Divisional Level Kho-Kho tournament for U/19 boys was inaugurated today in the Sports Stadium at Doda.

The tournament was inaugurated by officials of the host district.

Teams from all districts of Jammu Division reported at sports sta-

The sports carnival at Doda is about to conclude taken before the start of tomorrow if the climatic matches. Rajouri beat conditions remain good.

it continued after weather In another match, Kathua Doda will be the other improved with the hectic beat Reasi by an inning two semi-finalists.



Kishtwar by an inning

dium Doda for participa- efforts of all the ground and 6 points. Due to late reporting of Ramban, Oath of fair play was Doda was adjudged as the

Udhampur and Kathua qualified for the semifi-Rain interrupted the and 10 points, whereas nals. Winners of Matchinaugural match between Udhampur beat Samba by es between Rajouri V/s Rajouri and Kishtwar, but an inning and 15 points. Jammu and Poonch V/s

Srinagar Municipal Corporation organises Mega Event at SK Park to Celebrate Gandhi Jayanti

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR OCTOBER 2

maintaining cleanliness (SMC) Tuesday organized a grand event at Sher-eoccasion of Gandhi Jay-

Chief Guest.

workers) for their relent- the City. less hard work and significant contribution towards for organizing the event ing conditions.

Kashmir(SK) Park on the for their tireless efforts in garbage-free Srinagar. keeping the Srinagar City

the Swachh Bharat Abhi- that served as a platform yan (Clean India Cam- to raise awareness about paign). The highlight of the importance of clean-To commemorate the the event was the proviliness and encourage 154th birth anniversary sion of health check-ups citizens to actively parof Mahatma Gandhi and for the Safai Mitras, ensurticipate in the Swachh recognize the invaluable ing their well-being and Bharat Abhiyan. He said efforts of the Safai Mitras emphasizing their impor- the programme is aimed (sanitation workers) in tance in the community. to inspire individuals During his address, the and communities to take in the City, the Srinagar Deputy Commissioner, responsibility for main-Municipal Corporation Srinagar expressed his taining a clean and green admiration and gratitude environment, ultimately towards the Safai Mitras striving for a Clean and

On the occasion, clean and clear of gar- Deputy Commissioner, The programme was bage. He recognized their presented certificates presided over by the unwavering commitment of recognition to the Deputy Commissioner and lauded their role as Safai Mitras as a token of (DC) Srinagar, Moham- unsung heroes in achiev- appreciation, acknowlmad Aijaz Asad as the ing the vision of a Clean edging their outstand-J&K. He further applauded ing contributions in the The event was held their dedication and per-cleanliness of the City and under the theme of severance, acknowledg- hygiene of the Citizens of "Swachhata Hi Seva" ing that their work has a Srinagar. The certificates aimed to acknowledge and direct impact on the over- symbolize the gratitude appreciate the dedicated all well-being and quality and admiration towards Safai Mitras(sanitation of life for the residents of these unsung heroes who diligently carry out their The DC lauded the SMC duties, often in challeng-

SWD Doda organises Inter-Panchayat sports events cum awareness programme

RAMBAN, OCTOBER 2

Department of Health, roundings. under the aegis of Chief

On the occasion, Medi-treatment of leprosy.

cal Superintendent District Hospital Ramban, Dr Vijender Trisha admin-To mark the Gandhi Jayan- istered a pledge to all ti, the Birth Anniversary the staff of the hospital of Father of the Nation, to maintain cleanliness Mahatma Gandhi Ji, the in and around their sur-

District Health Officer, Medical Officer Ramban, Surgeon, Dr. Yasir Arafat, Dr Kamal jee Zadoo, con- Physician, Dr Sayeed, ducted the Kusht Mukti PMA Dharma Pal Sharma, Abhiyan and took a pledge Para Medical Staff sensito maintain cleanliness in tized the patients and District Hospital Ramban their attendants about the symptoms, causes and

DODA, OCTOBER 2 Social Welfare Department Doda organized Inter-Panchayat, sports events cum awareness programmes on Maintenance and Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizens Act 2007, on the

> and Gandoh. These programmes were conducted on the direc-

occasion of Gandhi Jayanti

today at Doda, Bhaderwah

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tions of Commissioner ment, under the super- Qazi. Secretary to Government vision of District Social Social Welfare Depart- Welfare Officer Doda Tariq fare of Parents and Senior

Maintenance and Wel-

Citizens Act, 2007 is legislation, initiated by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India to provide more effective provision for maintenance and welfare of parents and senior citizens. It makes legal obligations for children and heirs to provide maintenance to senior citizens and parents by monthly allowance. It also provides simple, speedy and inexpensive mechanism for the protection of life and property of older persons.

Chief Wildlife Warden J&K inaugurates Wildlife Week 2023 JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, OCTOBER 2

Wildlife Week celebration, starting from 2nd October 2023, was inaugurated today faunal diversity of Jammu by Sarvesh Rai, Principal Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/ Chief Wildlife Warden at Wildlife Complex, Manda Jammu. The inaugural event was by parents along with their marked by an exhibition of more than hundred paintings acting with the students and drawn by students as part of parents, highlighted the crucial UT level painting competition organised by NGO "The Himalayan Avian" in collaboration ing awareness among public, with department of wildlife and active support of all secprotection. Painting competions of society in prevention of tition was organised on the Human Animal conflict.

theme of wildlife conservation across different landscape and ecosystem. Displayed paintings show-

cases the abundances of rich

& Kashmir and the vital role played by ecosystem in supporting such diverse fauna. The exhibition was visited

children's. Mr. Rai, while interrole played by children in wildlife conservation and spread-

Modi Govt works tirelessly to ensure equal opportunity to lead dignified life: Adv Purnima

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 2

Adv Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, reaffirmed the unwavering dedication of the Modi Government towards achieving social justice. She made these remarks public, Purnima Sharma Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan while interacting with emphasized the numer- Mantri Mudra Yojana people during the ongoing ous initiatives and poli- (PMMY), Jan Aushadhi "Basti Sampark Abhiyan," a campaign aimed at con- Modi Government that National Health Mission necting with marginalized have directly benefited (NHM), Pradhan Mantri sections of society and the underprivileged and Matru Vandana Yojana Narendra Modi. showcasing Prime Minis- weaker sections of society. (PMMVY), Post-Matric ter Narendra Modi's initia- She highlighted the gov- Scholarship for SC Stutives for their empower- ernment's relentless com- dents, National Scholarment, at Bawe Wali Gali, mitment to uplift the lives ship Portal (NSP), Digital Ward No 7 in Jammu East of those who have histori- India, Ujjwala Yojana, Constituency. She was cally been underserved Saubhagya Yojana, etc. accompanied with party and underrepresented. leaders Jaspal Singh, Purnima Sharma point- impacted the lives of less of their background, Vicky Mahajan, Rajesh ed out several welfare millions. She also under-Gupta and others visited schemes introduced by scored the efforts made by to lead a dignified life and beneficiaries of central the Modi Government, the government to bring contribute to the progress



got their feedback. During Awas Yojana (PMAY), her interaction with the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan cies implemented by the Yojana, Stand Up India,

sponsored schemes and such as Pradhan Mantri financial inclusion to the of the nation.

cial services easily. Additionally, she praised the government's initiatives promoting the empowerment of women, like the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign and the Maternity Benefit Programme.

Purnima Sharma expressed her gratitude to the people for their active participation in the "Basti Sampark Abhiyan" and their enthusiasm for the development initiatives led by Prime Minister The BJP spokesperson

emphasized that the gov-

masses, enabling them to

access banking and finan-

ernment at the Centre imprinted in the history of headed by PM Narendra Modi will continue to India. work tirelessly to ensure that every citizen, regardhas an equal opportunity

Congress commemorate Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri in Jammu

JAMMU, OCT 2

The Congress party gathered at the Gandhi Statue in Satwari Chowk, Jammu, to pay floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and commemorate Former Prime

Minister of India Late. Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri Ji on their birth anniversaries. PCC President Vikar Rasool Wani, Working President PCC Raman Bhalla, Yogesh Sawhney Former Minister J&K and other senior Congress leaders were present. The Congress leaders paid their respects with floral tributes and remembered the unsurpassed contributions of the leaders as

PCC President Vikar Rasool Wani addressed the gathering, saying, Gandhi Jayanti is and important day in that it serves as a reminder of the values that Mahatma Gandhi lived and died for. His message of non-violence, truth, and social justice is as relevant today as it was in his time. The Congress party strives



contributor to Indian polination Mahatma Gandhi in tics. He brought positive and necessary changes. in the upcoming electoral He led the country during opportunities. Bhalla also the Second India-Pakistan War. His philosophy of Jai Jawan Jai Kisaan guide sev- contributions to the nation eral of Congress party's initiatives and movements till India's Prime Minister in today. We remember both the formative years of the Gandhi Ji and Lal Bahadur country as an independent Shastri Ji with immense nation. His tenure as Prime Indu Pawar, Satish Sharma, reverence and gratitude Minister marked a period today on the ocassion of their birth anniversaries,

Working President PCC Raman Bhalla emphasized the need for unity and said, today, on Gandhi Jayanti, we should remember that Mahatma Gandhi's call for unity and harmony is President Jammu (Urban) Singh, Ajay Mehra, Sardar more critical than ever. All should work together, tran- and said that he saluted Monika Sharma, Prem scending dividing lines, to uphold these values and to build a stronger and Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Vijay Khajuria, Arvind work towards a more just more prosperous Jammu Bahadur Shastri ji on their Sharma, Omkar Singh, and equitable society. Lal and Kashmir. Congress birth anniversaries today. Bhupinder Kaur, Veena Bahadur Shastri Ji was the has committed to follow He said, their dedication to Devi, Suman Choudhary,

bringing positive change paid tribute to Lal Bahadur Shastri and recalled his as a freedom fighter and Raman Bhalla, Yogesh of significant change and progress for India. As a positions, including Minis- jan, Pritam Singh, Raspal ter of External Affairs and

Railways. ney, InCharge District also spoke to the people Lal, Tarshaim Sharma, the indomitable spirit of Sharma, Ashok Sharma,

pendence was unwavering. People today draw inspiration from their lives and choosing the path of truth, we must strive for a better future for our J&K. Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti serves as a reminder of the enduring legacies of great leaders, whose ideals continue to guide the nation towards progress and righteousness. Sawhney asserted on the reaffirmation of their commitment to upholding these timeless values.

Alongwith Vikar Rasool, Sawhney, Manmohan Singh, Kanta Bhan, TS Tony, Vijay Sharma Babbi, Pawan Dev Singh, Uttam Chib, Satpal Sapoliya, Dawarka Choudhary, Sandleader, he held various key eep Dogra, Bhanu Maha-Bhardwaj, Rakesh Sharma, Vijay Malhotra, Pardeep On the ocassion, Former Bhalla, Nageshwar Naray-Minister J&K Yogesh Sawh- an, Pardeep Bhagat, Ajay Lakotra, Sardar Parveen second Prime Minister of through the guiding phi- the cause of India's inde- and others were present.

'Basti Sampark Abhiyan'; PM Modi is elevating quality of life of SC, STs: Raman Suri

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JAMMU, OCT 2

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member, Raman Suri spearheaded a crucial meeting at Qasim Nagar, Ward No. 19 of Jammu East Assembly Constituency today, as part of the impactful 'Basti Sampark Abhiyan' campaign. He was joined by Kuldeep Kandhari General Secre-Manav Mahajan Vice President BJP District Jammu, Sanjay Mahey Spokesperson District Jammu, Rajesh Nischal Vice President Jammu East Mandal, Chaman Angral Mandal



lighting the list of benefi-

ing, emphasized the need Fund for Scheduled Castes President SC Morcha for outreach. He pointed has been set up to provide Jammu East, Swarn Singh out that substantial pro- concessional finance to SC BJP President Ward No. portions of beneficiaries entrepreneurs. 19, Harvinder Singh Sonu under key schemes like

Bastis to disseminate infor- crucial financial assistance mation about the myriad for higher education. He of schemes launched by also mentioned the estabtary BJP District Jammu, the central and state gov- lishment of the Scheduled ernments, while also high- Castes Development Corporation (SCDC), which is focused on encouraging Raman Suri, shedding self-employment and skill light on the essence of the development. Additionparty's vision in the meet- ally, the Venture Capital

which have positively

Shakti Kendra Parmukh, Kisan Samman Nidhi, Jal others visited more than can directly contact him. Local Residents Pinku, Jeevan, and PM Aawas 50 households, contacted He emphasized the Modi Uttam, Deepak, Toshi Devi belong to the SC, ST com- more than 100 people Government's commitmunities. He stressed the including children and ment to transparency and Inaugurated by Party vital role of BJP workers distributed notebooks, to improving the lives of Chief J P Nadda at Delhi, as bridges, ensuring that pencils and refreshment SC and ST communities. the campaign aims to facil- these welfare schemes among them all. Interact- Suri urged individuals itate a deeper engagement reach the most margin- ing with the residents of from these communities with these communities. alized sections of the Qasim Nagar Basti, Raman to assert their rights with During this initiative, the society. Suri highlighted Suri shared insights on confidence, knowing that BJP workers and leaders significant SC Welfare the establishment of the BJP leaders and workers will be visiting approxi- Schemes, including Dr National Scheduled Castes stand ready to support mately 75000 slums, 7500 Ambedkar Post-Matric Finance and Development them in uplifting every hostels, and various other Scholarship, which offers Corporation (NSFDC), pro- section of the society.

viding financial support for income-generating activities. The local population also acknowledged the impact of ST Welfare Schemes such as Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana, Tribal Sub Plan (TSP), and Eklavya Model Residential Schools.

Community members attested to the positive transformation brought about by these schemes, leading to an overall enhancement in the quality of life for tribal communities. They noted additional funding for infrastructure and developmental activities in tribal areas. Raman Suri assured

attendees that in case they

encounter any challenges in availing the benefits Raman Suri along with of these schemes, they

Education of Sanatan Dharma is important for building national, personal character: Col Mankotiya

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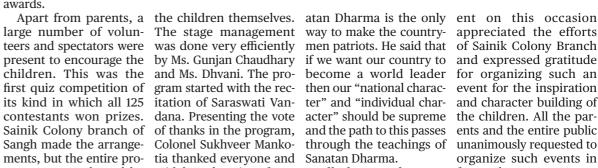
The first of its kind quiz was organized by the local branch of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh on Monday in Sainik Colony area of the city. More than 125 children from classes 1 to 12 participated in the competition. Retired Major General SK Sharma and Brigadier SS Saini were also specially present on this occasion. Both these former military officers also honoured the children by presenting them

gram was conducted by said that education of San-



All the people pres-

unanimously requested to organize such events in future also.



Dharam sansad will be held in Press Club Jammu on Oct 26: Rajesh Bittu

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A press conference was addressed by sadhu samai in Jammu over various important issues.

Speaking on the occasion Mahant Rajesh Bittu informed that Dharam sansad will be organized in Jammu on 26 october. Before this the dharam sansad was organized in RS Pura by in which many sadhu saints participated and various issues were addressed.And now this sansad will be organised in Press Club Jammu in which various issues of sadhu samaj will be discussed and what the central and ut government is doing for the sadhu samaj will also be discussed. Many sadhu sants will be coming from across the country to participate in this sansad.Mahant Rajesh Bittu said that before this sansad sadhu samaj will meet LG and discuss the kind of dharam sansad is arrangements and other organised to redress the of dharam sansad. things related to sansad. issues of sadhu samaj.He



not taken into confidence. Sant samaj, Land grabbing

the Pitr paksh a Samuhik tors.He appealed everyone to come forward and pay tributes to the martyrs and ancestors.

Present on the occasion Mahant Datt Giri ji Mahraj also briefed about boards but the sadhus are the sansad like issues of the occasion.

This will also be discussed. of temples, reopening of He said keeping in view temples in Kashmir and many more.Mahant Datt Pitr pujan will be held on 8 Giri ji mahraj said at the october to pay the tributes present time there are to the martyrs and ances- many temples and shops of temples that are illegally occupied sadhu samaj is trying to release the such grabbed temple property which will be discussed in this occasion.

Decisions will also be the dharam sansad .This taken in this sansad.He appealed all to be the part

Mohan Giri expressed Mahant ji said that govern- said that many important vote of thanks to all the ment make many religious issues will be discussed in sadhu samaj present on

TMF chairman greets on the eve of Gandhi Jyanti

Team Mask Force chair-

man vijay Sharma in a press

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release here this morning greeted countrymen on the eve of Birth anniversary of Bapu, the Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri.In his message vijay said the birth anniversary of the father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi is an occasion for all of us to rededicate ourselves to his teaching of Nonviolence, peace, truth tolerance, and communal harmony and work for the Nation building. Priya Bapu's lifelong mission was to transform the lives of people and rural India .His life and thoughts represent the eternal values of humanity, which are guiding different societies across the world. The significance of puja Bapu's ideas and ideals and his philosophy of Nonviolence and peace is relevant today as never before. On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti let's take a pledge to follow the path of peace, truth and Non violence and strife to remove social inequalities in our society

Basti Sampark Abhiyan to develop greater connect with backward communities: Vinay Gupta

JAMMU, OCT 2

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Senior leader and Seh Prabhari District Jammu North Vinay Gupta launches door-todoor campaign in Flain Mandal of Jammu North and connects through its impoverished populace has embarked on a mega outreach program called into direct connect with about the Modi govern- reach program, Vinay in 2024. ment's schemes, which Gupta remarked about governance.

Ram Mandal President is working day and night nities. SC Morcha, Panch Gharu for the poor ie Ujjwala



'Basti Samprak Abhiyan' and other partymen were Yojana, Pradhan Mantri for making an inroad present on the occasion. Awas Yojana, etc. A lot of During the Jan Chetna attachment to the Prime the general public. Vinay Abhiyaan also known Minister's party was seen Gupta stated that this out- as" Basti Sampark Abhi- among all the people, reach is aimed at educat- yaan" in connection with everywhere there was talk ing the SC community and the Seva Pakhwada fort of making Narendra Modi other segments of society night-long public out- the Prime Minister again

Vinay highlights that have been launched in the schemes given under more than 12 crore toilets the past nine years of good the dynamic and vibrant have been built, 40 perleadership of PM Modi. cent are for Scheduled Vinay Gupta was Vinay expressed while Caste community people. accompanied by Nihal addressing the general Many political party lead-Singh BJP Mandal Presi- public and counted many ers will give only speeches Lal BDC Chairman, Ishya and said that the pres-done that for Dalits and Deci Sarpanch, Tirth ent central government other backward commu-

Sukhdev Sharma Kissan Dhan Yojana, getting food party's vision and their most backward and down-Morcha Mandal Presi- grains during the Covid course of action regard-

dent, Pt Bharat Bhushan period, Ayushman Bharat ing the welfare schemes of the government. "Since 1951, our journey has only been dedicated to the country and society. He said the ideals that were laid down by Deendayal Upadhyaya were taken forward by PM Shri Modi in the name of "Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas", Vinay said. He also educates the local inhabitants that 'Kisan Samman Nidhi', 'Jal Jeevan' 'PM Aawas' 34 percent beneficiaries belong to the scheduled dent Flain Madal, Madan public-friendly schemes that we have done this, castes, Dalits, and Adivasis only. Vinay also appeals to BJP Karyakartas to act as bridges and ensure that Vinay also spoke about all the welfare schemes of Ram, Panch Girdhari Lal, Yojana for the poor, Jan the core idea behind the the government reach the trodden as well.

BJP leaders pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, Shastri at Bahu

JAMMU, OCT 2

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders led by senior functionary Rajeev Charak today paid rich tributes to father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister of the country Late Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth anniversa-

A program was orgathe birth anniversaries of Gandhiji played an impor- but all over the world. legend in Shivnagar and tant role in achieving inde-Rajeev Nagar of Bahu pendence for our country. said that to make farm-Assembly constituency in which the BJP leader impossible to face the show their importance, Rajeev Charak was mainly

Speaking on the occasion, BJP leader said that those freedom fighters and diers protect our borders, in India, we celebrate those warriors of the vil-keep the country safe and Gandhi Jayanti and the lage group who sacrificed farmers are ours. Provide birth anniversary of the their lives and established sustenance, hence this country's former Prime self-rule in the country. Minister Late Lal Bahadur Shastri every year on 2 ji's sympathy towards the

versary of Father of the This great man deserves family, he was brought up present.

JKPCC condoles

Smt. Kanta Devi

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British Empire without Lal Bahadur Shastri gave hence we cannot forget Kisan'. He said that sol-

Charak said that Gandhi- meaningful.

nized on the occasion of Nation Mahatma Gandhi. respect not only in India in an ordinary family and

BJP leader Rajiv Charak He said that it was ers self-reliant and to resorting to weapons; the slogan 'Jai Jawan-Jai announcement will be

poor, the oppressed and biggest characteristics On this day we cel- backward caste people of Shastri ji was that 'he ebrate the birth anni- was absolutely unique. was born in an ordinary and other dignitaries were

even when he reached an important post like the

Prime Minister of the country, he remained ordinary. Humility, simplicity and straightforwardness were a hallmark of his personality. On this occasion, Cap-

tain Motilal, Ajay Kumar Sharma, Mukhtiar Singh Deepak Kumar Vinod Kumar, Dr. Davinder Singh, Suraj Singh Rana, He said that one of the Ashok Kumar Vaid, Harish Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Sardar Harsh Deep Singh

Donating blood a significant service to society, mankind: Ritika

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ing blood during blood

Media Incharge and senior

understanding and aware-

Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee has deeply condoled the sad demise of Smt. Kanta Devi Wife of former Minister & Sr Congress leader Shri Mula Ram.

In a condolence message, JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani and other leaders of the party have expressed deep shock over passing away of Smt. Kanta Devi.

The leadership and entire rank & file of the party conveyed heartfelt condolences to the family and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Those who condoled the sad demise include S/Shri Ghulam Ahmed Mir, Raman Bhalla, Tara Chand, Ravinder Sharma, Rajnesh Sharma, Yogesh Sawhney, Smt. Kanta Bhan, Smt. Indu Pawar, Th. Balwan Singh, Th. Manmohan Singh, Vinod Sharma, Ashok Dogra, Krishan Chand Bhagat, Pranav Shagotra, Shameema Raina, Hari Singh Chib, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Ved Mahajan, Pawan Raina, Thomas Khokhar, Shashi Sharma, Satish Sharma, Dr. Karan Bhagat, Rajveer Singh, Udhey Bhanu Chib, Namrata Sharma, T S Tony, Narinder Gupta, Narinder Sharma, Sanjeev Sharma, Rajni Bala, Harvinder Mehta, Kapil Chib, Santosh Manhas, Santosh Majotra and others.



donation camp at Gandhi anemia and Thalassemia every 90 days (3 months)." Nagar Govt Hospital orga- patients, require blood nized by management of frequently. In every two Amar Ujala. Councillor seconds, someone in India Rahul Kumar Ward 20, needs blood and one out the contrary, people have Ward President Satbir of every three of us will to understand that before Singh, District Executive need blood in our lifetime, donating blood, a blood Member Sandeep Gupta she stated.

BJP member Vijay Verma logical advancements, donate blood before 3 also accompanied Ritika there remains no alterna- months, blood donation to blood donation camp. tive to blood and 1 unit of is very important. Accentuating the blood can save as many as Mahotsav, Ritika said, "In aims to increase aware-India, the demand for ness regarding regular average, 14.6 million blood ensure that blood or its is needed every year and components are available, there is always a shortage accessible, affordable and

of 1 million. Besides lack of safe. Debunking myths surness, several myths and rounding blood donation, facts are associated with a Ritika stated that "Blood be discouraging healthy weakness, this is a misconblood donors. Patients like litres of blood in their body surrounded by these Cancer patients, Sickle cell and can donate blood myths."

Body can recover blood very quickly. No weakness comes from this, on checkup is done before "Despite the techno- that, and you cannot

Emphasizing on the importance of blood dona- three lives', Ritika noted. fact that we need to create tion and Raktdaan Amrit Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav awareness about blood donation, Ritika said, "We should understand and blood transfusion arises non-remunerated volunteach our future generafor every 2 seconds. On an tary blood donations and tion about the importance of blood donation and organ donation. She also appealed to the people of the world to donate blood. She also mentioned that we need to spread awareness about debunking the blood donation that could donation doesn't cause blood donation myths in rural areas, as people in people from turning into ception. A person has 5-6 rural areas are still more

Modi Govt schemes benefited weaker sections in last nine years: Neelam Langeh

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Neelam Langeh, State President Scheduled Caste Morcha, BJP, J&K, and former Legislator, on Monday intensified the ongoing Basti Sampark Abhiyan at Ban Sultan area of Miran Sahib Mandal of RS Pura.

On the occasion, District President Scheduled Dogra, Rakesh Kumar the past nine years. Caste Morcha of District Baba were present. Jammu South, Umesh



After interacting with Langeh conducted door people, he observed that Kumar Gabbar, District to door campaign and how these schemes have General Secretary Mano- interacted with the local positively impacted the har Lal, District Vice Pres- residents and shed light lives of the weaker secident Parveen Kumari, on the numerous welfare tions of society, bringing ensuring a more equitable Vijay Krishna Dogra and schemes initiated by the transformative changes. and prosperous future for Mandal President Ramesh Modi Government over He highlighted that almost all.

every household in his constituency is benefiting from central-sponsored schemes, a testament to the government's commitment to inclusive development. He expressed the widespread contentment and satisfaction among the people with the work of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He noted that the Modi Government's direct benefits through centrally sponsored schemes have significantly improved the quality of life for the weaker sections of society,

'BJP-EC conniving to deny democratic rights to J&K people'

Hold elections in J&K in consonance with assurance given in SC: Harsh Dev

JI NEWS SERVICE

Accusing the Election Commission of scuttling the election process initiated for Local Bodies polls in J&K at the behest of BJP, a strong contingent of JKNPP led by its State President and former Minister Mr. Harsh Dev Singh held a massive protest outside Nirvachan Bhawan in Jammu today. The protesters raised the slogans of 'BJP-EC Gathbandhan Hai Hai', 'Loktantra Ke Qatil Murdabaad', 'T.N Seshan Amar Rahein' demanding immediate conduct of Municipal elections as per the original schedule. They further sought immediate holding of Assembly polls in J&K which have been denied to erstwhile ue its proxy rule in the UT.

and allied matters in the died a quite death after



stitution Bench of the Apex the said proposal", said Court had questioned the Harsh. He further maingovt over the denial of tained that the govt had installation of local self electoral democracy to taken a stand through its the people of J&K. And the Attorney in the Supreme uninterrupted flow of Cen-BJP govt had categorically Court that it was all prestated that the process for pared for the Assembly Municipal elections had elections also and that the said elections only to already been set in motion the final call would be please a particular politiand that they were going taken by Election Com- cal party would be the bigto be held shortly. "And mission. It was shocking to ensure the implemenhowever that despite an State for the last five years tation of its assurance to unambiguous statement only to allow BJP to contin- SC, the State election body made before the Supreme had issued the process and Speaking on the occa- announced the reserva- again being evaded only to sion, Mr. Harsh Dev tion chart also for all the address the political con-Singh said that during the wards of the UT. But the cerns of the ruling party, recent hearing on Art 370 said process seems to have anguished Harsh added.

Court, the elections were Urging upon the EC to

proceed with its original schedule for timely Municipal Elections, Mr. Singh said that any postponement of the said elections would not only amount to contempt of Supreme Court but also erode the left over credibility of the top Election Body of the country. He said that EC had already invited objections in respect of reservation roaster and the J&K govt including its helmsmen and LG had also repeatedly announced govt on time so as to avail tral funds. "As such any further postponement of gest insult to democracy, rule of Law and the Constitution", asserted Harsh.

Prominent among those who were present in the protest included Paramjeet Singh Marshall(Vice President JKNPP), Karan Singh, Gurjeet Singh besides others.

Kundal corners BJP over 'delay' in holding elections in J&K

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RAMGARH, OCT 2

Demanding the BJP to set a deadline for holding urban local body, panchayat and assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, former minister Jammu and Kashmir and senior Congress leader Yashpal Kundal alleged that the saffron party is running away from the democratic exercise because He is afraid of losing. Addressing a public meeting under Ramgarh assembly, Kundal said that for how long will people be deprived of elections to urban local bodies, panchayats and assembe held next year.



over the "delay" in hold- has surrendered before ing assembly elections, the BJP. He claimed that Kundal said the BJP party in the last five years, the talks about "claims of Mis- Election Commission has sion 50 Plus" but despite been delaying the electhis it has deliberately tions for one reason or the stayed away from the exer- other only on the instrucbly? Kundal said, the only cise for the last five years. tions of the BJP. Kundal reason for delay in hold- Kundal said that in the last said that BJP knows that ing elections is that BJP is five years, BJP has killed its policies are wrong. For afraid of defeat and it will democracy in Jammu and this reason it is not poshave a negative impact on Kashmir and that is why sible for them to win the the Lok Sabha elections to people are protesting on elections. Therefore, she the streets for their rights. is using strategies to con-Attacking the BJP The Election Commission tinue her rule.

Swach Bharat Abhiyan make strides in J&K: Dilbahadur

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Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the nationwide cleanliness campaign initiated by the Government of India, has been making significant strides in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, said Er. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal and Er T.K. Sharma State BJP Convenor and Co convenor of Swachh Bharat Mission while speaking at the cleanliness drive initiated in Ghrota and Agore in Mandal Amb Ghrota and Mathwar in Nagrota Assembly constituency along with the local party functionaries and general public under the on-going Swachhta Pakhwara " Swachhta Hi Sewa Hai'.

The Bicycle For Change Club organizes Cycle Rally from Sports Stadium in Kathua

KATHUA, OCT 2

The Bicycle For Change Club marked the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri with a Cycle Rally that commenced at the Sports Stadium in Kathua and culminated at the bustling Main Bazar Kathua. The event garnered the enthusiastic participation of over 450 Cyclist esteemed citizens of the community, and cycling enthusiasts from the Pathankot Riders Club.

The central theme of Officer. Special guests the event, "Say No to Single strongly with the participants and spectators alike. The rally served as a platplastic pollution and the reliance on single-use plastics.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our generous sponsors, including Satyam Cements and TMT Saria, Radio Nation, Kawa



representing the District The rally passed throgh nity. By coming together Administration and serv- Police line road, college to celebrate the legacies ing as the Chief Planning Road, Saheedi Chowk Jrai of Mahatma Gandhi and included the SHO Kathua Bazar Kathua, where par- advocating for a plastic-Use Plastic," resonated Sudhir, the President ticipants and spectators free future, we take a of the JK Pvt School Association, Mr Satpaul about the importance cleaner, greener, and more Mansotra, Er. Naresh of sustainable living and sustainable tomorrow. In form to raise awareness Kumar, and members of reducing plastic waste. this program president about the critical issue of the Pathankot Riders Club, Chief guest appreciatted of the club Sunil Sharma who added their support the step taken by club and urgent need to stop our and encouragement to the assured every support by for making the event rally. As participants pedaled through the heart of kathua.on the other side President Cdr. Amit Kha-Kathua, they were greeted Sho Kathua aware about juria, Secretary Maninder with enthusiastic cheers the hazards of Polythene. Paul Singh, Add. General from onlookers who had The Rotary Club Kathua Secretary Deep Sharma, gathered to witness this generously sponsored Sachin Sharma executive inspiring event. The "Say refreshments, providing member. narinder Raina, Reading Club, and Black No to Single Use Plastic" a delightful conclusion to Rahul Kad, Shubham Pepper, whose support message was effectively the event. The Bicycle For Sharma, Tony, Arun salomade this event possible. conveyed through ban- Change Club believes that tra, Mitual Mahajan, and The event commenced ners, placards, and ecothis cycle rally has suctinary others were present. with the flag-off by Chief friendly decorations that cessfully ignited a spark

Chowk concluded at Main Lal Bahadur Shastri and engaged in discussions significant step towards a the District adminstration grand success. Sr vice

presented vote of thanks

NSS units GCW Parade Ground, Jammu organizes series of cleanliness activities

JAMMU, OCT 2

NSS Units of the college organised cleanliness drives from 29th September to 1st October under the banner "Swachhta Hi Sewa", proposed by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India under the supervision of principal of the College NSS Volunteers of Units 1 took a Swachhta Pledge



campaign for maintain- "Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta, Front.

Dr S. P. Sarswat. Almost ing the cleanliness. The Ek Saath Shramdhaan' 50 NSS Volunteers partici- volunteers also cleaned Two localities were identipated in the Cleanliness the adjoining park of the fied to spread awareness drives. On 29th Septem- area and streets thereof. and dedicate one hour of ber, an extensive cleanli- The three-day program Cleanliness. Almost 100 ness drive was conducted culminated today on 1st participants including the by NSS Unit 1 of the col- October where NSS Volun- staff members, NSS Volunlege inside the institution teers of all the units and teers of all the units, NSS where SUP was separated faculty members along Programme Officers, and from the other waste mate- with the Principal of the Principal of the College visrials. On 30th September, College Dr S. P. Sarswat ited nearby Parade Mandi wherein Volunteers along and 3 visited the adopted to commit themselves to with the faculty members Villages of Belicharana and the cause of maintaining carried out a cleanliness Rakh Raipur Satwari along cleanliness and spread- drive. After that NSS Volwith their Programme Offi- ing awareness regarding unteers along with the faccers, Dr Gurpreet Kour that in the surroundings. ulty members carried out and Dr Mohd Majeed and The program was envi- cleanliness related activicarried out an awareness sioned under the title ties at Gujjar Nagar Tawi

RS Pura farmers resent over losses due to unavailability of proper rice seeds

JI NEWS SERVICE R.S PURA, OCT 2

Farmers of Gandali Kool Kalan village in the R.S Pura are facing significant losses due to the unavailability of proper rice seeds. Expressing their anger against the VNR Company, which supplies rice seeds, the village farmers have demanded swift compensation against the company failing which they would be forced to come on streets.

Sarpanch Gurdeep Singh, along with farmers Harjinder Singh, Harjeet Singh, Hardeep Singh, provided by the com- he said. pany with the assurance



Jujhar Singh, and Sarvjeet has gone in vain, and test on the streets but also Singh, among others, many farmers in the vilrevealed that the farmers lage have invested heavily had planted 2355 seeds in cultivating their fields,

The Sarpanch emphafarmers. Their hard work farmers will not only pro- their expenses.

pursue legal actions, he warned.

Sarpanch Gurdeep Singh appealed to the Lt Governor to intervene in that these were high-yield sized that the company this matter and give nechybrid seeds. Contrary to bears full responsibility essary directions to the the company's claims, the for this situation and must authorities concerned to crop has matured, but the take immediate steps to take adequate steps and grains haven't developed compensate the affected provide relief to the farmas expected, resulting in farmers. If this issue isn't ers so they can prepare for significant losses for the resolved promptly, the the next crop and recover

NSS GDC Kathua organizes online symposium on Mahatama Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri Jyanti

JAMMU, OCT 2

On the occasion of "Mahatama Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jyanti, NSS units of Degree college Kathua organized an online symposium. The theme of the symposium was "Life and contribution of Mahatama Gandhi Ji and Lal Bahadur Shastri Ji in the Indian freedom struggle movement." More than twenty NSS Volunteers participated as speaker in the symposium.The program was started with formal welcome address by Senior most NSS Prog officer Prof Manmohan Singh.He also delivered a very informative and valuable lecture on the life and contribu- other volunteers apprised Ji and Lal Bahadur Shasstarted. The participated Indo Pak War and rest ties. volunteers who shared of his tenure during his their views on this occaprime ministership .They sion were Kirti Salaria, also focussed on impor-Iqra Kouser, Meenakshi tance of the slogans of of the programme was Devi, Keshav Sambyal, Jai Jawan Jai Kissan given conducted by Dr Suresh



obedience Movement and Quit India Movement.The NandaniJasrotia, Sneha by Lal Bahadur Shastri Sharma, Ritu Jasrotia, Ji during his tenure. On

Movement, Non-Cooper- Lal Bahadur Shastri Ji and ation Movement, Civil Dis- follow their footsteps to promote the patriotism, culture and diversity of India to everyone.She tion of Mahatama Gandhi the audience the states- also appreciated the manship qualities of Our efforts of NSS volunteers tri Ji before the proceed- second Prime Minster Lal to expressing their views ings of the symposium Bahadur Shastri Ji during on these great personali-

Programme was concluded with vote of thanks. The proceedings Sharma NSS Prog officer.

The event was organ-Nikita Sharma, Natasha this occasion Prof Neha ised under the patronage Mehra ,Tannu Bhagat etc. Bandral NSS Prog Officer of Principal Prof Seema Volunteers while express- also expressed her views Mir and supervised by ing their views focussed . In her address, she NSS Program officers on Gandhi Ji's freedom appealed the volunteers Prof Manmohan Singh, struggle movements like to go through the life of Prof Neha Bandral and Champaran Satyagraha Mahatama Gandhi ji and Dr Suresh Sharma.

Godrej Group and Mumbai First unveil SohrabPirojsha Godrej Environment Award to Honor Environmental Excellence

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 2

Godrej Group, in partnership with Mumbai First, Award, an initiative dedihave demonstrated exceptional excellence in the field Mumbai. This prestigious award serves as a tribute to Mr. S.P. Godrej's pioneering work in environmental protection and commemorates his enduring legacy by inspiring the next generation of environmental champions.The Sohrab-Pirojsha Godrej Environment Award has a set of pivotal objectives. It aims to not only recognize the pioneers who have spearheaded sustainable environmental projects within the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, but also seeks to

Mula Ram

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Bhagat bereaved

Congress Committee has

deeply condoled the sad

demise of Smt. Kanta Devi

Wife of Former Minister &

Senior Congress Leader

President JKPCC Shri

Vikar Rasool Wani and

all Senior leaders of the

party have condoled the

sad demise of Smt. Kanta

Devi and conveyed their

condolences to Shri Mula

Ram Bhagat and other

family members. He

described Kanta Devi a

pious and kind lady who

remained socially active

throughout her life. PCC

Chief conveyed heartfelt

condolences on behalf of

the rank and file of the

All other senior lead-

ers of the party included

Former PCC President &

Member CWC Shri G.A.

Mir, Shri Raman Bhalla

(Working President PCC),

Sh. Tara Chand (Ex-Dy

CM), Shri Yogesh Sawh-

ney, Ravinder Sharma, Th.

Balwan Singh, T.S. Bajwa,

Smt. Kanta Bhan, Smt.

Gurbachan Kumari Rana,

Rajnish Sharma, Th.

Manmohan Singh, Vinod

Sharma, Th. Balbir Singh,

Shabir Ahmed Khan, Ch.

Shah Mohammad, Ved

Mahajan, Hari Singh Chib,

K.C. Bhagat, Pankaj

Dogra, Sanjeev Sharma,

Kapil Singh, Pranav Shago-

tra, Pawan Raina, Shashi

Sharma, Narinder Gupta,

Narinder Sharma, Ash-

wani Puri, Sajeev Panda,

Neeraj Gupta, Thomas

Khokhar, Manjeet Singh

Jatt, Satish Sharma, Shiv

Kumar Sharma, Vijay

Sharma, Karan Bhagat, S.

Gurdarshan Singh, H.S.

Mehta, Suresh Dogra,

Rajveer Singh, Rajinder

Singh Nathu, Jatin Raina,

Ricky Dalotra, Com. Gur-

meet singh, Michael Wazir,

Camres David Babloo, and

others have expressed

deep shock and conveyed

their heartfelt condolenc-

Former PCC Presidents

Prof. Saifuddian Soz and

Peerzada Mohd Sayeed,

Shri Amrit Malhotra (Ex-

Chairman Legislative

Council), S. Gurmukh

Singh (Ex-Dy Chair-

man Legislative Council)

also deeply condoled

the death of Smt.Kanta

Devi and conveyed their

heartfelt condolence to

the bereaved family and

prayed for peace to the

departed soul in heaven.

es to bereaved family.

Amolak Singh,

Shri Mula Ram Bhagat.

disseminate best practices these Environment Cham- importance environmental to ignite and motivate the pions,' drawing inspira- protection as a key to our adoption of environmentally responsible actions. efforts as we strive to create awards created in his name It also aspiresto honor today, announced the impactful efforts in crucial launch of the SohrabPiro- areas such as preservation, jsha Godrej Environment pollution control, and conservation. Nadir Godrej, cated to recognizing and Chairman and Managing honoring individuals who Director of Godrej Industries, stated, "At Godrej, we are deeply committed of environment and sus- to protecting our environtainability, with a focus on ment, because we understand it's not just a choice but a responsibility we all share. The SohrabPirojsha Godrej Environment Award carries a special meaning for us. It is a symbol of our continuing dedication to people, the planet, alongside profit and a tribute to legendry SP Godrej who was a great environmentalist. It would be a privilege for us to celebrate and Environment Award, To learn more about the stand beside the incredible individuals and organiza- timeless inspirator well ination form, please visit tions who work tirelessly to ahead of his time. He lives our website at https://spgoprotect our environment. on even today with his eter- drejevironmentawards.

generations." The evaluation criteria tions to come."

for the SohrabPirojsha Godrej Environment Award such as impact, leaderthe environment causes. advocacy efforts, scalabilibased approach.

Mashelkar, FRS, Former rate this giant of a human Chairman of National Innovation Foundation and Former Director-General of CSIR, and jury member of the SohrabPirojsha Godrej until September 30, 2023. stated, "S P Godrej was a Together, let's support nal message of the critical com/

tion from their remarkable sustainable future. The a better world for future for championing this noble cause will inspire genera-

Roger C. B. Pereira, Vice Chairman of Mumbai encompass key aspects First, commented, "Mr. S. P. Godrej was a man born ship, and commitment to much before his time! He devoted his entire life, It also takes into account giving of his Time, Money community engagement, & Talents, unstintingly to innovative approaches, the cause of the Environment, literally 24x7. I feel ty of initiatives, educational really fulfilled that Nadir outreach, and a science- Godrej has whole heartedly supported Mumbai First in Raghunath its endeavor to commemobeing."

The SohrabPirojsha Godrej Environment Awardis open for nominations award and access the nom-

84 Bn CRPF holds mass cleanliness drive at Chanderkote, Batote

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Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh

Under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission and to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's Jayantit, 84 Battalion of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) organized mass cleanliness campaign at Chanderkote and Batote area of Ramban

The drive was led by N Ranbir Singh Commandant, A K Dixit Second in Command and more than 100 Officers, Subordinate Officers and Other Ranks participated in the drive.

With the theme of 'Garbage Free India', the drive was conducted at three locations at Chanderkote, Batote area, astride NH collecting garbage and smooth passage of Secu- corner of the country.



polybags, etc.

More than 200 participants of 84 Bn CRPF, District Police Ramban, School children, local civilians took part in the cleanliness campaign.

84 Bn CRPF has been

2009, with its Battalion to work towards a clean Headquarters established at Chatha Jammu and its Companies are deployed ties through a janandolan, in Ramban and Udhampur Districts and performing operationally very sensi-44 and surrounding area tive Road Opening Parties business" should be proof Jamia Masjid Chand- duty on NH 44. The bat- moted and nurtured and erkote, by cutting grass, talion has been ensuring spread to the nook and

rity Forces convoys and other vehicles in Udhampur and Ramban Districts of J&K.

During the drive, while interacting with the participants, Commandant 84 Bn highlighted that all the deployed in J&K since citizens must join hands, and green India, by undertaking shramdaan activiwith community participation. The concept of "Sanitation as everyone's

Modi Govt going full-throttle to ensure J&K's all round devp: Kavinder Kick-start devp work

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The BJP Government led by PM Narendra Modi is going full throttle to achieve the mission of J&K's all round development with no room left for any kind of prejudice.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta after the launch of work of renovation and face lifting of in the party which ear- with people of the area the pond here at Chhani Himmat with an estimated cost of Rs 2.5 crore.

Rajkumar Tarkhan, former Chairman JMC and Corporator Ward No.51 Channi Himmat also accompanied the former deputy Chief Minister with more confidence and during the inauguration added pace. of the aforesaid development work.

Kavinder said unlike NC, PDP and Congress parties which seek mandate using divisive tactics, the BJP has taken the 'development route' to become popular among the masses. "It has set the goal of serving the society without distinction and discrimination of region, religion or linguistic contours. This is the reason ethnic groups have started choice of all. showing undaunted faith



should give overwhelmthat party continues with the development spree

Kavinder said the momentum of development process in the UT of Article 370 is unprecedented and the same is continuing unabated giving shape to aspirations of the people in an extraordinary manner", guts to emulate the prec-

Later, he interacted Dinesh Malhotra

nestly believe in Sabka and listened to their issues Saath Sabka Vishwas", he related to civic amenities. said, adding that people He assured them that their issues will be redressed in ing support to BJP in the a shortest possible time by upcoming polls to ensure taking the same with the authorities concerned.

Prominent among those who were present include Jeewan Singh Charak, Surinder Singh Charak, Arun Gupta, Deepak Kumar, Multan of J&K after abrogation Singh, Arun Dutta, Pawan Kumar, Vikas Mahajan, Sameer Majumdar, Radhey Sham, Ramakant, Aditya Manhas, Rajesh Gupta, Anil Gupta, Anil Malhotra, Arun, Gulzar he said, adding that no Singh Charak, Vikram other party has will and Singh, Prof. Veena, Sanjay Sharma, Ajay Kapoor, edent set by the BJP in Pawan Sharma, Mukesh, ensuring development Konik Jain, Manjeet that people of all hues and making the party the first Singh, K. L. Basson, Mirza Bhagat, Vimal Sharma and

Aakash BYJU'S **Launches PrimeClass** in Shaheen Public Sr. Sec School, Faridabad, Doda, Jammu

Aakash BYJU'S, India's

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leader in test preparatory services, has introduced PrimeClass, a new age satellite-based technology school integrated program designed to provide higherorder subject matter exposure to students. The sessions will be conducted by national level faculty using new age satellite mode. The program aims to impart an integrated learning honing board and competition preparation for JEE & NEET. The program will be delivered using state-ofthe-art, two-way interactive VSAT technology offering the added advantage of review and revision.The programme was initiated at the Shaheen Public Sr. Sec School, Faridabad, Doda, Iammu. Highly qualified and experienced Aakash BYJU'S

faculty will deliver live lessons utilizing new age satellite technology, providing a physical classroom experience. The course is designed for the students of Class 11 & 12 preparing for boards, JEE (main & advanced) & NEET. The course will also offer motivational and infotainment sessions, smart assessment systems providing holistic learning solutions for students to better their preparation skills. Furthermore, state-of-the-art technology will ensure an uninterrupted learning experience with no dependence on the internet with seamless transmission of high-quality data. Students will enjoy both peer to peer learning accompanied with online testing. To add value, school faculties will also participate as coordinators to enhance subject matter expertise. Extensive curriculum is created focusing on competition exams and high-quality study material will be provided keeping in sync syllabus of Class XI while covering subjects like Physics, Chemistry and MathematicsSome advantages of the new initiative are: State-of-the-art Technology to ensure uninterrupted learning. Seamless transmission

of High-Quality data. 2- Way

LIVE Interaction with mini-

mum lag. NO dependence on the Internet. National Level Benchmarking in each class. Students can enjoy the benefits of both peer-to-peer learning (Inclass learning) and Online Testing. School Faculty participation (as coordinator) to enhance subject matter. expertise. Affordable iTutor-Facility along with latest Study Material and All India Test Series. Extensive curriculum will be created focusing on CBSE syllabus. High-quality study material will be provided keeping in sync syllabus of Class XI & XII while covering subjects like Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology and Mathematics. Highly engaging test papers curated by Aakash+BYJU'S faculties.Commenting on the launch of PrimeClass in Doda, Jammu Mr Praveen Kumar, Director, Aakash BYJU'S Edu TV and Prime Class said, "With our 'students first' approach, we are always committed to bring the best quality mentoring and study materials for our students to assist them in their preparation for competitive examinations. Using advanced technology support, we have put together relevant programs, in-depth performance analysis, rigorous practice sessions, high quality study material to help students achieve their dream career with focused concentration and accurate time management."

Two-day volleyball tournament ends at Chakal village of Basantgarh Tehsil

UDHAMPUR, OCT 2

A two-day volleyball tournament was organized in Chakal village of Basantgarh, a remote tehsil of district Udhampur, which provided an opportunity to the youth to become drug-free and showcase their talent. And the volleyball tournament ended with enthusiasm and enthusiasm in the final match. Happened.

Twenty-five teams participated in this volleyball tournament, including Lohi Malhar, Nathi, Jakhed, nament final, Ramnagar dar Basantgarh Karanjeet Basantgarh and many other teams. And through between Ramnagar Volcultural dance program, local artists displayed leyball Team by 2-0. their talent and attracted



the volleyball tournament successful.

Club won the final match Singh, Sarpanch Shanto leyball Club and Lathi Vol-

This two-day volleythe youth towards becom- ball tournament not only Singh, Shel Singh and a showcased excellent large number of villagers Rakesh Kumar and sportsmanship but also were present.

Rasal played highlighted the spirit of important roles in making unity and cooperation within the community.

of the said nallah has not been taken up for years as a result of this the nallah is full with silt and garbage and has become a On this occasion, the health hazard for the gen-In the volleyball tour- chief guest was Tehsileral public.Sharma also said that political leaders remains indulged in Devi, Advocate Pawan Dev political rhetoric instead Singh, Pushpinder Singh, of actually working on the ground. These leaders he Advocate Anoop Singh, Rakesh Singh, Vicky Dalip said were merely interested in photo sessions and did nothing for the cleanliness of Nallahs and solving other problems of the people. Sharma said that concerned authorities

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Bharat Sharma, Senior

Leader, BJP Jammu &

Kashmir leads 'Basti

Sampark Abhiyan', here

today and visit Deeli,

Ward No. 55 along with

Ajay Pargal BJP Jammu &

Kashmir President's Office Incharge, Adv. Ishant

Gupta, State IT Head,

BJP J&K, Jatinder Slathia

(Monu Slathai) District

President BJYM Jammu

Bharat Sharma along

with other BJP Leaders

leads door-to-door cam-

paign, reaching out to

local residents and inter-

act with people of all age

groups, including women

and youth.

South, Raju and others.

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the first monsoon showers lead to flooding. The solid waste department should undertake prework every year. In case of soon showers, most resiproperty due to flooding. a year for which a budgetfailed to ensure pre-mon-nallah-cleaning work does made in budget estimate,

Bharat Sharma leads 'Basti Sampark

Abhiyan' in Deeli ward-55

Narinder starts cleaning of Nallah with

contribution of locals in RS Pura

He claimed that the work soon sets in as the entire is delayed every year and process begins late. The public representatives have to face the ire of people affected by flooding due to unclean nallahs. monsoon nallah cleaning The civic administration should also study the pre-monsoon or first mon- water logging spots and find reasons for water logdents living in low-lying ging. It is also necessary areas have to suffer loss of to clean the drains twice Sharma further said, "The ary provision needs to be soon nallah cleaning work. not end even after mon- added Sharma."

Learn modern education, deeni taleem alike: Khatana



BJP MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana urged the youth to work hard to clean their surroundings learn the modern educa- on the call of PM Modi. tion and deeni taleem too. have not benefitted during the modern world.

last 70 years. versary of Mahatama for minorities. Gandhi organized by the transformed the whole Master Saleem, thinking about the ideals of Mahatama Gandhi and panch, Bashir Ahmed, Ch has turned his dreams Puttu Chairman, Yousaf into action. Earlier Octo- Parray.

ber 2 was just a holiday, now it's a true tribute Swachannjali to Mahatama Gandhi when whole nation is galvanized to

MP Gulam Ali said that He said that Prime Minish he was very happy to ter narendra Modi's slogan come to Markaz Al-Marif of Ek Haath Mein Koran, and interact with students Ek Haath Mein Computer" and their teachers who is aimed at bettering the are combing science and lot of Muslim community religious teachings togethespecially pasmanda and er to teach young students backward classes who and become a success in

District president Addressing a mas- Jammu South, BJP Rekha sive gathering at Mada- Mahajan also spoke on the rassa markaz Al-Marif at occasion and shed light on Bathandi here today to various schemes initiated celebrate the birth anni- by the Modi government

Prominent among locals, Er. Gulam Ali Khat- others present were ana said that PM Modi has Master Rashid Principal,

Magbool Naib Sar-

Shiv Sena Hindustan frames new unit in District Udhampur



JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, OCT 2

Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri were made vice Presidents nefarious designs. , Imtiaz Hussain was made District General Secretary, drugs are being pumped

with the people for the on the occasion.

things that people need. We will have to curve the increasing number of drugs in the society. Today, some mischievous today framed new unit people in the society are in District Udhampur . introducing many dirty According to handout drugs like chita capsules issued here, Rajesh Kha- to the young generation. juria was made the Dis- Intoxicating pills, Corex trict President, Amit Vijay etc are being sold which Kumar made the District is a conspiracy of Pakistan Rural President, Rajen- so that our young generadra Singh and Vijay Singh tion gets trapped in their

Kesri further said that

Mohan Lal Malhotra made into J&K to exploit young Chief Advisor andr Trea- generation and this drug and all the border areas. understand and connect Shiv Sainiks were present

'Basti Sampark Abhiyaan' strengthened SCs ties with BJP: Munish Sharma

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, SEPT 02

Expressing his pleasure over the massive response to party's week long 'Basti Sampark Abhiyaan', Jammu and Kashmir BJP senior leader and former General Secretary, Munish Sharma, said that it provided an opportunity to reach maximum population of the SCs as the under the campaign.

that under 'Basti Sam- them to lead dignified life. park Abhiyaan', the BJP had drawn a programme for direct interaction the party activists at difwith the members of the ferent levels has been Scheduled Caste (SC) cat- very positive as the SCs egory and the party activ- have appreciated the welthe localities housing the by Narendra Modi govpay visit to the families, changed to great extent. and vote.

BHADERWAH, OCT 2

District Court Bhaderwah

Observes 'Gandhi Jayanti'

The District Legal Services dhi's life, his social works

Authority (DLSA) Bhader- and efforts to inculcate

wah observed Gandhi Jay- the 'Dignity of Labour' in

anti in the court premises the Indian society. Mean-

to commemorate the birth while a cleanliness drive

anniversary of Mahatma was also launched in and

Gandhi under the supervi- around court premises by

sion of worthy chairman the Municipal Committee

DLSA(Pr. District and ses- in collaboration DLSA

sions Judge Bhaderwah), Bhaderwahand other

Sunit Gupta and Secretary staff members . Adv Mohd DLSA (Sub Judge) Ramesh Majid Malik informed that

Lal . On this occasion Mahatma Gandhi, also

participants, PLVs, staff known as the Father of the

of the court, Executive Nation, Bapu or Mahatma,

Officer Municipal Com- was a political ethicist,

mittee Bhaderwah Sanjay nationalist and lawyer

Kumar Sharma and Advo- and Gandhi dedicated his

cate Mohd Majid Malik life to the freedom of the

also offered floral trib- nation and advocated for

utes to Mahatma Gandhi the path of peace, truth

. Advocate Mohd Majid and non-violence. He also

Malik who is voluntarily said Gandhi led many

participating in all aware- successful Satyagraha

ness and cleanliness drive and Ahimsa movements

camps related to Swach- to free India from British

hata Hi Seva campaign colonial rule and informed

spoke in detail about the that Gandhi dedicated his

relevance of Gandhiji's life to the struggle for

values in the modern freedom. His non-violent

era and his principles of approach and ability to

social justice and con- win over people with love

cerns about the environ- and tolerance profoundly

ment and urged the par- impacted the Indian civil

ticipants and youngsters rights movement and the

to imbibe these values day honours Mahatma

so as to lead a meaning- Gandhi, the values of non-

ful life.He also threw light violence and tolerance he

on the Legal Services preached, added



Munish Sharma said upliftment and enable through DBT mode.

He said that the feedback, as received from

Authorities Act 1987 and

also enlightened the gath-

ering on Mahatma Gan-

share with them the pro- They were of the view that grammes and policies of while availing the financial party activists from state the party as well as the help, there was no agent to mandal and ward levels union government under or middle man and the were in various localities PM Narendra Modi, aimed money reached directly at their socio-economic into their bank accounts

This campaign has strengthen the ties of the BJP with the SC community, he claimed.

Munish Sharma. meanwhile, appealed the SCs to not get misled by the ists were required to visit fare schemes launched false propaganda of the parties like Congress, NC population of this class. ernment has benefitted and PDP and strengthen They were also asked to them a lot and their lives BJP through their support

GBC celebrates Javanti of Mahatma Gandhi, Lal

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, OCT 2



Tribute were paid to Mahtma Gandhi & Lal Bahadur Shastri. Chief orator Jagdesh expressed views on Mahtma Gandhi's thoughts. Students of DBN Mubarak Mandi & SNS Vidya Mandir presented their programs, Sampkalp Gandhian Chapter, Project Gandhi Bhawan Committee & Gandhi Sewa Sadan placed their reports of the year & presented their programs also.

Suresh Sharma (Retd Judge) President, Gandhi Sewa Sadan, Yudhvir Sethi prominent social worker, was present on the occasion. Rajendra Kakkar, Secretary, Gandhi Bhawaan Committee presented vote

Bahadur Shastri

Gandhi Bhawan nitaries.

of thanks.

Sharma passionately commitment to building a people that BJP activstronger, more informed, interacted with the comists are always ready to munity, raising awareness and connected society provide information and about the myriad policies with a mantra "Sab Ka assistance regarding these and schemes for public Saath, Sab Ka Vikas, schemes for their benefits. welfare initiated by Prime Sab Ka Vishwas, Sab Ka This shows the party's Minister Narendra Modi's Prayas". commitment of serving Government such as Ajay Pargal encour- the public.

Ujjwala Yojana, Gareeb

more. The enthusiastic

of Deeli underscores the

these schemes on their

governance and the grass-

lives.

During this visit, roots exemplify the BJP's

Ayushman Bharat, Stand aged party volunteers to

Up India, Skill India, do more to communicate

Kalyan Yojana and much munities. He wanted to

response from the people knows about the Life-

transformative impact of Programs for the ben-

Sharma's efforts in introduced by dynamic

bridging the gap between Prime Minister Narendra

with people in their com-

make sure that everyone

Changing Schemes and

efit of Poor, Marginalized

Masses, which have been

Ishant Gupta assured

Gandhi Jyanti celebrated at Govt Middle School Sangli, Katwalt

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, PCT 2

Today on 2nd October2023, event of Gandhi Jayanti celebrated at Govt Middle school Sangli Katwalt zone kulwanta by Mr Sangli, students, staff and enthusiasm.

Students showed



Kuldeep Kumar Headmas- present on the occasion in their life. ter Govt Middle school of this day and pray that our country may progress was also held at Govt and prominent people of on the virtues of non vio- High school Katwalt by locality with great pomp lence, peace, hormont, Sulekha Devi Headmassatyagrah, etc.

is given by all members which they have to follow Bhari, PS Pathala

Similar Programme ter, MS Chigli Katwalt by On the occasion Mr Kul- BS and Narinder Singh, colourful shows to pay deep Kumar sheds light on Govt Smart Tribal school tributes on the occasion the principles of Mahatma Puji Mata, MS Dullar, GPS of birthday of Mahatma Gandhi and inculcated Katwalt, PS Padder, PS Gandhi. A rich tribute into the minds of students Ranger, PS Mariel, MS

surer, Rajendra Khajuria money is collected and made Organizer Sanjay used towards terrorism Pandit, Organization sec- so that our country can retary, Dharam Kapoor become weak. We have to made Public Secretary . stop these things. Since On this occasion, dozens last eight month, we have of people joined the Dis- banned these things in trict Udhampur unit of Jammu, Samba, Kathua Shiv Sena Hindustan. Kesri, speaking on the The police is also giving occasion, said that soon full cooperation in this. Shiv Sena will field its We also inform the people candidates in the upcom- that the drug dealers come ing elections in J&K. Kesri here to sell drugs, we told the newly appointed should Inform the police, office bearer that we will their names will be kept have to connect with under wraps and will not the people at the grass- be published among the roots level, we will have common people so that to understand the pulse these enemies of humanof people's suffering. We ity can be punished. will have to follow the Balbir Kumar, Rajkumar understanding of the , Rajesh Handa, Darshana people. We will have to Devi, Jyoti Devi and other

Swachhta pakwada celebrated with fervour by Poshan, Majalta

JI NEWS SERVICE MAJALTA, OCT 2

Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Swachhta pakwada to be celebrated from 15th September to 2nd October was celebrated by poshan Majalta under the guidance of Child Development Project Officer Majalta Aamir Bashir Runyal JKAS. One hour cleanliness drive from 10 am to 11 am was conducted at all the anganwadi centres giving more impetus to shramdhaan under the

As per the directions of



jurisdiction of Poshan Project Majalta where in supervisors, anganwadi workers dedicatedly made the programme a success. Various events like painting competition, singing competition, skits encouraging clean environment were also conducted at various anganwadi cen-

Besides this, swachhta pledge was also taken at all the 150 functional Anganwadi centres and all vowed to keep the nature and environment clean for the future generations.

Brave and unique Ayhika, Sutirtha lose in semis, claim bronze in women's doubles TT

opponents, Ayhika and

Sutirtha changed their

them blocked while the

HANGZHOU, OCT 2

Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee are a unique pair in table tennis. They both play with different rubbers on their racquets, thus giving their opponents the taste of four rubbers and different variations in speed, spin and combination.

They are also 'different' table tennis players particularly Sutirtha- overweight and happy with tennis competition but how they are and playing in the international Circuit and thin is the norm.

the second semifinal 3-4 to level the match at three to claim the bronze medal games each but could not in women's doubles table close out the match. tennis at the Asian Games



On winning their first were beaten in a thriller medal in the Asian Games, by the North Korean pair Ayhika said, "It feels surat a time when being lean that came back after losing real. The competitions are the first game. Ayhika and very tough. We are from On Monday, Ayhika and Sutirtha lost the match the same academy (in Sutirthaput up a brave 11-7, 8-11, 11-7, 8-11, 9-11, Kolkata) and know each fight but went down to 11-5, 2-11 in a well-fought other's game so well. We North Korea's Suyong Cha encounter. They came tried our best but could and Sugyong Pak losing back from 2-3 games down not win.". Normally a defensive pair that relies on their blocks to unsettle their

"We tried our best today and gave it our all. But in The Indian pair was the seventh and final we tactics in the sixth game bidding to win a historic conceded a big lead and switching to an attackmaiden silver medal in could not fight back," said ing tactic in which one of the Asian Games table Ayhika after the match.

well as the Indians came won it easily. Though the back to level the match Koreans fought back to score at 3-3 games.

game, we tried to implement it in the seventh game too. But they lost the first few points, came under pressure and went for winners in an attempt to claim points. They conceded a big lead and could not make a comeback," said coach Mamta Prabhu.

The Indians, a unique pair in world table tennis that plays with different rubbers on all four surfaces on their racquets – Sutirtha has pimpled rubber on forehand side and normal on backhand while Ayhika uses pimpled on the other side. They troubled the North Koreans in the first few games before their opponents figured their game out.

title in a WTT Contender eye coordination," she event this year, too early

win the second, Ayhika "As that tactic had and Sutirtha again took worked in the previous the lead by winning the

However, the North Korean pair, egged on by a partisan crowd of predominantly Chinese people, levelled the scores again, capitalising on an early lead in the fourth game. They surged ahead 4-8 and though the Indians fought back to level the scores 8-8 before the Koreans won the next three points to win the game. Coach Mamta said she does not see any problem in players being a bit bulky. "Yes, being fit is absolutely necessary but on forehand andanti-spin then some players have a certain body type. Table tennis is also a game of skills, so if you are gifted and have the skills, I don't see any problem. Sutirtha The Indian pair, which is very quick at the table won the women's doubles and has very good hand-

Men's ODI WC: **Former India** captain Ajay Jadeja named Afghanistan's team mentor

AGENCIES THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCT 2

The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) on Monday announced that it has roped in former India captain Ajay Jadeja as its team mentor for the upcoming Men's ODI World Cup happening from October 5 to November 19 in India.

Jadeja captained India in 13 ODIs, and overall played 196 matches, becoming its eighth-highest run-getter in the format by scoring 5359 runs while averaging 37.47 with six hundreds and 30 fifties against his name, apart from playing three World Cups.

One of his most memorable ODI innings was his cameo of 45 off 25 balls in the 1996 Cricket World Cup quarter-final against Pakistan in Bengaluru, including smashing 40 runs off the final two overs against fast-bowling great

Indian men's hockey team beats Bangladesh 12-0 to top Pool A, confirms semifinal berth



AGENCIES

HANGZHOU, OCT 2

The Indian men's hockey team on Monday qualified for the semifinal round of the 19th Asian Games India. Amit Rohidas (28') 12-0 win over Bangladesh.

With five wins in all their five Pool stage India went into halftime matches, India ended the Pool stage as table toppers. Harmanpreet Singh (2', 4', 32'), and while Abhishek (41', 57) Nilakanta Sharma (47'), and Gurjant Singh (56') Amit Rohidas and Nilakanhelp India get the win.

Jarmanpreet Singh led the first penalty corner 8-0 lead. as India took an early 1-0 lead. Moments later, Harmanpreet (4') converted it 2-0. Despite the early team continued to press desh to make any inroads to close out the first quar-

provided his second assist 12-0. of the match as a pass from him was deflected the semifinals on Wednesbeautifully into the nets day.

by Lalit Kumar Upadhyay (23'). A minute later, Mandeep Singh (24') picked up a rebound from a penalty corner and struck it into the nets to make it 5-0 for Hangzhou 2022, with a showcased his dragflick abilities, scoring from a late penalty corner and with a 6-0 lead.

The second half started with India maintaining possession and looking Mandeep Singh (18', 24', to increase their lead. As 46) scored hat-tricks each, Abhishek managed to earn an early penalty corner scored a brace for India. for India in the third quar-Lalit Kumar Upadhyay ter, Harmanpreet Singh (23'), Amit Rohidas (28'), (32') found the nets again to complete his hat-trick. also scored a goal each to ta Sharma defended well as Bangladesh made dangerous runs of their own. the first attack of the match Late into the quarter, from the right flanks to Abhishek (41') picked up a start the proceedings. long pass and hammered The in-form Indian Cap- a powerful reverse hit into tain Harmanpreet Singh the nets, and India went (2') was right on target on into the final quarter with

At the start of the final quarter, Mandeep Singh (46') struck the ball into another set-piece to make the nets after receiving an aerial pass from Abhishek. lead, the relentless Indian Moments later, Nilakanta Sharma (47') hit a powerdeep, not allowing Bangla-ful shot past Bangladesh's goalkeeper as India took into their circle, and India their goal tally to double maintained their 2-0 lead digits. Exploiting a small gap available on the left flank, Sumit made a late The start of the second circle penetration and quarter saw Bangladesh passed the ball to Gurjant stringing along a few Singh (56') in front of the passes inside India's half, nets who struck it past the but the attack was broken goalkeeper to make it 11-0 down by Sanjay. Minutes for India. A minute later, later, Mandeep Singh (18') Abhishek (57') picked a combined with Abhishek pass from Gurjant Singh inside the circle to make and struck it into the nets it 3-0 for India. Abhishek as India won the match

Indian will compete in

Parul, Priti bag silver, bronze in 3000m steeplechase with personal best times

HANGZHOU, OCT 2

Parul Chaudhary and Priti Lamba clocked personal best timing to claim silver and bronze medal, respectively, for India in the women's 3000m steeplechase at the 19th Asian Games, here on Monday.

A day after Avinash Sable romped to victory in the men's event. Parul and Priti ran superb tactical races to finish behind Bahrain's Olympic and World leader Winfred Mutile Yavi, who set an Asian Games Record of

Parul clocked 9:27.63 while Priti finished third in 9:43.32, also her personal

It is a great performance by Parul, who stayed on the heels of the Bahraini ships. before opened up a big



gap with three laps to go. Bahraini runner wastoo priate times. She continued and went to strong, they did not at the World Champion- battle for the second and Sunday.

third positions and made Knowing that the their moves at an appro-

These were India's first break her personal best, expend their energy in medals in athletics on for the third time in a trying to be with her but Monday after the country month after doing it twice kept themselves in the bagged nine medals on

India win bronze medal in men's & women's 3000m relay team speed skating events

HANGZHOU, OCT 2

The Indian Speed Skating team, consisting of Sanjana Bathula, Karthika Jagadeeswaran, Heeral Sadhu, and Aarathy Kasturi Raj, clinched a bronze medal after clocking an impressive 4:34.861 in the finals of the 3000 m relay, at the Asian Games, here on Monday.

The Indian quartet completed the race in 4 minutes and 34.861 seconds, earning them third place. The gold medal went to Chinese Taipei with a time of 4 minutes and 19.447 seconds, while South Korea claimed silver with a time of 4 minutes and 21.146 seconds.

Meanwhile, the Indian men's quarter of Aryanpal Singh Ghuman, Anandkumar Velkumar, Siddhant Kamble, and Vikram Ingale bagged another bronze medal by clocking in at 4:10.128 in the men's team relay.

Chinese



(4:05.692) and South first and second positions Taipei Korea (4:05.702) were in respectively.

Hockey India announces 20-member Sub Junior

Vithya Ramraj equals PT Usha's 40-year-old Women's 400m hurdles record, qualifies for the final

AGENCIES

HANGZHOU, OCT 2

India's Vithya Ramraj set the 400m track at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Complex ablaze here on Monday by equaling the legendary PT Usha's 40-year-old National Record in the women's 400m hurdles at the 19th

55.42 seconds in the heats finished first ahead of for the 400m hurdles in Jamal Aminat Oluwaseun Indian athletics.

dent of the Indian Olym- of 55.42. pic Association (IOA), had



A few weeks back, Usha's record.

Asian Games here on set the National Record Vithya had come close to way back in the 1984 breaking Usha's record Vithya, who once con- Olympic Games in Los when she clocked 55.43, templated quitting athlet- Angeles when she missed missing equalling the ics altogether as things the bronze medal by a record by 0.01 seconds. were not going well for her whisker. Running in the On Monday in Hangzhou, and was not able to make a first heat, the 24-year-old she managed to equal that breakthrough at the inter- Vithya, who hails from time, clocking the secondnational stage, clocked Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, best timing in the field behind Bahrain's

Oluwakemi Mujidat Monday's morning session Yusuf of Bahrain. The Adekoya, who finished to equal one of the oldest Indian runner got off to Heat 2 in 55.17. Bahrain's records still existing in a slow start but made up African import Adekoya for it later as she cruised will be the runner to beat Usha, now the presi- to her personal best time in the final in which Vithya will be attempting to break

men, women squads for Netherlands tour AGENCIES Teams: India Hockey

NEW DELHI, OCT 2

Monday announced the 20-member Sub Junior Men and Women squads that will embark on an exciting tour of the Netherlands, scheduled from October 9 to October 16.

This tour marks the first time that the Indian Sub Junior Men and Women's Teams will compete in international matches, a testament to the growing prowess of Indian hockey at the grassroots level, while also elevating the country's stature on the global hockey stage.

During this tour, the Indian Sub Junior Men's the Netherland Boys U18 team and the Netherland games scheduled against club in the Netherlands.



Girls U18 team and the Netherland Girls U16 side, Indian Sub Junior Womalso playing two games against each opponent.

Also, during the tour, Team will face off against Indian Sub Junior Men and Women's Teams will play a match against Men and Boys U16 side, with two Women's teams of a senior

On the other hand, the Junior Men's team will be Indian Sub Junior Wom- Captained by Manmeet

Singh Rai, while Aashu Maurya will serve as the Vice Captain. For the en's Team, Bhavya has been appointed as the Captain, while Rajni Kerketta has been named as the Vice Captain.

Meanwhile, coaches of the Sub Junior Men and journey of our budding lyst for their growth and Women's Teams expressed talents. We are exhilarat- development as they take Notably, the Indian Sub their excitement about this tour.

Indian Sub Junior Men's showcase their skills on of Indian hockey."

Goalkeeper: Rahul Bhardwaj

Defenders: Rohit Kullu, Pradip Mandal, Sohil Ali, Ujjwal Pal, Sukhmanpreet Singh, Aashu Maurya (Vice Captain), Neeraj,

Midfielders: Rahul Yadav, Rohit Tirkey, Suresh Sharma Adhikarimayum, Manmeet Singh Rai (Captain), Rahul Rajbhar, Ghuran Lohra,

Forwards: Ritender Singh, Deepak Pradhan, Ajeet Yadav, Ketan Kushwaha, Rohit Irengbam Singh, Srijan Yadav

Women's; Goalkeepers: Hodam Pabitra Devi, Tarra Sailaja Defenders: Bhavya (Captain), Komal Pal, Parwati

Topno, Ritika Ahirwar, Midfielders: Rajni Kerketta (Vice Captain), Tamanna, Karuna Minz, Priyanka, Tanuja Toppo,

Kajal Pundir, Kirti Forwards: Krishna Sharma, Kajal, Purnima Yadav, Switi Dungdung, Doli Bhoi, Nisha Dadel, Ravina

Team Coach Sardar Singh the grand international said, "This tour represents stage. The experience a historic milestone in the gained here will be a cataed about this opportunity their first steps toward for our young players to becoming future stalwarts