

# LG urges people to cooperate in cleaning lakes

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said Dal Lake here has not been cleaned up to the level it was supposed to, and appealed to the people to cooperate with the UT administration to restore the pristine glory of the water body.

The LG launched a 15-day mega cleanliness and de-weeding drive of the lake under the Swachhta Pakhwada of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, coinciding with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of the function, Sinha said attempts to clean the lake in the past have not borne the desired fruit yet.

It is true that attempts have been made in the past, but we have not achieved that 'Swachh' level of the Dal Lake which should have been. There are some de-weeding machines functioning in the lake, some of which we have been hired as well and this has been going on for the past few days, he said.

## Astro India Automobile previews SUV Mahindra XUV 700



Dignitaries unveiling preview of Mahindra XUV 700.

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JAMMU: Astro India Automobile Pvt Ltd, authorised dealer of Mahindra & Mahindra previewed its much-awaited SUV Mahindra XUV 700 on Saturday. The upcoming XUV 700 will be slotted among Mahindra XUV500 and Mahindra Alturas G4 in the automaker's lineup.

Preview of Mahindra XUV 700 was unveiled by the Guest of Honour and son of soil, Rajan Wadhera, Group Advisor of Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd (past president M&M Automotive sector) in the presence of Chairman Astro India Mohinder Gupta, MD Vikram Mahajan,

Director Satyam Gupta and Dr CD Gupta.

Once launched, the Mahindra XUV 700 will compete with SUVs like Hyundai Alcazar, Tata Safari and MG Hector Plus. The new model, which has been built on the W601 platform, will also be the first Mahindra SUV to sport the auto major's new visual identity.

The Mahindra XUV700 is likely to feature a 2.0-litre mStallion petrol engine with 200 bhp and a 2.2-litre mHawk diesel engine with 185 bhp. It will be available both in Diesel and Petrol options in manual and automatic transmissions coupled with All-

Wheel-Drive (AWD) capabilities. Ex showroom price of Diesel variant starts from Rs 12.48 lakh and Petrol variant from Rs 11.99 lakh.

The all-new Mahindra SUV "will come with world-class safety features, reaffirming Mahindra's commitment towards safety," as per an official press release.

The automaker will offer Driver Drowsiness Detection system, a tech-enabled system to ensure that the driver is alert especially during long-distance journeys. This feature detects when the driver is asleep and alerts him.

The XUV700 will run on Mahindra's very own intelligence system AdrenoX. The AdrenoX connects to in-built Alexa for tasks like opening the sky roof and creates 3D immersive music through Sony's 360 Spatial Sound Technology.

The Mahindra XUV 700 will be manufactured at the company's manufacturing facility in Maharashtra's Chakan and will arrive in showrooms around October this year.

## JCMS pays tributes to Lala Hans Raj Mahajan



JCMS members performing Hawan.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha on Saturday paid rich tributes to Lala Hans Raj Mahajan, a Great Social Reformer of his time and Founder of this Sabha, on his 155th Birth Anniversary.

A grand programme was organized at Lala Hans Raj Mahajan Park which started with Hawan performed by Shastri Chain Lal. The Mukhya Yajman was Romesh Chander Gupta, President of the Sabha.

Other Yajmans were Adv. Rattan Lal Gupta, Yash Paul Gupta, Amar Chaud Gupta, C.P. Gupta, Subash Gupta, Balbir Gupta (Incharge Park).

Other prominent personalities and office bearers present on the occasion include Yash Pal Gupta Chief Patron, Arun Gupta President CCI, Sanjay Mahajan, Shiv Partap Gupta, Om Prakash Gupta (Kaku

of the Sabha.

After the Havan the Statue of Lata Hans Raj Mahajan erected in the premises of the park, was garlanded as a mark of honour to the social leader who dedicated his whole life for the welfare and betterment of the society.

The President of the Mahajan Sabha, in his address stressed to follow the foot prints of Lala Hans Raj Mahajan.

Gupta announced a Resolution of the JCMS requesting the people of Jammu to start speaking

## Sinha e-launches 20 paddy procurement centers in Jammu, Samba, Kathua



LG Manoj Sinha during launch of mega cleanliness and de-weeding drive at Dal Lake.

Extending the wishes on the birth anniversaries of Gandhi and former prime minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, the LG said, "we all have taken a pledge of Swachta" and the 15-day cleanliness drive will continue across the UT.

Earlier, Sinha also administered 'Swachta' pledge to the officers of the UT at Raj Bhawan and Civil Secretariat.

He said the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban-2.0 and AMRUT-2.0 launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday envisions clean urban spaces and

water-secure cities, for which there is a need to work on a mission mode.

He directed the officers to execute action plans in a time-bound manner.

The LG said the PRIs and urban local bodies have a greater role in order to make the Swachhta Pakhwada successful and urged them to work on innovative ideas like adoption of a lake/ water body, school or places of public importance for cleanliness drive.

He also took a round in the lake and flagged off the boats entrusted for Swachhta

JAMMU: To ensure timely sale of paddy and remunerative prices to the farmers, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday e-launched 20 Paddy Procurement Centres (Mandis) in Jammu, Samba, and Kathua districts. In a first, the Government of J&K has started procuring wheat in addition to paddy. Speaking at the launch, the Lt Governor said the amount of sale proceeds will be directly credited into the accounts of the farmers through DBT within 72 hours.

LG assured the farmers that the number of e-Mandis will be increased further in future, and reiterated the commitment of the Government to provide all possible assistance to the farmers to increase their income. Contrary to the rumours being spread by certain section with vested interests, I assure the farmers that the number of these Mandis will be increased further in future, he said. LG said that the use of

Abhiyaan in Dal Lake.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary to Government, H&UDD; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lt

Governor; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir; Mohammad Ajaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Sandeep Choudhary, SSP

Srinagar; Athar Aamir-ul-Shafi Khan, Commissioner, SMC; Bashir Bhat, VC Lakes and Waterways Development Authority, besides Senior officers of the UT administration, employ-

ees of Lakes and Waterways Development Authority, SDRF, Home Guards, NDRF, SMC, NCC, volunteers of Youth Services and Sports, NGOs, and students of various schools were pres-

ent on the occasion and took part in the cleanliness drive.

The drive will continue for the next 15 days with Lakes and Waterways Development Authority as the nodal agency for implementation.

## J&K Police organise Swachhta Pledge ceremonies across J&K



ADG Mukesh Singh and staff taking part in a special drive to clean their office premises.

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JAMMU: On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti a Swachhta pledge ceremonies were held in Police establishments across Jammu and Kashmir. The main function was organized in the lawns of Police Headquarters, here on Saturday.

ADGP Coordination PHQ, Danesh Rana administered Swachhta pledge of making every effort for cleanliness to the Police officers, and personnel of Police Headquarters Srinagar, CID Hqrs., ACB Hqrs. and Security Hqrs.

The oath taking ceremony was attended by Spl DGP, CID J&K R.R. Swain, ADGP Traffic J&K T Namgyal, DPT J&K Mushtaq Ahmad, AIsG of PHQ, senior police officers and staff of different wings.

After the oath-taking ceremony senior officers launched cleanliness drive in which senior officers participated.

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The senior officer and personnel took the pledge to remain committed towards cleanliness and to devote 100 hours per year that is two hours per week; to voluntarily work for cleanliness; neither they will litter nor let others litter; to initiate cleanliness for

myself, my family, my locality, my village and my work place.

The officers/officials pledged that the countries of the world that appear clean are so because their citizens don't indulge in littering nor do they allow it to happen.

With this firm belief, officers/officials will propagate the message of Swachh Bharat Mission in villages and towns, and will encourage 100 other persons to take this pledge.

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## Sainik Welfare Deptt organises cleanliness drive



Sainik Welfare Department officials during Gandhi Jayanti celebration.

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JAMMU: Sainik Welfare Department J&K organised cleanliness campaign at all Zila Sainik Boards across J&K (UT) on the occasion of the Gandhi Jayanti. The staff also took a

pledge to adhere to and to promote the mission.

The occasion was also utilised to organise a meeting of the ESM at the Rajya Sainik Board office at Jammu. Hony Capt Bana Singh, PVC dedicated the newly constructed shelter to be used as Waiting Hall by ESM and Veer Naris visiting Sainik Welfare Deptt at Jammu.

Director Sainik Welfare Department (J&K) Brig Gurmeet Singh Shan thanked the GOC, Tiger Division for immense help in constructing the shelter and for general welfare of ESM and Veer Naris of J&K. Speaking on the occasion, Hony Capt Bana Singh, PVC appreciated the steps taken by the Sainik Welfare Department to reach out to ESM and Veer Naris. He acknowledged that a lot of efforts have been made by the Sainik Welfare Department for addressing various issues for the welfare of ESM, Veer Naris and their dependents.

The attendance at the function was restricted due to the COVID protocols. Col RK Sharma, ZSWO Samba, Col JS Randhawa, ZSWO RS Pura, Col Bhupinder Singh Sambhal, ZSWO Jammu and Col Sukhbir Singh Assla, ZSWO Udhampur attended the function.

## BYS celebrates Gandhi Jayanti as Yog Divas

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JAMMU: To commemorate 152nd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Bharatiya Yog Sansthan (BYS) organized a Yog Divas at its Ashram in Roop Nagar.

Former Member Legislative Assembly and senior Congress leader, Shiv Dev Singh was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Sangathan Mantri J&K Anil Kumar Sharma, S.K Raina, Dharbar Gupta, Kusun Bakshi and Vinod Mattoo were the special guests.

Hundreds of men and women and students participated in the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest said that Bharatiya Yog Sansthan is promoting and teaching Yoga free of cost through a network of various Yoga Kendras in Jammu and surrounding areas.

He urged the gathering to adopt Yoga in their daily routine for a healthy mind and body. He said Yoga teaches us

truthfulness and to be free from attachments. He

Shiv Dev Singh further hoped that the Yog Sansthan will further work to involve more and more women and youth in Yoga.

Sangathan Mantri Anil Kumar said that organization has dedicated itself to the cause of teaching Yoga to people.

Earlier, all the dignitaries paid rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

Bhartiya Yog Sansthan also celebrated yoga day in virtual mode from its Headquarter Rohini Delhi, where online yoga s�dha was demonstrated by the students of Govt. Higher

Secondary School Parnala, Kathua and Happy Model Higher Secondary School Udhampur. This online programme was watched by lakhs of yog lovers and students from all over the country and abroad.

On this occasion Dr. Ravi Shanker Sharma JKAS Director School Education, Jammu was the chief guest of the function. Director School Education lauded the role of Bhartiya Yog Sansthan especially in J&K and informed that Bhartiya Yog Sansthan has trained thousands of teachers and students of Jammu Division through online mode during corona period.

Des Raj Gupta, National President Bhartiya Yog Sansthan informed that Yoga can contribute to healthy physique and good mental health. Yoga is highly beneficial for students in so far as it helps in developing concentration and enhancing the memory.

## Renault launches all-new Kiger RXT (O) & Kwid MY21

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JAMMU: Renault India is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of its operations in India and as part of the celebrations launched the new RXT (O) variant of Renault KIGER and the KWID MY21.

The Renault KIGER RXT(O) will be available in 1.0L Energy Engine in both MT and AMT transmissions.

The RXT(O) variant will get

some of the customer favorite

premium features from the

RXZ variant at a more afford-

able price. Renault KWID

MY 21 range starts at Rs

4.06L.

Renault has announced spe-

cial offers for the customers in

the month of September 2021

offering maximum benefits of

upto Rs 80,000 on select variants across its product range. In addition to the above, Renault has also rolled out 10 unique Loyalty Rewards for its existing 750,000 customers to mark the 10 years celebrations, with maximum loyalty benefits of upto Rs 110,000 which is over and above the regular consumer offers.



along with the new features like Electric ORVM and Day and Night IRVM. Renault KIGER RXT(O) variant is launched at Rs 7.37L while the new KWID MY 21 range starts at Rs 4.06L.

The new KWID MY21 Climber Edition will also be available in Dual Tone Exterior

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