

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 Mahatama 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.



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 Swachhta" and the 15-day cleanliness drive will continue across the UT.

Earlier, Sinha also administered 'Swachhta' 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

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

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

technology has enabled all these Mandis to get linked digitally with the procurement portal, so that the Food Corporation of India can register the farmers on the portal and transfer money to their accounts through DBT within 72 hours. The Lt Governor said the initiative would eliminate middlemen and end distress sales. He also directed the Deputy Commissioners and other revenue officers to provide land record documents to the farmers on priority. "I have been informed that advance registration has started on the online portal. For the convenience of the farmers, revenue authorities should start providing the land record documents to the farmers, said the LG.

Complementing the farmers of J&K for taking a lead in the country with 70 quintals per hectare production of paddy during the last harvest, he said that this time also our farmer will set new records in per hectare production.

He also exhorted the farmers to diversify their crops and adopt new techniques for enhanced productivity.

The Lt Governor further said that it is the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the existing government machinery should solve every issue of the farmers pertaining to the purchase of products. Agricultural reforms introduced by the government will connect farmers directly to the market and eliminate middlemen, he added. The Lt Governor informed that under PM KISAN, the assistance of Rs 1,721 crore has been provided by the central government to the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir; thus providing huge relief to them during the Corona epidemic.

Farooq Khan, Advisor to the Lt Governor; Navin Kumar Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare; Dr. Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Deputy

Commissioners, Director Agriculture, and other senior officers, besides a large number of farmers were present on the occasion, in person and through virtual mode.

Meanwhile, farmers of Jammu Division hailed LG Administration for timely opening of 20 paddy procurement centers in Jammu, Kathua and Samba Districts first time in the history of JK UT before start of paddy harvesting with unique web portal direct payment and registration of farmers in portal. Tajinder Singh Wazir President JK Kissan Council said "every year we had to block roads and demonstrate for procurement of our crops in minimum support price from food Corporation of India but this year department of agriculture comes on farmers doorsteps for their registrations and awarded farmers to avoid middle man's directly sale of their paddy crop in 20 Govt procurement centers.

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 Wadhwa, 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.

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.

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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SRINAGAR: 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 Nangyal, DPT J&K Mushtaq Ahmad, AISG

of PHQ, senior police officers and staff of different wings. After the oath-taking, senior officers launched cleanliness drive in which senior officers participated.

ADGP Coordination PHQ administering the pledge which highlighted the contribution of Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi who dreamt of an India which was not only free but also clean and developed.

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.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti a Swachhta Abhiyan was punched by Police of Jammu Zone. All the Police Station premises and district Police offices were cleaned through a special drive in which all officers and jawans of Jammu and Kashmir Police participated. Each Police Station also adopted another area outside the police station premises for cleanliness.

At the Zonal Police Headquarters, Jammu, ADG Mukesh Singh and his staff took part in a special drive and cleaned their office premises and also the nearby areas of Panjirthi.

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. Hon'y 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, Hon'y 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 Sambyal, ZSWO Jammu and Col Sukhbir Singh Assla, ZSWO Udhampur attended the function.

JCMS pays tributes to Lala Hans Raj Mahajan

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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, Anar Chand 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



JCMS members performing Hawan.

Shah), Dr Om Prakash Gupta, Dr Mohan Lal Gupta, Surinder Gupta, Vijay Gupta, Rajesh Choudhary, Atul Gupta, Ramesh Gupta (Bartan Wale), Dinesh Gupta (Corporator) and Vimal Gupta.

The Hawan was concluded with Purana Ahuti which was performed jointly by all the participants.

Ravi Rohmetra, a Social Activist recited a poem on Lala ji teachings. The whole show was organized under the supervision of Sanjay Mahajan, General Secretary

of the Sabha.

After the Hawan 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

Dogri in the offices as well as at homes to alive the culture of Dogars in Jammu province .

While recalling the role of Lala ji, he termed him a catalyst, social reformer (Yug Pursh) of his time who launched a crusade against evil customs like child marriage and Sati Pratha.

He also advised the people to avoid extravagant and showy expenditures on social functions.

The last item of the programme was paying floral tribute by garlanding Statue of Lala ji at Mahajan , Sabha Sabzi Mandi (Prade ground), Jammu.

A good number of Biradhri members who also graced the occasion include Prabh Dayal Gupta, Abhishek Gupta, Ram Lal Gupta , Sat Pal Gupta, Kuldeep Gupta, Vinod Gupta (Lovely),Krishn Lal Gupta, Arun Gupta, Dr Shanti Gupta , Sheel and Naresh Chander Gupta.

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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, Dharambir Gupta, Kusum 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 Yog 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



Chief Guest and others performing Yog Aasan.

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 Yog.

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.

Similarly, Yog Divas was also celebrated at different 12 locations which include Udhampur; Janipur, Zanana Park,

Digiana, Miran Sahib, R S Pura, Talab Tillo, Bishnah, Gandhi Nagar and Channi Himmat. I.D Soni, renowned Educationist was the Chief Guest at Janipur whereas Purnima Sharma, Dy. Mayor; JMC was the Chief Guest at Zanna Park and Dr. J.P Sharma Director Research SKUAST was Chief Guest at Digiana Park.

Bhartiya Yog Sansthan also celebrated yoga day in virtual mode from its Headquarter Rohini Delhi, where online yoga sadhna 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 affordable price. Renault KWID MY 21 range starts at Rs 4.06L.

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



Renault India Jammu representatives celebrating 10th Anniversary of its operations in India.

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.

Renault has announced special 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 upto Rs 110,000 which is over and above the regular consumer offers.