

SR College holds interaction with IAS Suchiter



IAS Suchiter Sharma interacting with students.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The SR College of Competitions (SRCC) held free workshops on General Studies and various Optionals for the civil services aspirants in the College premises at Gandhi Nagar here on Sunday.

India to host UN Geospatial Conference at Hyderabad: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Briefing the media about the upcoming Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) scheduled at Hyderabad from October 10-14, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday said that India's geospatial economy is expected to cross Rs 63,100 crore by 2025 at a growth rate of 12.8%.

Briefing the media about the upcoming Second UNWGIC, Dr Singh said, the Second UNWGIC assumes significance as it is in sync with the Digital India initiative of the Government of India to empower society digitally. He added that the government's plan envisages the facilitation of location-based/GIS-based decision-making for planning, e-Governance, and better utilization of resources available.

The conference will be attended by over 2000 delegates including 700 plus international delegates & participants from about 120 countries. Moreover, National Mapping Agencies (NMAs) like the Survey of India, which has a glorious history of 255 years, senior officials, non-governmental organizations, academia, and industry, user, & private sector from across the globe will take part in the Geospatial Congress.

Sadhotra inaugurates Ramleela celebration, prays for peace in J&K

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JAMMU: Observing that celebrating Ramleela is not just to recreate different facets of the life of Lord Rama, an epitome of truth, virtue and righteousness, former minister and senior National Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Sunday said that such events actually give an insight to the people about the message of Maryada Purshotam for entire humanity. "Bhagwan Shri Ram's life on the earth and His actions reflect the path of righteousness by setting high standards of duties and conduct", Sadhotra said after inaugurating Ram Leela being organised by Dharmik Natak

Raina visits Baramulla to finalise arrangements for Amit Shah's rally



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina interacting with a police officer at Baramulla.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by other senior leaders of the party visited Baramulla to finalize the arrangements for the upcoming 5th October rally of Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

J&K General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, General Secretary Sunil Sharma, Anwar Khan, GM Mir, MM War, Altaf Thakur, Arif Raja, Raja Waqar, Mir Mushtaq Asif Masoodi, Billal Parry and other senior leaders of BJP also accompanied

Raina at Baramulla Sports stadium. Raina asked the management teams to ensure the best possible arrangements for the rally. He said that the rally is going to witness a massive enthusiastic crowd.

He said that the people of J&K are thankful to the popular Prime minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah who have done away with the menace of poverty, terrorism and other social evils and are promoting unprecedented development in the region of Jammu & Kashmir.

Chairman J&KICS pays tributes to Mahatma Gandhi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated with large participation by the members of J&K Intellectual Civil Society, New Delhi, led by their Chairman, S.S Sodhi who paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, amidst rendering of favourite 'Gandhi' bhajans on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Sodhi recalled that Gandhi's timeless teachings of truth and non-violence had the power to shake the world out of its slumber, and now it is time for us, especially the youth, to translate the vision and dreams of Bapu into reality for progressive Bharat.

Sodhi further advised the youth, students and all educationists of J&K UT to follow the path and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and Shastri and spoke about the movements led by Gandhi

Science, Public Administration and Philosophy Optionals in which the entire syllabus, the focus areas and the previous years questions papers were also discussed. Aspirants were also guided about the CSAT and Essay papers.

Aspirants were also suggested to atleast attend one comprehensive test series for both pre-lim and mains examinations. The College has already started a test series for General Studies Mains and Optionals test series is going to start from Wednesday.

The attendees included the aspirants preparing for IAS 2023 and JKAS 2022 and also undergraduates who will be eligible in a couple of years. "SR College has planned a series of free workshops and interactions with the IAS officers, KAS toppers and various subject experts for the benefit of civil services aspirants of Jammu and Kashmir and this workshop was one in the series" informed Office Coordinator, Shikha Sharma.

students witnessed the power of truth and non-violence as the Shanti Chinah moved with great glory and honour receiving a warm welcome from administrators and commoners throughout the Jammu Division.

The Directorate of School Education Jammu organised Divisional Level Competitions in Painting, Essay Writing, Slogan, Writing, Speech/Declamation and Poem Recitation on the theme of truth, peace, non-violence, swachhata and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of Gandhi Mahotsav. Fifteen winners from Jammu Division further participated in the UT

level competition at Srinagar on September 30, 2022. Winners of UT Level competitions include Nirbhika from GHS Nonial Jammu got the first position in the Essay writing competition, Prachi from GHSS Kerian (Kathua) got the first position in the Slogan writing competition, Damanpreet from GGHSS Shastri Nagar Jammu got the second position in the Painting competition, Sahil Kumar from GHSS Muthi, Jammu got the second position in Seminar competition, Sonia Sharma from GGHSS Doda got the third position in the Poem recitation competition, Shipriya Chopra from HSS CHAK Jammu got the third position in Slogan Writing Competition.

AAI starts cleanliness drive at Jammu Airport

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Special Campaign 2.0 for disposal of pending matters and cleanliness drive from October 2 to 31, 2022 was started on Sunday at Jammu Airport by Airports Authority of India (AAI).

Various stakeholders of Jammu Airport under the leadership of Airport Director participated in this cleanliness drive.

Area of solar panel installed at first floor of building was cleaned by AAI staff and other stakeholders.

Speaking on the occasion, Sanjeev Kumar Garg, Airport Director, emphasized that the surroundings of the Airport reflect



against social evils, and the timely slogan of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan', given by Shastri, which instilled confidence in both 'Jawans', and 'Kisans', in this country.

He further added that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also brought each citizen of India on the global map, and we as Indians should be proud of our these guiding forefathers and stalwarts of our beautiful nation for their contribution in making us the proud citizens of a free nation.

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KATRA: Block Medical Officer (BMO) Katra, Gopal Dutt, on seventh day of Navratra Festival, flagged off Prabhat Pheris being jointly organized by J&K Association of Prabhat Pheri in association with J&K Tourism Department, SMVD Shrine Board Katra and District Administration Reasi in Katra.

Ashwini Katoch an eminent educationist, Babu Ram Dubey former chairman of Hotel and Restaurant Association of Katra were also present during flagging off ceremony.

Today's prabhat Pheri depicting Jhankis of Maa Kaalratri and Maa Kali, Maa Laxmi and Maa Sariswati. Maa Kaalratri is one of the terrifying forms of Goddess Durga and is also referred to

as Maa Kali. Enroute the devotees from Delhi, Gurgaon, Banaras and Patna also joined the Prabhat Pheri. Central Bureau of Communication officers Durga Dass and Ritu Sharma along with their staff members also participated in the Prabhat Pheri.

Prabhat Pheri started from Bus Stand Katra and after passing through Ban Ganga Road reached at Darshani Deodi and then came back via main bazaar to Bus Stand Katra. The locals as well as pil-

TR Gupta Public Charitable Trust organises medical camp

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: TR Gupta Public Charitable Trust, on Sunday organized one day free medical camp particularly for poor & needy patients. The camp was arranged under the guidance of the Chairman TR Gupta.

The doctors who gave special consultation, treatment and medicines to the beneficiaries/ patients include Dr. Ashok Kumar Gupta (children specialist), Dr. R.K Mengi (Eye specialist), Dr. Ved Prakash Gupta (Physician & Diabetologist), Dr. Govind Sharma (senior physician), Dr. S.S Padha (Bones & joints), Dr. Rajneesh Anand (orthope-

die specialists), Dr. Tilak Raj Gupta (Ayush), Dr. Nitika Gupta (ENT), Dr. Aseem Gupta (Physiotherapist) and Dr. Rishab Sharma (Skin

Jandial LAS (Retd), S.K Sharma IRS (Retd), K.K Langar, Yash Pal Gupta, Ajay Sabharwal and Rajendra Motial.

Randhawa flags-off rally on Valmiki Prakat Diwas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Valmiki Samaj celebrated Valmiki Prakat Diwas with religious fervour here in Sunday.

On the occasion, a rally was organised by Bhagwan Valmiki Shobha Yatri Committee, which was flagged off by former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, Vikram Randhawa.

Hundreds of people including women and children took part in the rally. Councillor Rahul Kumar and prominent persons of the Valmiki Samaj and many others were present.

Randhawa said that sixty-five years after their arrival in Jammu and Kashmir as "sanitary workers" on the request of the then Government, the members of Valmiki community are finally hopeful of a bright future for their children as they are being granted domicile certificates.

"The revocation of provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution has given a



Senior BJP leader, Vikram Randhawa at a rally organised by Bhagwan Valmiki Shobha Yatra Committee.

new lease of life to over 3,000 Valmiki community members who live on the land that was allocated to their ancestors when they shifted to Jammu from Punjab's Gurdaspur district on the invitation of the erstwhile State government in 1957", Randhawa said, adding that the ancestors of the Valmiki community had come to Jammu on the "invitation" of the then State Government headed by Chief Minister Bakshi Ghulam Mohammad to work as sanitary workers in

the Jammu municipality. "They now live in one of the many Valmiki colonies such as Christian Colony, Bakshi Nagar, Dogra Hall, Resham Ghar, Valmiki Colony and Gandhi Nagar areas of Jammu city", Randhawa said, adding that despite owning land in Jammu and having lived there for all their lives, they were deprived of other rights, including the right to vote, right to higher education, right to get State scholarship and right to State jobs.

Padma informed that in the next two days grand Prabhat Pheries shall be taken out. He appealed the locals and the visiting devotees to come in large numbers to Prabhat Pheri and get the blessings of Maa Vaishnodevi.

The members present on the occasion were Ajay Sharma, Aman Mahajan, Manoj Sadhotra, Ajay Verma, R.S Manhas, Rattan Chand, Rajesh Gupta, Pawan Kumar, Murlidhar, Renuji Dhar, PN Kaul, Sanjay Tickoo, PC Rana and Rohit Kumar.

Gandhi Jayanti celebrations cluminate at PSPS GCW G'Nagar



Faculty and students paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To commemorate the relevance of Gandhian thoughts and vision on the 153rd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi Ji, a series of activities were organised in collaboration with NSS (Unit 1) and 2J&K Girls Bn NCC of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu from 21st September to 2nd October, 2022.

The celebrations started with a soulful Bhajan' Raghupati Raghav Rajaram' presented by the students of the Music Department. Prof. Rahul from

, Poster-making Competition, Quiz Competition, Symposium, Plantation drive, Awareness Rally, Essay writing, Pledge on Non-violence and concluded with Floral tributes to the Father of Nation.

A total of 63 NSS Volunteers and Cadets of 2J&K Girls Bn paid reverence to Bapu ji on 2nd October, 2022.

The celebrations started with cleanliness drive followed by Slogan writing Competition

the Music Department mesmerized the audience with his soothing Bhajan. Ishani Jandiyal, the NSS Volunteer recited a poem on this occasion.

Prof. Sujata Slathia, the officiating Principal of the College congratulated the students and staff on this day and deliberated upon the importance of Gandhi Ji's teachings and how we can inculcate them in our daily lives.

The programme concluded with Pledge on Non-violence and National Anthem.

Johny Sufi, Ananya enthralled audience at devotional song competition

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: All India Devotional Song Competition entered in sixth day late evening as a part of Navratra Festival 2022 with the lighting of a traditional lamp by Bhawani Rakwal, Regional Director Land Survey of Jammu, who was Chief Guest on the occasion, in presence of Babila Rakwal DC Reasi, Angrez Singh Sub Divisional Magistrate Katra, Special Invitee and renowned singer Johny Sufi, Rakesh Wazir

Chairman Devotional Song Committee, former winner of All India Devotional Song Competition Ananya Sharma and Swami Yoganand Maharaj. In this last preliminary round of competition, Narinder Singh Jammu was adjudged as first, Ritika Kakkar from Jammu stood

second and third position was shared jointly by Sunny Salim from Kathua and Nitin Mahi from Jammu among the 11 auditioned participants and were provided with the cash prizes of Rs 10,000, Rs 5,000 and Rs 3,000 respectively. Johny Sufi and Ananya Sharma mesmerized the audience with their Bhajans.

The Devotional Song



Winner singers posing for a photograph with organizers.

Competition was adjudged by the panels of experts in music including Singer Johny Sufi, Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma HOD Govt. Degree College Sunni Shimla and Dr. C L Verma Ex. Chairman Post Graduate University of Himachal Pradesh.

The proceedings of Competition were conducted by Rakesh Wazir.