

Birth anniversary of Sher-e-Duggar Lala Hans Raj Mahajan celebrated



JCMS members paying tributes to Lala Hans Raj Mahajan.

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JAMMU: The Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS) paid rich tributes to Lala Hans Raj Mahajan, a great Social Reformer of his time, on his 156th Birth Anniversary with traditional enthusiasm at Lala Hans Raj Mahajan Park situated at Sunder Singh Gurdwara Road, here. A Vedic Hawan was performed and later statue of Lalaji was garlanded by the prominent personalities of Mahajan and other communities participating in function.

Tawi Andolan activists organise awareness camp

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JAMMU: The need for saving the Holy River and to spread the awareness for its conservation, activists of Tawi Andolan on Monday Organised an awareness camp at Tawi Ghat Bikram Chowk wherein hundreds of people gathered to immerse the Holy Shaakh. Led by Tawi Andolan Convener Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma scores of Volunteers Comprising President Ch Sushpaul Singh Co Convener Balvinder Bhatia, Sumita Devi, Raj kumar, Santosh kundal Veena bakshi and girl volunteers from University stopped devotees from immersing flowers, Chumris and polythene bags in the river so that River Tawi water should not get polluted.

Former MLA Shiv Dev Singh, State President BJP Kisan Morecha Sh Oni Khajuria ji also visited the Tawi Ghat and appreciated the efforts of all the volunteers. The Former MLA Shiv Dev singh ji advised the people to keep the river Tawi clean.

Those who graced the occasion include Kavinder Gupta (Former Dy CMD), Chander Mohan Gupta (Mayor JMC), Arun Gupta, President of Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Parshotam Didachi, President Sanatan Dharm Sabha, Murari Lal, President Kasha Rajput Sabha, Ajay Gandotra, President Dharmarth Trust.

Harinder Gupta, Shiv Partap Gupta, Sanjay Mahajan, Yash Pal Gupta, Jugal Mahajan, Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta, Subash Gupta, Surinder Gupta, Yash Pal, Prabhu Shah, Dr Mohan Lal Gupta, Balbir Gupta, C.P Gupta, Mukesh

Mahajan, Dr Bimal Gupta, Ravi Rohmetra, Atul Gupta, Subash Jandial, Om Parkash Gupta, Satish Gupta, Darshan Gupta, Rajesh Choudhary, Ramesh Gupta and others were also present. The Municipal Councilors Dinesh Gupta, Anil Masoom, Banu Mahajan, Sunita Gupta and Ritu Choudhary also added luster to the occasion by their participation. Ramesh Chander Gupta, President of the Sabha, pledged to carry forward the path shown by social reformer and lauded the work by weeding out the social evils from the society for his participation and work done for the betterment of mankind irrespective of caste, colour and creed.

C.P. Gupta and Ravi Rohmetra presented their poems which were appreciated by the audience. Vote of thanks was presented by Sanjay Mahajan, General Secretary.

Artists of Rammagar, Om Parkash and party presented Dogri culture/Mata ki Bhaints.

J&K Plus Two Lecturer's Forum holds meet, demands early resolution of issues

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JAMMU: The monthly meeting of All J&K Plus Two Lecturer's Forum was held in Jammu on Monday under the leadership of its Chairman R S Slathia and President Pardeep Singh Rakwal. The meeting was attended by a number of members of Central Executive body, District Presidents, Principals and Lecturers. The proceedings of the meeting were conducted by Ashok Sharma (Vice President).

The meeting started with paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth anniversaries. Various core issues of cadre were discussed like eradication of Inchargeism from the cadre. The members further demanded that time bound promotions should be there in Education Department on lines of other departments. The members also highlighted that earlier Charge Allowance was paid to employees working in

very hard zones but same has not been revived.

The forum also demanded early release of promotion list of Principals as many posts are lying vacant. The forum stressed upon repatriation of Principals and Lecturers working in very hard/Hard zones as early as possible as they have already completed their tenures. The forum members appealed Principal Secretary School Education Department Alok Kumar to consider all pending demands of cadre besides initiating steps to resolve them. Those who attended the meeting included Chief spokesperson Jyoti Prakash, Ghar Singh, Renu Langeh, Kamal Lal, Principal Milkhi Ram, Surinder Madhyal, Jagjeet Singh, Anwar Ul Sadat Shah, Sohan Singh, Ashok Katal, Ashok Kumar, Subash, Khateeb Ahmed, Pradeep Koul, Yasir Umer, Preeti Kanwal, Suresh Bangotra, Tariq Mehmood, Syed Massarat Hamdani and Ajit Singh.

Entire J&K in high spirits as HM Amit Shah begins three-day visit: Kavinder



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta launching development works.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta asserted that people of Jammu and Kashmir have high hopes from Home Minister Amit Shah's three days visit to the Union Territory.

He was addressing a gathering after launching development work here at Ward 22 in Shastri Nagar on Monday.

Vinay Gupta District

President, Jaideep Sharma Corporator Ward 22, Narinder Gupta Koki, Abhinandan Sharma and Rajesh Gupta were also present.

The BJP stalwart leader said that people from all walks of life are in high spirits as the Home Minister Amit Shah has commenced his three days visit to UT of J&K.

He said that the BJP cadre is especially upbeat on account of the Home

Minister's visit ahead of Assembly polls which are on the cards in the Union Territory of J&K. He said that there is lot to the credit of Bharatiya Janata Party in J&K because it has fulfilled every promise made with the people in the region, whether it was abrogation of Article 370, bringing unprecedented development in the region, ensuring foreign investment for colossal development, restoring peace and providing vistas of opportunities to the people especially youth with regard to employment and entrepreneurship.

The senior BJP leader has asked the people to continue to support BJP for it has much more in offing for the people to live a life full of dignity and pride besides amenities reaching at their doorsteps without any hassle or difficulty.

Devotees worship Maa Mahagauri in Prabhat Pheri

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Association of Prabhat Pheri on Monday took out Prabhat Pheri on 8th Navratra which is a part of Navratra Festival Katra 2021 and is being organized jointly by J&K Tourism Department and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Katra in association with district administration Reasi.

It is pertinent to mention here that Mahagauri is the eighth form among the Navadurga aspects of the Hindu mother Goddess Mahadevi. She is worshipped on the eighth day of Navaratri.

According to Hinduism, Mahagauri has the power to fulfill all the desires of her devotees. The one who worships the goddess, gets relief from all the sufferings in life.

A spiritual environment was created by today's Prabhat Pheri which started

IEI Jammu Centre celebrates World Habitat Day

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JAMMU: The Institution of Engineers (India) (IEI), Jammu Local Centre celebrated World Habitat Day at Channi Himmat, gere on Monday.

A seminar on the theme "Mind the Gap, Leave No one and Place Behind" was organized in which large number of engineers, professionals and members of the civil society participated.

On this occasion, Er. Vinod Sharma, FIE; Past Chairman, IEI Jammu Centre, Former Commissioner, FDA (Food & Drug Administration) J&K Govt was the Chief Guest and Er. B. B. Gupta, FIE; Former Chairman, IEI Jammu presided over the function.

Seven numbers of the technical papers on the theme were presented by Er. S. C. Thukral, FIE; Er. Ajay Sharma, FIE; Er. P. K. Nanda, MIE; Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, MIE; Er. Sumil Goyal, MIE; Er. Joy Ganjoo, Member



A dignitary speaking at a programme at IEI Centre Jammu.

Technologist & Er. Akash Dusgotra, AMIE.

All the speakers deliberated on the theme in detail regarding providing of habitats to more number of people and the agencies responsible for the construction of housing schemes must plan the new houses scheme so that the maximum number of population is covered.

Moreover, one of the speaker also deliberated that the proper facilities should be provided to the people living in slums and small clusters for healthy environment.

He also emphasized that the master plan prepared

at huge cost should be implemented in full.

Chief Guest informed the house that all the stakeholders must work together in a effective and mutually beneficially manner to implement measure for a Carbon Free Jammu & Kashmir.

He further emphasized to create green zones within Jammu City during implementation of Smart City Mission in Jammu.

Er. C P Sharma, MIE, Honorary Secretary of the centre conducted the proceedings of the seminar and presented vote of thanks.



Organizers of Prabhat Pehri felicitating Chief Guest, Ambica Bali, Asstt Director Tourism Katra.

from Bus Stand Katra to Darshan Deodi via Ban Ganga road and after passing through Main Bazaar Katra it got culminated at Bus Stand.

The procession was welcomed and joined hugely by the locals and pilgrims all along the route.

Today's Prabhat Pheri was flagged off by the Chief Guest, Ambica Bali, Assistant Director Tourism Katra and Guests of Honour, Gopal Dutt BMO Katra and Shiv Kumar Sharma President Senior Citizen Welfare Forum Katra in presence of special guests Bindu Sharma and Renu Bala Councilors Municipal Committee Katra.

Chief guest and other

guests were felicitated by the association members with turbans, Chunaris and memento.

The locals as well as pilgrims danced to the tunes of Bhajans and Kirtan performed by Baldev & party, Rajnikant and party of Rajasthan.

CRPF personnel received the procession at Yog Ashram and served the Parshad to the participants under the supervision of CRPF Commandant of 6th battalion Yaad Ram Bunker.

Central Bureau of Communication participated in the procession with groups from Rajasthan, Assam, Tamil Nadu and J&K.

Raj Kumar Padha President, J&K Association

of Prabhat Pheri informed that tomorrow a grand Prabhat Pheri shall be taken out as tomorrow is the Ramnavami and last day of Navratra festival.

He appealed the locals and the visiting devotees to come in large numbers to Prabhat Pheri and seek the blessings of Maa Vaishnodevi.

The members present on the occasion were Babu Ram Dubey, Ajay Sharma, Raj Kumar Dubey, Rannik Nawada, Manoj Sadhotra, R S Manhas, Rattan Sharma, Ashwini Katoch, Neelam Singh, Rattan Chand, Babu Ram, Renueji Dhar, Sanjay Tickoo, Vimal Kumar, Murlidhar, Pawan Kumar, Naresh Kumar, Rajesh Gupta, P N Rana and Rohit.

GCoE Jammu organises heritage visit



Students and faculty of GCoE Jammu during visit to Amar Mahal.

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JAMMU: M.Ed students of Government College of Education (GCoE), Jammu on Monday visited Amar Singh Palace and Museum under the guidance of M.Ed. Coordinator, Dr. Rajinder Kour, Prof. Shalini Rana and Prof. Anuradha Chaudhary. The students were first taken to Manda

Zoo for witnessing the natural heritage of Jammu region later on they visited Amar Mahal, which is a magnificent palace in Jammu and is a reflection of rich Dogra heritage.

The students also came to know that it was built in the nineteenth century for Raja Amar Singh, the Dogra King. It was built by a

French architect on the lines of a French Chateau. Inside the palace they observed many exhibits including a golden throne weighing 120 kg, Pahari miniature and Kangra miniature paintings, a library of 25,000 antique books and many rare art collections.

The guide interacted with the students and made them familiar with the history of the palace and the Dogra dynasty.

Principal, Prof. Aekta Gupta had flagged off the team in the morning.

She encouraged students and staff to organize these kinds of visits so that students can learn more about their rich native heritage. Payal and Sabya were the student organizers.

Unique Public School celebrates Dussehra



Students performing Dandiya dance during Dussehra celebration.

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JAMMU: "India is known as the land of festivals and celebrations and Dussehra is one of them which is unique in its perception and significance".

Keeping the festive spirit alive, Unique Public Senior Secondary School celebrated Dussehra festival on Monday. The festival resonates the victory of good

over evil.

Various cultural programmes were organised like Dandia dance presented by the students of Pre-Primary wing and Garba dance presented by the senior students.

The effigies of Ravan, Kumbkaran & Meghnath were burnt in the school campus.

The hard work of the students to make the celebration successful and praiseworthy was highly appreciated by the Chairman Jasbir Singh, Trustee Nirlep Kour and Vice-Principal of the school, Arti Rajput.

HISI Chairman flags-off staff, students for 'Sewa Yatra' to temples



Chairman HISI, Hira Lal Abrol, flagging-off 'Sewa Yatra' for visiting Chichi Mata Temple, Samba.

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JAMMU: Healthy India Stronger India (HISI), a Non Government Organization (NGO), on Monday arranged a free 'Sewa Yatra' to holy temples, for its staff and students.

Chairman HISI, Hira Lal Abrol, who flagged off the 'Sewa Yatra', along with forty-five students and staff visited the Chintpurni Temple Panjtirthi and the

Chichi Mata Temple, Samba.

The students were taken to these temples to make them aware about the importance of Navratri festival, said Hira Lal Abrol.

He added that they were told about the deities of these temples.

Talk on moral values was also given by the Chairman which was followed by distribution of sweets to the devotees

present in the temples.

The Yatra was accompanied by members of the NGO, Vinod Manhas, Sansar Chand and Raju Sharma.

Healthy India, Stronger India is a NGO founded by its Chairman, Hira Lal Abrol.

This NGO is running a 'Free Training Centre' for skill development of needy and poor children from BPL families.

Regional PF Comm conducts outreach programme in Leh

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LEH: Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, UT J&K and Ladakh, Rizwan Uddin chaired a meeting regarding Vision @ 2047- Outreach programme in Aspirational and border districts at DC Conference Hall, Leh with concerned departmental officers and stakeholders. At the outset, Regional PF Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin highlighted importance of enrolling employees, contractual or casual, under the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) to extend the benefits of social security schemes. He spoke at length about the schemes framed under EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, such as the



Regional PF Commissioner, UT J&K and Ladakh, Rizwan Uddin posing with other officials at Leh.

Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952, Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 and Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995. He shared about the modalities of employees' contributions and administrative charges regarding the same schemes. The meeting also deliberated on various other issues, including the

Principal Employers Portal; problems associated with the implementation of EPF and MP Act, 1952; coverage of establishment and enrollment of members; issues related to enrollment of members, UAN activation, and KYC seeding. Issues relevant to compliance with the Act; members/beneficiaries under schemes were also discussed along with

doubts and queries raised by participants. Chief Wildlife Warden, UT Ladakh; Director, Finance Department, UT Ladakh; Director, Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Department, UT Ladakh; Assistant Labour Commissioner, Leh; Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Leh; officers from various other departments like PWD, PDD, PHE, District Industries Centre, Tourism, Food Corporation India besides representatives from other agencies/establishments, including HIMANK, DRDO, IOCL, NHIDCL, NHPC, Archaeological Survey of India also attended the meeting.