

# Special Swachhata campaign initiated by EPFO

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Ten Cyclest led by Rizwan Uddin, PF Commissioner, J and K and Ladakh, from EPFO carried out massive cleanliness drive. Rizwan Uddin, P F Commissioner, J & K Ladakh along with team EPFO, Jammu ride bicycle from EPFO, Jammu to JKSRTC, Bus Depot, Railway Road, Jammu, where massive cleanliness drive was carried out at Bus Depot in association with employees of JK, SRTC.

Team EPFO rode bicycles to veme to promote cause of "Health and Environment". Mukesh Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Amit Jakhmola, Pranav Gupta, Rajender Kumar, Ajay brought their bicycles for the event.

Vivek, Depot Manager, Ajit Kumar Mishra, Regional P F Commissioner-II, Jammu and other Officers and Officials of EPFO, Jammu and JKSRTC were present in the event. P F Commissioner,



EPFO carrying out Swachhata campaign.

Rizwan Uddin appealed all the participants to inculcate habit of cleanliness, which would help us create positive vibes. Clean surroundings create a feeling of happiness and which makes workplaces attractive and soothing that can improve productivity.

Under the mega cleanliness drive 'Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan', Employees' Provident Fund (EPFO) Regional Office, Jammu has undertaken a grievance redressal initiative during the

'Swachhata Pakhwada'. Under the campaign, grievances are being personally heard and necessary directions being provided for immediate and quick disposal of the same by Rizwan Uddin, Regional P. F. Commissioner - I.

On the WhatsApp grievance of Santosh Devi as her pension status was pending for few months, approached P F Commissioner with the request and same was updated by the concerned authori-

ties. Sunil Bhat from Pharose Remedies Ltd. approached P F Commissioner to update missing details of their few employees. Rizwan Uddin, RPF-CI ordered to process the Joint Declaration immediately and same was processed within one hour.

Digital Life Certificates were provided to Suraj Singh, Bachan Lal, Jagdish Raj Sharma and Jia Lal Parihar. Vikas Bhasin owner of Vikas Enterprises from Poonch

came to activate his establishment Login ID and his grievance was resolved at the same time with the help of concerned authorities.

Many cases where death of members got verified and instructions were issued suitably to Officials to process all death claims.

Sharwan Kumar from Future Retail came with his request to update his claim that was not approved by employer; his employer was asked to update the same. The employer was facilitated over telephone by P F Commissioner with the request to update the same query.

On this occasion, Rizwan Uddin, Regional P F Commissioner-I assured to hear the grievances/issues of all stakeholders on day-to-day basis. He further said that all the stakeholders can visit office for quick disposal of their grievances and to register any problems faced by them related to EPFO.

## Cleanliness Drive under Swachhta Hi Sewa Campaign at Directorate of Health Services Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: As the country geared up to participate in the one hour massive cleanliness drive on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal, the Directorate of Health Services Jammu also joined the Shramdan drive as part of Swachhta Hi Seva Campaign on 1st October 2023.

Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma along with all officers and officials of the Directorate took part in this campaign. All the employees of the Directorate conducted cleanliness drive in the office premises and the surround-



DHSJ conducting Swachhta campaign.

ing areas with zeal and zest. This Swachhta drive is a true tribute to Mahatma Gandhi who believed that cleanliness is next to godliness and promotes the message of cleanliness in the community. With the help of cleanliness, many kind of diseases can be prevented, thereby keeping us physically and mentally fit to lead a healthy and happy life.

## Maintaining cleanliness has much importance in everyone's life: Principal PTTI Vijaypur



Cleanliness campaign being carried out at PTTI Vijaypur.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Under the ongoing "Swachhata Hi Seva" nationwide campaign, Police Technical Training Institute, (PTTI) Vijaypur organized a cleanliness drive in the Institute and its adjoining area.

During the cleanliness drive entire premises and adjoining area of the campus was cleaned-up by staff and trainees of the Institute.

While speaking on the occasion, Shiv Kumar, Principal PTTI Vijaypur said that such drives should be organized from time to time and everyone should participate to make this mission successful as such

drives provide opportunities to make the area neat and clean.

Maintaining cleanliness has much importance in everyone's life as it safeguards us from various diseases.

On this occasion, Principal recognized the services of Peter John, only Safai Mitra of the Institute and greeted him by presenting a Memento. Principal said that Peter John is very sincere to his job and perform his duties dedicatedly.

Among others, Dhushyant Sharma, Vice Principal PTTI Vijaypur, Kuldeep Raj, DySP (Indoor/Tech), Insnr. Javed Hussain (RI), Insnr. Vishal Kumar (CDI), Insnr. Surrinder Paul Singh (CLI/CTI), Insnr. Ram Lal, Insnr. Rakesh Sharma, Insnr. Anil Kumar, Insnr. Himanshu Dutta, Insnr. Ashish Darmat, Insnr. Bhopinder Singh, Insnr. Kanwal Raina, SI Kapil Raina, SI Susheel Sharma, ASI Darshan Kumar, ASI Rash Paul, HC Gopal Singh, Narinder also participated in the cleanliness drive.

## GDC Kunjwani organises Cleanliness drive

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In commemoration of Gandhi Jayanti and as a part of the nationwide "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign, the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of government Degree College Kunjwani, Sainik Colony Jammu organized a cleanliness drive at Peer Baba Kanju Sahib Dargah in Kunjwani. The event saw enthusiastic participation from NSS Volunteers, students and local community members.

Principal, Dr Ravender Kumar Tickoo in his inaugural address highlighted the importance of cleanliness and Swachhata Hi Seva in achieving Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a clean and healthy India. He encouraged all the participants to actively engage in the clean - up drive, underscoring the role of youth in bringing about positive change in society.

Over 50 NSS volunteers accompanied by local residents worked diligently to sweep, collect litter and remove debris, focusing on the Peer Baba Kanju Sahib Dargah premises and its surroundings. The local community welcomed the initiative and joined hands with the NSS volunteers showcasing the spirit of unity and community service. The programme was organised by Prof. Bushra Nizami NSS, programme officer and Prof. Shamshad Bibi.



Kunjwani college students, staff participating cleanliness drive.

## Book review competition held at GDC Khour

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KHOUR: In commemoration of Gandhi Jayanti, an event that marks the Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the Department of Library and Information Science of the Government Degrees College Khour hosted a thought-provoking book review competition on the book "My Experiments with Truth," authored by Mahatma Gandhi himself. The competition, held on 30 September attracted the participation of number of students of semester 3rd and 5th from various academic backgrounds. The students brought their unique perspectives and insights to the book review competition. The best performers were Simran, Chetna verma and Kamini of Sem 3rd and Needhi Kumari, Shagun Choudhary, Riya Devi of semester 5th. The event served as a platform for these young students to delve into the profound teachings and life experiences shared by Mahatma Gandhi in "My Experiments with Truth." The book, which is Gandhi's autobiographical account, chronicles his journey towards self-discovery and his commitment to the principles of non-violence, truth, and social justice. The participants displayed a deep understanding of the book's content, and their reviews were a testament to their ability to analyze and critique literary works. Each review presented a distinct viewpoint, highlighting different aspects of Gandhi's life and philosophy. The book review competition not only celebrated the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi but also underscored the importance of reading and critically analyzing literary works in the field of library and information science. It served as a reminder of the enduring relevance of Gandhi's principles and his commitment to truth and non-violence. The entire event was organised by the College Librarian Usha Kumari and Abhinandan Angotra under the patronage of the College Principal Dr. T. K Sharma.

## Cleanliness drive held across Doda distt under Swachhta Hi Seva campaign

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADERWAH: With an aim to spread message of cleanliness and to participate in nationwide Shramdaan campaign under Swachhta Hi Seva programme, PRI members and public along with different departments organised mega cleanliness drive across District Doda on Sunday.

Chief Agriculture Officer Doda Anil Gupta, who was visiting officer of Drudlu panchayat lead the campaign along with Award winner Sarpanch Drudlu Panchayat Ashok Sharma at Drudlu area of Bhaderwah.

The Swachhta drive started from Government Higher Secondary School Drudlu, where Swachhata, Non-Violence and Nasha Mukta Bharat Pledge was also administered to all participants by the visiting officer. After cleaning School premises, the participants took out Swachhta rally towards Neeru Nallah, where all participants cleaned the river Neeru. The drive was also conducted in Wellness Center Drudlu and Herbal Garden.

Anil Gupta, Visiting Officer;



People participating in cleanliness drive.

said that on the call of our PM Narendra Modi, we participated in mega cleanliness drive in Drudlu Panchayat of Additional district Bhaderwah with Tag Line 'Swachhta a habit for healthy living' to spread the message of healthy environment.

Award winner Sarpanch Ashok Sharma said that Swachhta Hi Seva is not just about picking up litter, but about changing our mind set towards cleanliness.' Swachhata hi Seva' 2023 is a moment of celebration. It is a time to reaffirm ourselves to the cause of keeping our cities and villages clean.

Meanwhile due to careless

and casual approach of some staff members of Government Higher secondary school Drudlu, out of about 350 enrollment, only 8-10 students participated in the nationwide event.

Meanwhile Doda Administration is continuously holding Swachhta camps and events showcasing the importance of cleanliness across the district as a part of the nationwide Swachhta Hi Seva campaign. On the call of PM of Bharat, Doda administration made an appeal to the PRIs and Public to participate in the One-Hour Shramdaan on first of October from 10am to 11am, to which people from all walks

of life responded enthusiastically. Major events included cleaning of Neeru Nallah from the Bhaderwah near ADC office to Pul Doda. The cleaning of Neru was led by Administrative Secretary Revenue Dr Piyush Singla along with ADDC Doda Pran Singh, ADC Bhaderwah Choudhary Dil Mir, BDC chairman Omi Chand, DDC Councillor Thakur Yudhvir Singh, other officers and large gathering of public of all age groups and genders from adjoining habitations of the river. Other events in the district include cleaning of offices, market places, municipal wards, towns, educational institutions, panchayat ghars, panchayat wards, Anganwadi Centres and all the tourist destinations of the district.

A nukad natak was displayed at the new Bus Stand of Bhaderwah by the artists arranged by Central Bureau of Communication, ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, field office Doda, and Department of Information and PR, J&K, DIC Doda, to highlight the importance of Swachhta

(Cleanliness) and inculcate the sense of responsibility among people towards keeping their surroundings clean.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Piyush Singla said that Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) fortnight aims to mobilize the participation of common man to bring behavioural change and sense of responsiveness towards his surroundings. SHS is not just about picking up litter, but about changing our mind set towards cleanliness.

'Swachhata hi Seva' 2023 is a moment of celebration. It is a time to reaffirm ourselves to the cause of keeping our cities and villages clean. A large-scale transformation had never been imagined before, J&K has achieved the status of ODF plus. He appreciated the efforts of PRIs, officers, and the general public in making the Shramdaan in Doda district a grand success.

## Govt Degree College Marheen organises Cleanliness Drive



Students, staff carried out cleanliness drive.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College Marheen organized a Cleanliness Drive under Swachhta Hi Seva.

An appeal was made to make one date, one hour successful by cleaning the college, adopted pond, adjoining places, roads, health centre of Marheen, worship place of Peer Babaji. The programme was organized under the patronage of Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta.

In her address, she talked about the importance of better hygiene, sanitation and cleanliness of our surroundings. Moreover, in the event, Principal talked about the college surrounding was cleaned and garbage collected was placed for making compost for better use of the garbage. The event was coordinated Dr. Sonika Jasrotia, NSS, PO. Other who were present on the occasion were Dr.Yash Paul Sharma, Pardeep, Prof. Deepak and Dr.Munisha.

A large number of students participated in the drive. Moreover DDC Chairperson, Karan Attri also join the drive.

## ITIs Jammu organises Swachhta Hi Sewa campaign

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Govt ITI Jammu and Women ITI Jammu organized Swachhta Hi Seva campaign as a part of Massive Cleanliness drive led by Officers/Officials of Skill Development Department as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his birth anniversary

on 2nd October 23. The backbone of the Mission has been Jan Andolan for Swachhata. The theme for SHS 2023 is "Garbage Free India". Events planned as part of the fortnight will serve as a build up to Swachhata Divas 2023 and reaffirm the commitment of all to make India clean and

garbage free. SHS-2023 will focus on achieving visibly higher order of cleanliness across local bodies through the spirit of voluntarism and Shramdaan, as well as on the welfare of SafaiMitras.

The activities will include removal of garbage from all important spaces, clearing of legacy waste, repairing, painting, cleaning, and branding of all sanitation assets such as litter bins, public toilets, garbage points, waste transportation vehicles, and Material Recovery Facilities, saturating markets, public spaces, and tourist spots with SBM wall paintings and dustbins, organizing swachhata quizzes, plantation drives, swachhata pledges and swachhata runs etc.

Distinguished dignitaries graced the event with their presence, adding prestige and honor to the occasion: Sudershan Kumar Director Skill Development Department J&K, GM Bhat, Joint Director, Skill Development Department, Er. Nazir Ahmed Mokri, National Vice President, All India GITIUPA/President J&K ITI Employees United Front.

The Program highlights included Swachhta Pledge taken by staff along with trainees followed by Cleanliness drive on Service road, Main Road approximately 03 kms started from ITI main Gate via Petrol Pump, Shastri Nagar, Canal Park Akhnour Road and back to the campus.

## GDC Ramgarh organises 'Swachhata Drive'



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit-Prabha of Government Degree College Ramgarh organized 'Swachhata Drive' on 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav. This drive was carried out in the College premises as well as College's adopted village 'Kalah' followed by a Pledge on 'Swachhata Abhiyaan' inside the college Premises and Run for Swachhata Shramdaan. It was carried out under the supervision and leadership of Prof (Dr) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the College. Dr Shamsher Lal,

NSS Programme Officer, along with NSS committee members and NSS volunteers, carried out the drive. In the beginning, he briefed the volunteers regarding the importance of cleanliness and encouraged them to always keep the surroundings clean. He also said that this activity provided a great opportunity to the College to perform its social responsibilities for the society at large. Further he said that Mahatma Gandhi believed that 'cleanliness is next to godliness'. A large number of NSS volunteers participated in the cleanliness drive and cleaned the College premises and streets of the adopted village. They collected the waste and it was disposed off on a designated site and also participated run for Swachhata Shramdaan. The entire program was organized by Dr. Shamsher Lal (NSS PO). The proceeding of the Pledge was conducted by the NSS volunteer, Jagmeet Kour. All the enrolled students, Faculty members, non-teaching staff took the pledge.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
GHAGWAL: As part of the ongoing "Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations" and "Swachhata hi Seva hai Abhiyaan" the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit 'Ankuram' of GDC Ghagwal embarked on a vigorous cleanliness drive in and around the college campus.

In a remarkable display of community engagement, students extended their efforts to clean the surroundings of the adopted village Nonath, Ghagwal and the panchayat ghar, making a significant contribution to the cleanliness initiative.

Arpan Pangotra, Sarpanch also encouraged the students. Principal Dr. Sujata Slathia also participated in the cleanliness drive, commended the students for their dedication and emphasized the importance of such initiatives.

The cleanliness drive, organized by the NSS unit, witnessed enthusiastic participation from the college's students and faculty members. Armed with brooms, dustbins, and a spirit of service, they worked diligently to clean the college premises, ensuring that every nook and cranny was free from litter.

In commemoration of the 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, GDC Ghagwal organized a special lecture under the banner of "Gandhi Jayanti Celebration 2023." The lecture, titled "Gandhi's Contribution to Indian Economic Education," was



Faculty & students planting a sapling.

delivered by the esteemed Principal of GDC Ghagwal, Dr. Sujata Slathia.

During the lecture, Dr. Slathia delved into Gandhi's philosophy of economic self-sufficiency, which he termed as "Swadeshi." This philosophy promoted the idea that India should rely on its indigenous resources.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Slathia said, "Gandhi's economic ideas are not only a part of our history but also a source of inspiration for building a just and equitable society.

It is crucial that we revisit and integrate his teachings into our educational curriculum to foster a deeper understanding of economic self-reliance and social responsibility."

The event was well-attended by students, faculty, and staff members of the college.

Keeping up with the spirit of the celebrations, the NSS unit in collaboration with the EVS department of the college headed by Dr. Anjali, organised a little feat for everyone to attend. The concept of "Earn While You Learn" was dealt by students in making various objects like diyas, colours, dream catchers etc. The staff and students of the college bought the things created and crafted by our college's students.

The whole event was organised by NSS Program Officer, Dr. Vani Awasthi and the dedicated team of members- Dr. Sheetal Thappa, Dr. Rahul Verma and Dr. Tania Baloria.

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