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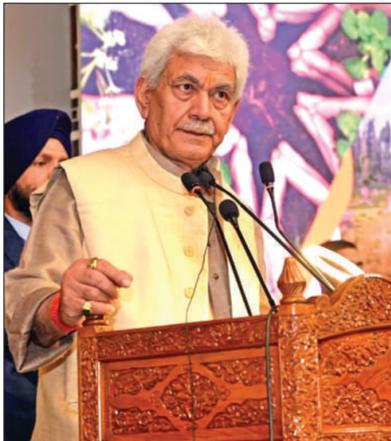
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday received the Amrit Kalash from all Blocks and Municipal bodies of Kashmir Division under Meri Maati Mera Desh Campaign and flagged off the Amrit Kalash Yatra for onward journey to New Delhi via Jammu.

From 11-30th September 2023, Mitti and Rice were collected from households across all villages and urban wards, marked with over 1.5 Lakh special celebrative events organized across J&K.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor dedicated 3952 Amrit Vatikas and 4605 Shilaphalakams across the UT in the memory of great personalities who had made invaluable contributions and laid down their lives for the progress and prosperity of Jammu Kashmir.

"Meri Maati Mera Desh is an occasion to remember the sacrificial struggle of freedom fighters and Bravehearts. The sacred flame of their selfless sacrifice and contribution of our charismatic forefathers in development will illuminate our journey of Amrit Kaal," the Lt Governor said in his address.

It is not an event but a symbol of the hopes and aspirations of the common man of J&K UT. It is also



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha speaking at a programme of receiving the Amrit Kalash.

ing ahead with renewed vigour and strength, he said. The Lt Governor administered the 'Panch Pran' pledge to the people and called for united efforts for realizing the vision of developed India.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has shown us a new path through Panch Pran. Goal of developed India, to remove any trace of colonial mindset, take pride in our roots, unity and sense of duty among citizens, these five Pran will guide us in Amrit Kaal, he said.

Meri Maati Mera Desh is also a symbol of new resolve, an opportunity for collective reflection and new resolution for team J&K, the Lt Governor said.

We will have to dedicate every moment of our lives to nation building and I am confident that the campaign will create new strength and new confidence in the development journey of J&K UT, he said.

The Lt Governor also planted a sapling of Picea smithiana (Himalayan Spruce) to mark the occasion.

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor, SMC; Aftab Malik, Chairman, DDC Srinagar; Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary Tourism Department; DDC Chairpersons, members of PRIs, ULBs, senior Officers from Civil Administration, Police and Security Forces were present.

POJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti takes out Samriti Yatra to pay tribute to martyrs of 1947 massacre

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JAMMU: The POJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti was thrilled to announce the Samriti Yatra, a profoundly significant journey that paid heartfelt tribute to the brave martyrs of the tragic 1947 massacre, an unforgettable chapter in our nation's history.

A memorial procession was organized from Gurudwara Digiana Ashram and was flagged off by Mahant Manjeet Singh.

Upon embarking from Gurudwara Ashram Digiana, then subsequently passing through Satwari, Vikram Chowk via Gumat, Indira Chowk, Brigadier Rajinder Singh Chowk, Bakshi Nagar, Rehari Colony, Sarwal New Plot and ended at Ved Mandir Ambhala.

Along the way, participants paid their respects at the Balidan Stanbh in Maheshpura, honouring the courageous souls that lost their lives in the Mirpur massacre.

They were welcomed by Arun Kumar Gupta (President, Arya Samaj Dayanand Marg) and Rajiv



Mahant Manjeet Singh with other dignitaries taking out Samriti Yatra.

Chuni (Chairman, S.O.S International).

This Yatra united everyone in deep reverence, forging a strong sense of community.

This Yatra wasn't just a physical journey; it was a profound tribute to the unwavering bravery of those who sacrificed their lives for our motherland. It provided an opportunity for all of us to reflect on and honor the unparalleled valor of these heroes, planting the seeds of a brighter future. We extend our deepest grati-

tude to the PoJK displaced families who participated in substantial numbers.

Their dedication and sacrifice continued to inspire us, reminding us of our duty to keep their memory alive.

The Yatra showcased unity, resilience, and collective strength within our community, a testament to the commitment to preserving the legacy of those who devoted their lives to the nation.

Tributes were also offered to Maharaja Hari Singh at his statue at

Tawi Bridge by Advocate Sunil Sethi, Dr Deepak Kapoor president POJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti and Arun Chowdhary for the Accession Day which acted as reminder for all PoJK displaced families who were invited to join this endeavour that the process is yet to be completed.

Arun Chowdhary, General Secretary of the POJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti and Convenor of Samriti Yatra emphasized the fact that the genocide of unarmed citizens from these communities of Mirpuri, Muzafarabadi, Poonch, Bimbar etc. was the first ever deadliest since Independence and people should pay homage to the martyrs while remembering such dire atrocities.

He pledged that until the illegally occupied area by Pakistan isn't regained and all the affected families aren't rehabilitated, such events would continue.

He also said that accession is incomplete till the areas under illegal occupation of Pakistan and china are not taken back.



Accession Day: People should celebrate it like a festival, Dr Darakshan

Revocation of Article 370 a historical decision of PM Modi

MASROOR AHMAD

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party celebrated 75th Accession Day at party headquarter Srinagar.

BJP Senior leader and Waqf chairperson Dr Syed Darakshan Andrabi and other senior leaders celebrated Accession Day with vigour at Party headquarter near Jawahar Nagar.

The National Flag was also hoisted on the occasion while paying glorious tributes to the great Maharaja Hari Singh. Party senior leaders were also present on the occasion.

Waqf Chairperson and MOS Dr Syed Darakshan Andrabi told reporters in the sideline of function that, this is great day for us, this was the day when Maharaja made Jammu and Kashmir an integral part of India.

She added that Instrument of Accession signed by Maharaja Hari Singh was full and final in



which he unite the whole of Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of India and this step that was endorsed by Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah formerly merging the State of J&K with the India

She called the day to be celebrated as a festival with each individual pledging to protect the unity and integrity of the state against any forces that may seek to undermine its connection with the India. She added that previous governments ditched Maharaja and the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

She highlighted that on August 5, 2019 a historic decision has ushered in peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir, the situation is normal now. In Kashmir no shutdown or any kind of unrest is seen anywhere, situation is getting better and lakhs of visitors are visiting Kashmir. The UT has hosted international events and witnessed record tourist footfall. The biggest change after abrogation of article is that the common people of Jammu and Kashmir are living according to their own wishes.

MP Khatana commends BJP's Inclusive Governance, urges voters to elect BJP in Rajasthan

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POKHARAN: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Rajya Sabha(Nominated) Er. Gulam Ali Khatana lauded the BJP government's commitment to inclusive development, while calling upon the people of Rajasthan, particularly in the Pokhran constituency, to vote for BJP Candidate Mahant Pratappuri Maharaj in the upcoming elections.

He emphasized the party's unwavering dedication to its motto of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas," which translates to "Together with all, development for all, and the trust of all." He contrasted this with the exploitation of SC, ST, and OBC communities for vote bank politics by the Congress party.

MP Khatana during various public rallies in Pokhran assembly con-



MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana interacting with people at Pokhran.

stituency highlighted the BJP's track record of promoting inclusive growth and ensuring that no one is left behind in the path to development. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP government has implemented a range of policies and initiatives that aim to uplift marginalized sections of society and foster economic growth and progress for all citizens.

MP Khatana also

expressed his confidence that the BJP would bring transformative changes to the developmental landscape of Rajasthan if given the opportunity to govern the state.

He cited various programs and projects initiated by the BJP-led government at the national level that have positively impacted the lives of the people.

He urged voters in Rajasthan, specifically in the Pokhran constituency,

to cast their votes in favor of BJP Candidate Mahant Pratappuri Maharaj. He emphasized that Mahant Pratappuri Maharaj is a dedicated and capable leader who will work tirelessly to ensure the welfare and progress of the region.

MP Khatana underscored the importance of choosing leaders who prioritize the betterment of all communities and who are committed to inclusive development. He encouraged voters to support the BJP and its candidate, Mahant Pratappuri Maharaj, in their mission to bring positive change and prosperity to Rajasthan.

MP Khatana also visited the residence of Naib of Dar-ul-Uloom, Zubeedullah to garner support for BJP. Dar-ul-Uloom is the biggest and oldest Madarasa in Rajasthan since 1917.

Dr Jitendra addresses Trainee Officers, emphasises capacity building at every level

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NEW DELHI: Addressing the 9-week long Foundation Training Program (FTP) of 846 Direct Recruited Assistant Section Officers (ASOs) of Combined Graduate Level Exam 2022 (Phase - I) at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) here on Thursday, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh emphasised the importance of capacity building at every level and said that the Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has institutionalized Capacity Building programmes for employees across the sections.

Specific training modules have been launched on the Mission Karmayogi platform for new recruits to various categories of employees, he said.

The present training programme is being held at besides four other centres



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing the Assistant Section Officers (ASOs) undergoing a 9-week long Foundation Training Program at IIPA, New Delhi on Thursday.

across the country who joined through video conference.

195 trainees were present at the IIPA and the rest joined online undergoing training at ISTM, BIPARD, MC Reddy Institute, Hyderabad and Academy of Administration, Bhopal.

Dr Jitendra, who is also the Chairman, IIPA, said, Capacity Building is a continuous exercise and the decision to have a CBC in

the Government by itself is a step in the direction of the Capacity Building process. This is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for building a Viksit Bharat, he said.

Dr Jitendra said PM Modi has streamlined processes with the resultant 'Whole of Government' approach.

"We have a very syner-

gized approach to work, in all spheres of life including office; so no longer you

work in isolation regardless of whichever department," he said. Appreciating the fact that the current batch of ASO trainees has a very impressive educationally qualified profile, Dr Jitendra this is a result of the pathbreaking reforms initiated by PM Modi including abolishing interviews for Group C posts in Government.

On the occasion, an MoU was signed between IIPA and National Telecommunications Institute (NTIPRIT), Ghaziabad (Apex Institute of Indian Telecom Service) for academic collaboration. SN Tripathi, DG IIPA and Deb Kumar Chakrabarty, DG NTIPRIT exchanged the MoU in the presence of the Union Minister.

Dr Jitendra Singh also handed over Promotion Certificates to 21 Staff members who got promoted or placed in the next higher pay level.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu inaugurates Jammu Deepawali Mahotsav-2023

Directorate of Tourism Jammu takes lead in orchestrating an unprecedented event, magnificently showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Jammu

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JAMMU: The Jammu Deepawali Mohatsav 2023, a dazzling celebration meticulously organized by the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu in collaboration with the Apsra Road Traders Association, Jammu Smart City Limited, J&K academy of Art,Culture and Languages and District Administration Jammu cast a radiant glow over Apsra Road, uniting residents and visitors for a grand inauguration.

On the enchanting evening of October 26, 2023, the event kicked off with an impressive turnout as enthusiastic participants flocked to Apsra Road to immerse themselves in the festivities. The celebrations commenced at 6:00 pm with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, attended

by distinguished guests and dignitaries, setting the stage for a rich array of vibrant cultural events. This marks the inaugural event, with a series of exciting events set to follow.

The Chief Guest, Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, was joined by Rahul Yadav, CEO Smart City Jammu, Sachin Vaishya, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Vinod Kumar, SSP, Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director Tourism Jammu, who graced the occasion as Guests of Honour.

The Jammu Deepawali Mohatsav presented a mesmerizing spectacle with a breathtaking display of lights, captivating decorations, and enthralling cultural performances that encapsulated the rich heritage and unity of the com-



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and other officers at Jammu Deepawali Mohatsav 2023.

munity. Visitors were treated to a diverse array of activities, including live music, traditional dance performances, display of stalls, and a bustling marketplace.

The event featured stunning cultural performances by artists from the Department of Art, Culture and Languages. These performances brought to life the diverse cultural tradi-

tions of Jammu, mesmerizing the audience with their vibrant costumes, graceful movements, and soulful music.

Additionally, the Jammu Deepawali Mohatsav featured a remarkable exhibition of stalls of handicrafts showcasing the art and craft of the region. Visitors had the opportunity to explore and appreciate the intricate craftsmanship

and traditional art forms of Jammu, including pottery, woodwork, hand woven textiles and more. These stalls provided a platform for local artisans to exhibit their skills and promote the rich cultural heritage of the region. The dignitaries conducted comprehensive inspections of each stall and displayed keen interest.

Ramesh Kumar,

expressed his heartfelt appreciation towards the organizers and participants for making the Jammu Deepawali Mohatsav a resounding success. He underscored the significance of festivals that foster community cohesion and celebrate cultural diversity.

Rahul Yadav, lauded the tireless efforts of the Apsra Road Traders Association, Jammu Smart City Limited and the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu and other stakeholders for their collaborative efforts in organizing this magnificent event. He emphasized the role of Deepawali in fostering community bonds and promoting a sense of harmony.

Sachin Kumar Vaishya, congratulated the organizers for their contribution to the cultural vibrancy of

Jammu and for encouraging the preservation of traditions. Sunaina Sharma Mehta, extended her heartfelt gratitude to all those involved in making the Jammu Deepawali Mohatsav an unforgettable experience for everyone. She highlighted the importance of organizing the Deepawali Mohatsav in promoting tourism and showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Jammu. She also unveiled an exciting series of events culminating on November 18th, featuring enchanting bumper prizes, delightful gifts, valuable vouchers, and exclusive shopping discounts for the general public.

The Jammu Deepawali Mohatsav reached its zenith with a grand display of fireworks, painting the night sky with cascades of colors and creating a mesmerizing

spectacle. Also present on the occasion were Sandeep Seoindra, ADC Jammu, Rohina Waheed, SP South, Umesh Shan, Deputy Director Tourism, and members of the Apsra Road Traders Association, including Anil Kohli (President), Pawan Gupta (Sr. Vice President), Ashvani Sharma (Jr. Vice President), Rajan Gupta (General Secretary), Ashutosh (Secretary), Manoj Magotra (Cashier), Ashu Gupta (Chairman), Amit Jandyal (Convener), and officials of the Department.

The event as a whole was an unequivocal success, leaving an indelible mark on all who attended. It served to unite the community in joyful celebrations and fortify the spirit of togetherness.