

District Legal Services Authority Jammu organises Cleanliness

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Cleanliness Drive aimed to raise awareness among people about the significance of maintaining cleanliness in their surroundings, fostering a sense of responsibility toward cleanliness.

The event exemplified the spirit of cleanliness and sustainability advocated by Mahatma Gandhi, encouraging individuals to contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment.

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Painting competition Promotes Talent and Religious Consciousness at Bhagawaan Gopinathji's Ashram in Jammu



Children participating in the contest.

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JAMMU: In an effort to nurture talent and instill religious consciousness among children, Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust hosted an engaging painting competition at Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram in Udaivala, Bohri, Jammu on Monday. Dr. (Prof.) P.N. Trisal Presides Over the Event

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. (Prof.) P.N. Trisal, who presided over the function. He lauded the Trust's dedication to fostering talent and Bhagawaan consciousness among the youth. Judges Santosh Tikoo and Chishool Mahaldhar, Santosh Tikoo and Chishool

Mahaldhar served as judges for this inspiring competition. A remarkable turnout of approximately 300 children eagerly participated in the event.

The young artists who demonstrated their creativity and secured the first, second, and third positions in each category were awarded certificates and trophies as tokens of recognition. Senior Group Winners: 1st Place: Ojasvi Raina, 2nd Place: Archana Devi, 3rd Place: Simran Nehru.

Junior Group Winners: 1st Place: Master Rohit Kumar Verma, 2nd Place: Nitika Bhat, 3rd Place: Arpita Tikku. Sub-Junior Group Winners: 1st Place:

Miss Shukti Koul, 2nd Place: Miss Harshita Bhat, 3rd Place: Miss Shriya Bhat. All other participants were honored with certificates for their enthusiastic participation. Consolation Prize for Suhani Koul

In the senior category, a special consolation prize was awarded to Suhani Koul. Trophies Presented by Prof. P.N. Trisal and Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust Officials

Prof. P.N. Trisal, along with Ashok Razdan, President of Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust, and Sohan Krishen Khordi, Secretary of Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust, handed over trophies to the first, second, and third position holders in each category. To wrap up the event, snacks were distributed among the participating children.

This painting competition not only celebrated young talent but also encouraged the nurturing of religious consciousness, fostering a sense of creativity and spirituality among the youth.

Dr Jitendra flags off 'Recycling on Wheels' to mark Swachhata

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NEW DELHI: In alignment with the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign, celebrated from September 15th to October 2nd this year, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the revolutionary "Recycling on Wheels Smart-ER" at Anusandhan Bhawan, New Delhi.

During the flag-off ceremony, Dr. Jitendra Singh stated, "The 'Recycling on Wheels Smart-ER' project aligns perfectly with the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign's objective of fostering a cleaner India" He said, it not only bolsters transportation efficiency and cost reduction but will also efficiently extract precious metals from shredded e-waste in its later phase, making a sig-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh flagging-off the revolutionary "Recycling on Wheels Smart-ER" at New Delhi on Monday.

nificant contribution to the circular economy, thus aligning with the Swachh Bharat mission.

Dwelling on the Swachhata Hi Seva theme, Dr Jitendra Singh said, "Mahatma Gandhi gave us the virtue of Swachhata, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it a part of life".

The Minister elaborated that soon after taking charge in May, 2014, PM Modi has declared Swachh Bharat

Mission on 15th August, 2014 to make India Open Defecation Free Country. He said, the cleanliness mission got institutionalized within few years and it has become a way of life, a true mass movement (Jan Andolan).

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the swachhata campaign is not restricted to 2nd October even, but it has assumed a new dimension of continuity and the process is on. He added that Babu Ji's Birth

Modi Govt working on truth, non violence principles of Gandhi: Mayor

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JAMMU: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) successfully concluded its "Swachhata Hi Seva 2023" initiative at the Community Hall of Chhanni Himmat, Jammu today. The event aimed to inspire and engage citizens in the collective effort to create a cleaner and garbage-free India.

Distinguished Guests present on this occasion were Mayor Rajinder Sharma, Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria, Chairman Standing Committee Health and Sanitation, Arun Kumar Khanna, Ward Corporators, Commissioner of JMC, Rahul Yadav, Joint Commissioner H&S, Kulbhushan Khajuria, Joint commissioner Works, Rajesh Sumbria, Health Officer Vinod Sharma.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response from the local community, with more than 500 enthusiastic citizens actively participat-



Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma and others during the event.

ing. On this occasion JMC organized a peaceful march around the Chhanni Himmat community hall premises to promote cleanliness and unity among citizens.

Commissioner of JMC, Rahul Yadav, administered a solemn pledge to prioritize cleanliness and sustainable waste management.

A thought-provoking street play was performed to raise awareness about the significance of cleanliness and the adverse effects of

plastic waste on the environment and human health. Participants were encouraged to responsibly dispose of wet and dry waste.

The event concluded with the recognition and appreciation of the best-performing officials and workers who have contributed significantly to the cleanliness drive.

This event marks a crucial step forward in the Swachh Hi Seva initiative, demonstrating the commitment of JMC, local officials, and citizens to achieving a cleaner

and garbage-free India. It serves as a reminder of the importance of collective action in safeguarding our environment and health.

On this occasion the Mayor Rajinder Sharma said that about Mahatma Gandhi, renowned scientist Albert Einstein has said that for such a personality the coming generations will find it difficult to believe that such a human has ever walked on earth.

He further said that principles of truth and non-violence propounded by Gandhi Ji are even relevant today. "Neither Gandhi was commander of a big army nor he was an emperor and he was also not a wealthy man but still world he is remembered in the world for his two principles of truth and non-violence," he further said adding: "Today the government led by PM Modi and rest of the India follows these principles of Gandhi Ji and Swachhata mission is also

based on these."

The Mayor said that Swachhata mission was started in 2014 with 4-5 objectives to be fulfilled and those were stopping open defecation, solid and liquid waste management, ending manual scavenging, management of menstrual health and capacity building.

"Doing all these years in whole of India about 4043 cities, 7 lakh villages and 8.3 million people participated in Swachhata mission and these included officers of organisations and common public and Rs. 40700 crore were spent for making 89.9 million toilets in the country to end open defecation," Sharma further said.

The Mayor also informed that 27 Wards in Zone 3 of JMC (in Gandhi Nagar area) have been outsourced for garbage collection and its transportation to the spot for garbage processing and it is a Rs. 60 crore project.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrated with Patriotic Fervor at GDC Ramban

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JAMMU: A magnificent event was organized at Government Degree College (GDC) Ramban to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti, marking the culmination of a week-long series of activities initiated at the college the previous week. The Principal, professors, and students paid their respects by offering floral tributes and lighting diya in front of a photograph of Mahatma Gandhi to inaugurate the event. This program was executed under the guidance of Principal Prof. Archana Kaul, with the active participation of students, including NSS volunteers, guided by NSS program officer Prof. Vicky Rattan. Faculty members and other college employees were also present at the event. Prof. Archana Kaul, speaking on the occasion, underscored the significance of Gandhian Philosophy, emphasizing Truth and non-violence, in contemporary times as a potent means to foster peace and harmony among the population. She encouraged students to incorporate these values into their personal lives. Student speakers discussed Mahatma Gandhi's contributions to India's freedom struggle and the relevance of his ideas in the modern world. College students Samreen Chowdhry, Sonam Thakur, and Safira Banoo secured the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions, respectively. Students who participated in the program received certificates as tokens of appreciation. The program was hosted by Prof. Bal Krishan, who also shared his thoughts on the occasion. Dr. Basharat Mushtaq, a lecturer in History, delivered an insightful discourse on Gandhian Philosophy. The program concluded with a pledge-taking event focused on Swachhata (cleanliness) and Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (Drug-Free India Campaign).



GCW Gandhinagar Commemorate International Day of Non-Violence/Gandhi Jayanti



Faculty members along NCC cadets and NSS volunteers taking pledge.

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JAMMU: NCC cadets and NSS volunteers of GCW Gandhinagar enthusiastically participated in the Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations by taking the Pledge on the International Day of Non-Violence and Nasha Mukta J&K on October 2, 2023, to honor the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, a champion of non-violent resistance and a symbol of peace. The day serves as a reminder of the power of non-violence in bringing social change and resolving conflicts. A total of 52 volunteers from NSS Unit 1 & 2, 83 cadets from 2 J&K Girls Bn. NCC, 45 cadets from 1 J&K Girls Bn., and 12 cadets from 1 J&K Naval took the Pledge on Peace, committing to follow the path of non-violence, and also pledged to raise awareness

about the ill effects of drug addiction under the Nasha Mukta J&K initiative. The event was attended by Prof. Minu Mahajan, the College Principal, along with Prof. Mala Bhasin, NSS Coordinator CLUJ & Staff Secretary, Lt. Revika Arora, Prof. Anupama, Lt. Suman Bala, SLT. Neelima, and Prof. Sugandha. They actively participated in the Pledge, aiming to embody the principles and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. The entire activity was conducted under the guidance of the College Principal and with the coordination of ANOs (Associate NCC Officers) and NSS POs (Programme Officers) of the College. This celebration served as a heartfelt tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's enduring message of non-violence, unity, and social reform.

Government ITI Jammu and Women ITI Jammu organise plantation drive in Tribute to Mahatma Gandhi

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JAMMU: Government ITI Jammu and Women ITI Jammu joined forces to organize a Plantation Drive as part of a Massive Cleanliness drive led by Officers/Officials of the Skill Development Department, in collaboration with the Forest Department of the UT J&K. This initiative was a heartfelt tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his 154th birth anniversary on October 2, 2023. The backbone of this mission has been the Jan Andolan for Swachhata (People's Movement for Cleanliness).

The theme for SHS 2023 is "Garbage Free India." Events planned as part of this fortnight-long campaign will serve as a build-up to Swachhata Divas 2023, reaffirming the commitment of all to make India clean and free of garbage. SHS-2023 will



Dignitaries planting sapling at ITI Jammu.

focus on achieving a visibly higher level of cleanliness in local bodies through voluntarism and shramdhan (voluntary labour), as well as on the welfare of Safai Mitras (sanitation workers).

The activities will include the removal of garbage from important spaces, clearing 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. This will involve saturating markets, public spaces, and tourist spots with SBM wall paintings and dustbins, organizing swachhata quizzes, plantation drives, swachhata pledges, and swachhata runs, among others. The event saw the presence of distinguished

dignitaries who added prestige and honor to the occasion: Suresh Kumar Gupta, IFS PCCF/ Director, Social Forestry Department, J&K Sudershan Kumar (JKAS), Director Skill Development Department J&K Mohinder Kumar Gupta, Regional Director Social Forestry G.M. Bhat, Joint Director, Skill Development Department Alok Kumar Maurya, IFS (DFO Social Forestry, Jammu) Zohaib Choudhary, DFO, Social Forestry, Jb Abdul Rashid Sheikh, Principal ITI Jammu Dinesh Joshi, RO Amandeep Singh, Superintendent Women ITI Jammu Er. Nazir Ahmed Molvi, National Vice President, all India GITIU-FA/President J&K ITI Employees United Front

The program highlights included the plantation of trees by PCCF & Director

Skill Development, followed by debates and speeches by trainees of ITI Jammu and distinguished dignitaries from the Forest Department and Skill Development Department. Suresh Kumar Gupta, IFS PCCF/ Director, stressed the importance of maintaining hygiene in our surroundings and emphasized that cleaning our surroundings is a true tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, who dedicated his life to non-violence, peace, and equality. Sudershan Kumar, Director Skill Development Department J&K, highlighted the need for more efforts at the individual and community levels to achieve the Clean India objective. Sunil Singh, DFO Urban, extended a vote of thanks to all dignitaries and participants for their active participation and commitment to the cause.