

SSCT flags off 'Mata Pita Ji Ka Rath' to Haridwar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Samast Swastik Charitable Trust (SSCT) Parivar informed its members and the Jammuities visiting Haridwar about a significant development: a new 22-seater Eichler air-conditioned bus has been dedicated to serve the needs of yatrīs traveling from Jammu Yatri Bhawan to the Holy Ganges.

This initiative honors the memory of Shree Shree 1008 Mahant Shri Baldev Dass, thanks to a generous donation from Pawan Kumar Shastri, the Trust's President, in memory of his late parents, Taroo Devi and Mahant Baldev Dass.

The new bus replaces an older 17-seater vehicle that has been in service since 2006, providing transporta-



Advocate General of Jammu & Kashmir, D.C Raina flagging off a bus to Haridwar.

tion for yatrīs visiting the sacred site.

A Puja Archana was conducted on this momentous day at Karwanda, the ancestral village of Pawan Shastri, and at the Sankat Mochan Panch Mukhi Shree Hanuman Mandir

at Jammu Yatri Bhawan.

The vehicle, aptly named "Mata Pita Ji Ka Rath," was officially flagged off on Tuesday by D.C Raina, the Advocate General of Jammu & Kashmir. It is equipped with all necessary facilities to ensure a com-

fortable journey for the yatrīs. In a further show of generosity, M/S Anand Foam of Gangyal, Jammu, donated a Bolero vehicle to the Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust on the occasion of their late father Sat Pal Anand's birthday. This vehicle was also sent to

Haridwar on the same day.

Others present on the occasion were President Swastik Charitable Trust Pawan Kumar Shastri alongwith all the members of his family, D.C Raina Advocate General Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, Gurdas Sharma, General Secretary / Treasurer, Raj Kumar Gupta, Trustee, Koshal Kumat, Trustee, N.C Sharma, N.K Gupta, Sukhdev Sharma, Ashwani Kumar, Working Committee Members, B.R Sharma, Administrator, Raj Kumar, General Manager, Balbir Singh, Field officer, Rash Pal Sharma, Engineer and all staff members of the Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust, besides, other dignitaries such as Rohit Shastri, Satish Anand, Harinder Gupta, Sachdeva and Bunt.

Empowered Women Summit organized



Participants of Empowered Women Summit posing for a photograph.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Empowered Women Summit, organized by the National Women Empowerment Association in Indore, brought together 101 remarkable women from across India, each making significant contributions in their respective fields. The event featured esteemed guests, including Narmadapuram MP Dr. Darshan Singh Chaudhary and Commandant SP Suresha Choubey, alongside prominent speakers like Geeta Gautam, Dr. Sarika Mahesh Shah, Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Sangeeta

Sharma, and Vineeta. The program was spearheaded by Rajkumar Dhakad, the National President of the National Women Empowerment Association, with coordination from National Advisor Neena Saini, Advocate Dharmendra Singh Malviya, Dr. Shikha Dubey, Dr. Vinita Kumar, and Ekhar Vijaya Jain.

Inspiring the audience, mountaineer Megha Parmar shared her success story, while Dr. Priya Sapera provided valuable insights into legal rights and regulations, empowering attendees with knowledge

about their rights.

Several women were honored for their achievements, including Chaitali Jain, Khushboo Jain, Munmun Soni, Muskaan Luthra, Neelam Pathak, Neetu Damor, Nidhi Ji, Nitya Singh, TI Anila Parashar, SI Kiran Sisodia, Prachi Manish, Priya Azad, Rashmi Jain, Reema Dubey, Reema Ji, Deepti Munda, Srishti Sharma, and Sapna Chaddha. The summit was a powerful platform for recognition, inspiration, and empowerment among women leaders from various domains.

NC-Congress Alliance poises for victory in J&K Elections on Oct 8: Rattan Lal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC), has expressed strong confidence that the NC-Congress alliance will achieve a landslide victory in the upcoming Assembly elections on October 8. His remarks come as the region prepares for the final phases of a crucial electoral process.

In a statement issued today, Gupta commended the enthusiastic participation of Jammu and Kashmir residents in the three phases of the Assembly polls. He emphasized that this high voter turnout signifies a collective commitment to strengthening democracy in the region. "The massive voter turnout reflects the people's desire for change and their faith in

the NC-Congress alliance as a vehicle for that change," he stated.

Gupta praised the relentless efforts of party members, noting their vital role in the electoral process. "Our cadre has worked tirelessly, and their dedication has been instrumental in our anticipated success," he added.

He underscored the importance of active citizen engagement in democracy, stating, "Democracy thrives when the people participate in the electoral process.

It is the backbone of our nation, and the significant voter turnout is a testament to the enduring spirit of democracy in Jammu and Kashmir."

Further articulating the sentiments of the electorate, Gupta asserted that the people are dissatisfied with the current regime's inability to

address pressing issues and aspirations. "The electorate is seeking a change in leadership, and the NC-Congress alliance stands as the only viable alternative to restore stability, development, and peace in the region," he noted.

Gupta expressed unwavering belief that the election results will favor the NC-Congress coalition. "The people have shown their trust in us, and we are confident that we will form the next government in Jammu and Kashmir on October 8, bringing a brighter future for all its residents," he concluded.

As the election date approaches, the NC-Congress alliance is gearing up to emphasize their vision for restoring statehood and addressing the needs of the people, reinforcing their commitment to a stable and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In a series of vibrant events, Government College of Education (GCOE), M.A. Road, Srinagar on Tuesday celebrated the 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, marked as Gandhi Jayanti with a grand Declaration Contest, an On-Spot Painting Competition, and Quiz Competition. Organized by the Nodal Principal for Kashmir Division Colleges, these activities honored Gandhi's legacy and explored the relevance of his philosophy in today's world.

The day began with a Declaration Contest, held in the college's auditorium, centered on the theme, 'Truth and Non-Violence: Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in Contemporary Times.' The contest brought together top orators from various colleges, who had previously secured first-place positions



Students being felicitated during a programme at GCOE Srinagar.

in their respective lead college competitions. The event was inaugurated by the Nodal Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz, who emphasized the relevance of Gandhian principles in addressing modern challenges such as conflict, inequality, and environmental degradation.

The chief guest, Prof. (Dr.) Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, Director of Colleges, encouraged the youth to uphold Gandhi's teachings of truth and non-violence in their lives. Participants eloquently highlighted how

Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence continues to inspire modern movements for justice and civil rights, while others reflected on the significance of truth in today's era of misinformation. The judging panel, comprising distinguished professors from various institutions, selected the top three winners: Ayaan Aijaz from GDC Boys Anantnag, Amana Muzaffar from A. S. College, Srinagar, and Seerat Bhat from GDC Boys Baramulla.

Simultaneously, the Art Lab at the Government College of Education buzzed with creativity as students took part in an On-Spot Painting Competition, with themes centered on the

Dandi March and Quit India Movement. Participants, all top-ranking students from previous contests, depicted these pivotal moments in India's independence struggle through various artistic mediums. The competition celebrated Gandhi's leadership in the non-violent resistance movements against British rule. The paintings portrayed symbolic moments such as Gandhi's iconic Salt March and the fervor of the Quit India Movement. Mehran Nisar from GDC Boys Anantnag secured first place, followed by Aayan Zehra from GDC SAM Budgam and Tasaduq Nazir from GDC Handwara.

To cap off the celebrations, a Quiz Competition was held, testing students' knowledge of the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. The quiz featured several rounds covering Gandhi's early life, his role in the Indian freedom struggle, and his guiding principles of Satya (truth) and Ahimsa (non-violence).

The competition saw fierce participation from top-ranking students, with the top three winners-Aqsa Javaid from GCW M.A. Road, Bazila Farooq from GDC Shopian, and a joint third-place team of Naveed ul Islam from GDC Kupwara and Ab. Basit Sheikh from GDC Doornu-emerging victors.

The day concluded with a vote of thanks from the event coordinators, who praised the participants for their dedication and intellectual engagement.

The celebrations reinforced the continued relevance of Gandhi's teachings and encouraged students to carry forward his legacy of peace, truth, and non-violence.

Training imparted to Counting Supervisors, Assistants, Micro-Observers for counting postal votes

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The District Election Office Srinagar conducted an exhaustive training session for Counting Supervisors, Counting Assistants and Micro-Observers on Tuesday whose services will be utilised for counting of Postal Votes in Srinagar which is scheduled on October 08, 2024(Tuesday).

The training session was held on the directions of District Election Officer(DEO), Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex where Master Trainers carried out a detailed training ses-



Master Trainers carrying out a detailed training sessions at Srinagar.

sions to prepare skilled and competent manpower for the counting of Postal Votes for eight Assembly Constituencies in Srinagar.

During the sessions, the participating employees were taken through sensory training particularly on

procedure and safety measures to be taken during the process of counting of Postal Votes. In addition to this, they were also trained how to handle emergencies, maintain discipline and to address issues of security and privacy on the day of count-

ing.

Coordinator Trainings, Dr. Manzoor Reshi, while delivering his session, stressed on strictly following the rules and procedures established by the Election Commission of India (ECI) during the counting of Postal Votes in district Srinagar.

While dividing the participants in different groups, a Mock Exercise was conducted for counting ETBPS/Postal Votes, visualising the entire process of counting Postal Votes.

The employees were also oriented towards holding free and fair counting while strictly following the on-going Model Code of Conduct (MCC) in the district.

The employees were also given instructions for effectively managing and handling Postal Voting Documents and other Stationary items for transparent counting of votes.

GL Riana thanks ECI, people for successful conduct of Assembly Election

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Expressing satisfaction and pleasure over successful completion of voting in three phased elections, former MLC & JK UT spokesperson of BJP Girdhari Lal Raina commended the people of Jammu Kashmir and the Election Commission of India. The people of Jammu Kashmir must be credited for smooth, incident free and enthusiastic conduction of voting, he said. People's participation in large numbers breaking

previous records is victory of democracy and augurs well for the future of Jammu Kashmir, GL Raina added.

GL Raina also commended the election commission and its officials for ensuring a free, fair election and level playing field for the participants. He underlined that the role of administration will further strengthen the faith of people in Indian democracy putting an end to their earlier dreadful and undemocratic experiences.

EX-MLC asserted that all political parties and contesting candidates must also be credited for their by and large accommodating and law abiding conduct during these polls. BJP spokesperson thanked voters of the Displaced Community from Kashmir for turning out in large numbers and participation in the festival of democracy. This also shows their desire to be part and parcel of happenings in developments of Kashmir valley the land of their origin.

DLSA Budgam for identification of 'MACT & Matrimonial Cases' to be listed in Lok Adalat on Oct 19

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BUDGAM: As per plan of action/Lok-Adalat calendar for the year, 2024, issued by J&K Legal Services Authority, the District Legal Services Authority Budgam is scheduled to conduct Lok-Adalat on 'MACT & Matrimonial Cases', on

19th of October, 2024 at District Court complex Budgam.

The said Lok Adalat shall be held for amicable settlement of MACT & Matrimonial Cases, pending in the courts at various levels. In this connection, all concerned Ld. Advocates as well as per-

sons/parties who desire to get their MACT & Matrimonial cases to be settled through the said Lok-Adalat may approach concerned courts, for referring their aforementioned nature of cases to the said Lok-Adalat for their amicable settlement by or before 14-10-2024.

DLSA Budgam advocates for cleanliness, Swachh Bharat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BUDGAM: In a remarkable display of commitment to the principles of cleanliness and sustainable living, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Budgam, under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority spearheaded a stellar 'Swatchata Abhiyaan' at District Court Complex, Budgam on Tuesday.

Under the leadership of Chairman DLSA, Budgam, O.P Bhagat and under the guidance of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Budgam, 'Swatchata Abhiyaan' witnessed enthusiastic participation of dedicated staff members of DLSA, Budgam,



DLSA Budgam members during a cleanliness drive.

members of the Legal Aid Defense Counsel (LADC), Penal Lawyers, devoted Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) and diligent officials from the Municipal Committee Budgam.

The event commenced with an inspiring cleanliness drive within the District Court Complex Budgam, setting the

tone for a cleaner and greener environment. Participants in a collective effort to clean and beautify their surroundings took up brooms to sweep away the debris of neglect, breathing new life into the surroundings.

Speakers on the occasion emphasized that cleanliness is not just a virtue; it is a way of life. "It reflects our commit-

ment to a healthier and more sustainable future. This initiative is a testament to the indomitable spirit of our community and our unwavering commitment to the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi", they said.

The speakers also said that it is a reminder that the path to a cleaner and greener world begins with each one of us. "We must prioritize waste segregation and efficient management as part of our daily lives, for it is through these small steps that we can make an enormous impact," they added.

The participants also took pledge that they shall take keen interest in keeping their surroundings neat and clean.

Kuldeep Gupta elected as President of ABBMB

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JAMMU: A meeting of Akhil Bharatiya Bangwathia Mahajan Biradari (ABBMB) was held at Devsthan Bishnah.

In the meeting, Kuldeep Raj Gupta was unanimously elected as president, Krishan Lal Gupta as General Secretary and Rattan Lal as Sarparst of Biradhari.

Further, it was decided that other office bearers of the committee shall be shortlisted and notified within few days.

'Int'l Day for Older Persons' celebrated at Senior Citizen Home



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
GANDERBAL: The Senior Citizen Home Ganderbal on Tuesday celebrated the International Day for Older Persons with enthu-

siasm, with inmates actively participating in various sports activities such as chess and carrom.

The event also marked the plantation drive during

which inmates planted trees.

The event fostered a sense of community and well-being among the inmates and volunteers.

Approach wall of Kulangam Bridge develops minor cracks, BEACON rectifies

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KUPWARA: The approach wall of Kulangam (Handwara) bridge has developed minor cracks on the intervening night of Sep 30 and Oct 1st. On the directions of District Election Officer (DEO) Kupwara, Beacon authorities swung into action and rectified the cracks overnight making it motor-able.

District Administration has clarified that bridge is in workable condition as yet; still commuters have been advised to take alternate routes in case of any exigency.

Kupwara based commuters who want to travel to Handwara, to and fro, have been asked to take Wudhpura-Magam route, and commuters who travel from Handwara to Sopore to and fro have been asked to take Unisoo bridge route.

DEO Kupwara has directed the executing agency BEACON to take necessary steps to renovate/reconstruct the vital Kulangam Bridge so that commuters do not face any problems.

Gandhi Jayanti celebrations held at GDC Khansahib

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BUDGAM: On the eve of 'Gandhi Jayanti', which is also observed as the International Day of Non-Violence, the NSS unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Khansahib on Tuesday organised a seminar on the theme 'Gandhism and the Contemporary World.'

The program began with an introductory address presented by college Principal, Dr. Nargis Bano. She highlighted various techniques adopted by Gandhiji during his struggle against colonialism and

racism. Dr. Sajad Padder, NSS Program Officer presented a paper on Gandhism and the Contemporary World. He spoke on the relevance of Gandhiji's teachings in dealing with the modern world problems. In his speech, he said, 'Gandhiji's influence transcends national boundaries. From the Dalai Lama to Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King, all of them employed Gandhian techniques in fighting against injustice and discrimination. Non-violence is not an act of

cowardice but a weapon of the strong. In the Gandhian scheme of things there is no place for violence, prejudice, hate or poverty'.

Dr. Abdul Waheed Bhat, HOD History, also threw light on Gandhian philosophy and urged the participants to read and understand Gandhi for a better tomorrow.

Two college students, Marsal Mohi-ud-Din and Mehro-ul-Nisa also spoke on non-violence and truth. The program ended with the vote of thanks presented by Prof. Waheed.