

Shankaracharya calls for declaration of 'Gau' as 'Rashtra Mata'

Hindus urged not to support parties or candidates that facilitate cow-slaughter

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
J A M M U : Jyotishpeethadhishwar Shankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati '1008', during his two day visit to Jammu district, led the installation of the Gau Dhvaj and presided over a Gau Mahasabha, as part of his ongoing 'Gau Dhvaj Sthapana Bharat Yatra'.

Upon his arrival to the winter capital of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, a traditional 'Paduka Poojan' ceremony was held. This was followed by a visit to the Bawe Wali Mata temple, where he paid obeisance to the revered deity of Jammu. On Tuesday, Shankaracharya inaugurated Ranbir Library at ancient Raghunath Temple, and performed the installation of the Gau Dhvaj at a Gaushala in Lower Gadigarh, Jammu, alongside Param GauBhakt Pujya Gopal Mani, who spearheads the Gau Pratisthutha Andolan, Nirmal Swaroop Brahmachari and Devendra



Jyotishpeethadhishwar Shankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati '1008', during visit to Jammu on Tuesday.

Pandey, President, Hindu Mahasabha. The event saw the participation of hundreds of devotees, members of civil society, and local residents. In his address at the Gau Mahasabha, Shankaracharya Ji elaborated on the significance of the Gau in Sanatan Dharma. He emphasized that the First Revolt of Indian Independence in 1857 was ignited by the issue of greased cartridges made from cow fat. Expressing concern over the rising incidents of cow slaughter in India, especially in recent years, causing the dras-

tic decline in the population of sacred cows, he called upon the nation to remove the sin and shame of cow slaughter from Indian soil and to work toward declaring the Gau as Rashtra Mata (Mother of the Nation). He remarked, "Those who view the cow merely as a source of milk or meat, fail to understand its divine significance. Serving cows is akin to attaining divine blessings, as the Lord Himself says, 'Gav'm Madhye Vasaamyaham', meaning 'I always reside among cows.' The cow is integral to our rituals, and serving

the cow is equivalent to serving our 33 crore deities. In fact, the first bread of every day is traditionally offered to the Gau, which embodies these divine entities. Without the Gau, all religious rituals and worship are incomplete and meaningless."

Shankaracharya also recounted the ancient tale of King Dilip, who, heartbroken due to his lack of heirs, followed the advice of Guru Vashistha and served a Gau for 40 days. As a result, he was blessed with a son, Aja, from whose lineage Bhagwan Ram, the epitome of dharma, was born. Bhagwan Ram is worshipped particularly at the famed Raghunath temples of Jammu. In his concluding remarks, Shankaracharya praised the efforts of Gopalmani Ji for his unwavering dedication to the cause of cow protection. He urged the gathering to extend their support to the movement and further strengthen the campaign. The Gau Dhvaj Sthapana

Bharat Yatra, which commenced on September 22, 2024, from Ayodhya Dham, aims to have the Gau officially declared as the Rashtra Mata. The journey began after a sacred circumambulation of Ramkot and has since traveled across various states and Union Territories, installing the Gau Dhvaj and raising awareness about cow protection.

A significant milestone in this movement was achieved when the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde, under the guidance of Shankaracharya Ji, declared the indigenous Rama cow as the Rajya Mata (Mother of the State). The cabinet resolution formalizing this declaration was ceremonially handed over to Shankaracharya Ji Maharaj.

Following the event in Jammu, Shankaracharya Ji's Yatra will continue toward Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, as part of the next leg of this historic journey.

Forum for Human Rights and Social Justice meets NHRC Chairperson



Forum members meeting NHRC Chairperson Vijaya Bharti Siyani.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Members of the local unit of Forum for Human Rights and Social Justice on Tuesday met with National Human Rights Commission, (NHRC) Chairperson Vijaya Bharti Siyani and discussed human rights in Jammu and Kashmir and apprised her of the current situation. Commission's DG Investigation Ajay Bhatnagar was also present on the occasion. The Forum's delegation also included

Senior Additional Advocate General SS Nanda, Advocate Rakesh Chagotra, Advocate Sunil Malhotra, Advocate Diwakar Sharma, Advocate Rohan Nanda, Advocate Deepak Sharma, Advocate Chetan Prabhakar and Advocate Karn Parashar and other advocates.

The Forum members told the NHRC National Chairperson that the killings of innocent people by Pakistan-backed terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir are a direct violation of human rights. In this context, the Forum cited the terrorist

attack in Ganderbal two days ago in which 7 people were killed. Apart from this, the forum also drew the attention of the National Human Rights Commission towards the safe and dignified return of Kashmiri Hindus, displaced persons of Jammu and displaced persons of Talwara to their native places, who were displaced in their homeland due to terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. Commission Chairperson Vijaya Bharti Siani assured to consider the suggestions given by the members of the forum.

Ex-CAO & FA Joginder Sharma elected as Chairman GECHBS; Narinder Kumar as Secretary

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Retd Chief Accounts Officer (CAO) and Financial Advisor Joginder Sharma has been elected as Chairman of Govt Employees Co-Operative House Building Society Ltd (GECHBS). Doda while Narinder Kumar has been elected as Secretary. The results of the election for the Managing Body of the "Government

Subuh Ahmed Shad, on Tuesday. The elections were held in the presence of the Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies (Agri.), Vishal Deep Chandan, Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies, Doda Naveed Iqbal Malik, Yash Pal (DGM, Projects) representative from J&K Co-operative Housing Corporation Ltd and all five elected members of the

unanimously nominated as Chairman, Shami Kumar (Retd. DAO) as Vice Chairman, Narinder Kumar as Secretary. Rajesh Kumar and Yasir Farid were also elected as members of the Managing Body of the "Government Employees Co-Operative House Building Society Ltd. Doda" to manage the further affairs of the Society. The elections were held



Members of Govt Employees Co-Operative House Building Society Ltd along with officers at Doda on Tuesday. Chairman Joginder Sharma seen in inset picture

Employees Co-Operative House Building Society Ltd. Doda" were declared by the Returning Officer, Ist Class Magistrate/Thesildar, Doda, Dr.

society. Simultaneously, a resolution was passed by the elected members to constitute a Managing Body. Joginder Sharma (Retd. FA/CAO) was

in light of District Administration, Doda Order number ACR/D/COOP/ Election/ 2024-25/ ERO.D/01-09, dated October 3, -2024.

CISF honors its bravehearts at National Police Memorial

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: A commemorative event was organized by CISF at National Police Memorial, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi to pay tributes to the brave men and women of the Police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) who laid down their lives in service to the nation and to felicitate their families.

The supreme sacrifice made by its valiant bravehearts was commemorated by CISF by organizing a day long grand ceremony at the National Police Memorial, Chanakyapuri and CISF HQRs, New Delhi. 127 bravehearts of CISF who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty were commemorated on the occasion.

In the morning, Praveer Ranjan, SDG (APS) along with senior CISF officers and personnel paid tribute to the fallen heroes by offering flower petals at the Central Sculpture, NPM. The families of CISF brave-



Praveer Ranjan, SDG (APS) saluting the war memorial.

heartsvisited the 'Wall of Valour' where the names of all the bravehearts of CAPF and police, who made supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation are permanently etched in stone. As part of the event, the families were then given a tour of the Police Museum and viewed specially prepared CISF films showcasing the valour of the bravehearts and highlighting CISF's critical role in national security. Senior officers then felicitated the families of the

fallen personnel in a heart-felt ceremony.

In the afternoon, Shri Rajvinder Singh Bhatti, DG CISE, presided over a special function at the CISF Headquarters, where he personally honored the families of the CISF bravehearts. In his address, DG CISE paid tribute to the courage and valor of the CISF personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation.

In the evening, Shri Rajvinder Singh Bhatti, DG CISE visited NPM,

Chanakyapuri, New Delhi and laid wreath at the Central Sculpture and paid tributes to the bravehearts. The evening session featured an open-air screening of films showcasing the heroic acts and sacrifices of CAPF and Police personnel. The day concluded with a solemn retreat ceremony and a captivating band performance by the CISF's band team. Senior officers, personnel, and families from various Delhi-NCR based CISF units attended the event.

JU organizes career counselling workshop on "Entrepreneurship Development and Career Opportunities"

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Employment Information cum Advisory Bureau (EIAB), Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL), University of Jammu, organized a career counselling workshop titled "Entrepreneurship Development and Career Opportunities" after Graduation" for the students of Government Degree College, Kunjwani. This initiative is part of the vision of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, to enhance the employability skills of youth and focus on essential skill development.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Director, DLL, University of Jammu, and



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

Dr. Manisha Kohli, Principal, Government Degree College, Kunjwani. Dr. Manisha Kohli highlighted the importance of career counselling in helping individuals make informed career choices, leading to greater satisfaction and success in life. She emphasized that entrepreneurship development programs create employment opportunities,

ultimately raising the standard of living. She commended the Department of Lifelong Learning for organizing such workshops for the students.

Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Director DLL, University of Jammu, underscored the role of Entrepreneurship Development Programs in stimulating economic growth by empowering individuals to start their own

ventures, which in turn generates employment. She also noted that career counselling helps students explore various career paths and understand job market demands.

The resource persons for the workshop were Dr. Zahid Ali Dar, Project Manager, JKEDI, Dr. Harleen Kour, Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce,

University of Jammu.

Dr. Zahid Ali Dar presented insights on entrepreneurship growth and competitiveness, providing detailed information on startups and the various schemes available for aspiring entrepreneurs. Dr. Harleen Kour, in her presentation, elaborated on the significance of career counselling and highlighted new and emerging career opportunities for graduates.

The workshop, coordinated by Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, EIAB, DLL, was attended by 91 students. Dr. Arti Gupta was the Convenor of the Career Counselling Cell of the college, while Dr. Neeru conducted the proceedings, and Dr. Bhawna Koul delivered the formal vote of thanks.

Sufi's & Rishi's are true ambassadors of truth': Darakhshan



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson of the J&K Waqf Board on Tuesday inaugurated the upgraded display Room for Holy Relic & renovated office of the Board at the famous Sufi shrine of Zainuddin Wali (RA) at Aishmuqam in Anantnag district. Dr Andrabi also laid foundation for newly constructed Sanitary Complex at Sarbal shrine later. Waqf Chairperson paid obeisance at the shrines and prayed for the peaceful and prosperous

J&K. She was accompanied by the Tehsildar & Executive Magistrate of the Board Ishtiaq Mohiuddin, Executive Engineer Tariq Kaloo & CEO of PDA. Dr Darakhshan Andrabi said that during the past two and a half years, upgrading of the infrastructure and other facilities at all shrines throughout J&K transformed the management of Sufi Shrines here. "After ensuring transparency and accountability in the Waqf Financial & Management System, infrastructural development proj-

ects were undertaken by the Board throughout the UT and here at these shrines numerous developmental works were initiated and completed during these thirty months. The change is quite visible and it is encouraging to see the people acknowledging the change", said Dr Andrabi. She said that Sufi thought of Kashmir was the answer to all violence and hatred around so that the real peace and harmony is strengthened at the grass roots.

"Our Sufi's & Rishi's are the true ambassadors of truth who are leading us from darkness to light. We need to strengthen the spiritual centers associated with these beacons of light", said Darakhshan. She also inspected other ongoing construction projects at Aishmuqam & laid foundation for many others including the recreational space at the shrine.

Shiv Sainiks pledge for Rashtramata status to Gou Mata



Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K unit chief Manish Sahni speaking during the event in Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K unit announced full support to the campaign of Jyotish Peethadheshwar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati Maharaj to declare cow as Rashtramata.

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni, who reached a program organized in Satwari area of Jammu to seek blessings of Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati Maharaj, pledged to give cow the status of

Rashtramata at the national level and in Jammu-Kashmir. Sahni said that with the blessings of Jagatguru Shankaracharya, he will make this campaign a reality with the support of the people of entire Jammu-Kashmir. Sahni has appealed to Jammu-Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to set an example by giving cow the status of Rashtramata in Jammu-Kashmir, respecting the religious sentiments of Hindus by a Muslim.

Shiv Sainiks resolve to give the status of Mother of the Nation to the cow.

Teachers honoured for exceptional contribution in Education sector

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a ceremony organized in the Directorate of School Education, Jammu, two highly respected teachers, Anupam Sharma from GMS Barnai, Zone Jammu and Anjali Jamwal from GHSS Bhalwal were honored for their exceptional contributions to the education sector.

The felicitation was led by Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director School Education, Jammu, who recognized the teachers' dedication and efforts in shaping young minds. The event was attended by Subah Mehta, Joint Director, CAPF and Police personnel. The day concluded with a solemn retreat ceremony and a captivating band performance by the CISF's band team. Senior officers, personnel, and families from various Delhi-NCR based CISF units attended the event.



Director School Education Ashok Kumar Sharma honouring teachers.

The duo teachers received acclaim for being awarded at the 13th Principal and Teachers Award 2024, a prestigious national-level recognition event held on September 9, 2024, in Jaipur. Their remarkable commitment to enhancing the quality of education has brought pride to the region,

and their recognition serves as an inspiration for teachers across the state.

Ashok Kumar Sharma, while presenting the awards, expressed his gratitude to the award-winning teachers for their steadfast dedication to students' academic and personal growth, emphasizing the need for

continued efforts to uplift the standard of education in Jammu.

The Directorate of School Education commended the teachers for their exceptional achievements and remains committed to fostering an environment of educational excellence across the region.

Prabhat Pheri taken out to pay tributes to martyrs of 1947



A Prabhat Pheri being taken out in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Shree Gita Mandir Samriti Bhawan Committee Bakshi Nagar under the aegis of PoJK Visthapit Sewa Samiti Jammu observed Shahidi Divas by carrying out Prabhat pheri followed by Shradhanjali to the martyrs of 1947 after Pakistan army clad as kabayalis attacked Muzaffarabad and later on Mirpur .Kotli ,Pooneh,Pallandri,Deva Batala when several thousands of lives of Hindus and sikhs were sacrificed leading to mass exodus of

Hindus an Sikhs from PoJK.Sh Triloki Nath Kapoor ,a victim of whole incidence explained about the atrocities and sufferings faced by displaced community .Dr Deepak Kapoor Chairman of Gita Mandir Samriti Bhawan committee and President of PoJK Visthapit Sewa samiti gave overview of past and present condition of PoJK displaced community within and outside J&k .Also pledge was taken to take back PoJK from Pakistan.Large number of persons from PoJK Visthapit Community par-

ticipated in this Shahidi Divas and offered Shradhanjali to PoJK persons and army persons who sacrificed their lives. Yashpal Kapoor Vice President of Committee thanked everyone for participation and stressed upon need to be united for raising voice for the community.

Prominent among others on occasion were Suresh Tandon, Naveen Vij , Anju Tandon, Mamta Verma , Renu Thapar etc. At the end there was distribution of Prasad among the participants.