

NSS Unit 1 of GCW Gandhi Nagar organizes 7-day activities on Swachhata Pakhwada, Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations

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JAMMU: The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit 1 of PSPS Government College for Women (GCW), Gandhi Nagar, organized a week-long series of events to commemorate the Swachhata Pakhwada and Gandhi Jayanti celebrations. The activities, held from September 24 to October 2, 2024, aimed to instill the values of cleanliness, non-violence, and social responsibility, inspired by the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. The celebration included a diverse range of activities. On day 1 a cleanliness drive was organised wherein NSS volunteers participated



Students and faculty of PPS GCW Gandhi Nagar at a programme.

in a campus-wide cleanliness drive, promoting the importance of hygiene and environmental sustainability in everyday life and a blood donation camp was also organized at MAM College where volunteers and stu-

dents contributed to saving lives, in the spirit of community service and humanity. On day 2, an Online Poster Making Competition themed on Nasha Mukht Bharat and Brashtachar Mukht Bharat, was organised that encour-

aged students to creatively express their thoughts on a drug-free and corruption-free India. On day 3, rally on Peace and Non-Violence was conducted to spread awareness about the values of peace and non-violence, integral to Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy.

On day 4, pledge on Swachhata was taken in which Students and faculty took a pledge to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings and promote a healthier and greener environment. On day 5, an Online Book Review Session was organised in which a thought-provoking review session on Mahatma Gandhi's books,

My Experiments with Truth and All Men Are Brothers, was held, highlighting the relevance of his teachings in today's world.

On day 6, Group Discussion on Gandhi's Teachings was conducted on the Gandhiji's contribution to Indian Education, where participants delved into the relevance of his ideals of truth, non-violence, and social justice.

On day 7, Screening of the Movie "Satyagraha": The activities culminated with the screening of the movie Satyagraha, which showcased the power of non-violent resistance and its impact on social change.

The Principal of GCW Gandhi Nagar, Dr. S.P Sarswat praised the NSS volunteers for their dedication and efforts in organizing the event, stating, "These activities are not only a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi but also a reminder of the responsibility each of us holds towards building a better and cleaner nation."

The whole series of activities were coordinated by NSS PO of unit 1 Prof Sugandha Mahajan.

Painting Competition held at Bhagawaan Gopinathji's Ashram



Students participating in painting competition.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In order to promote talent and Bhagawaan consciousness among children, Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust organized a painting competition at Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udaiwala, Bohri, Jammu, on Wednesday.

An expert in visual arts, Rajinder Tickoo presided over the function. He appreciated the efforts put in by the Trust to promote talent and Bhagawaan consciousness in the youth. Santosh Tickoo and

Satish Kar acted as the judges on this occasion. Around 350 children participated in the competition. Certificates and trophies were given to those who secured first, second and third position in each category.

The participants who bagged 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in the senior group were Uruvashi Tickoo, Archana Devi and Saanvi Bhat. In junior group Manav Kashyap, Shriya Bhat and Taniksha Sharma and in sub-junior group Viaan Bhat, Aashni

Pandita and Dugu got 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize respectively. All other participants were given certificates.

Ashok Kumar Razdan, President, Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust alongwith Sohan Krishen Khordi, Secretary, Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust and Verender Kumar Kar, Organiser handed over trophies to position holders in each category alongwith citations in presence of Chief Guest and the Judges.

T.K. Raina acted as the comparer on the occasion.

Jammu Airport launches special campaign 4.0 for cleanliness



Airport Director, S.K. Garg, B.M.Kaul GM(Engg)-Project and CASO CISF, Daniel Dhanraj with staff participating in the cleanliness drive.

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JAMMU: Airport on Wednesday launched "Swachhta Abhiyaan Special Campaign 4.0," a month-long cleanliness drive as part of its commitment to creating a clean and hygienic environment. The campaign, running from October 2 to October 31, 2024, aims to enhance the cleanliness standards at the airport, contributing towards the nationwide mission for cleanliness and hygiene. The inaugural event of the campaign was led by Airport Director, S.K.

Garg, B.M.Kaul GM(Engg)-Project and CASO CISF, Daniel Dhanraj, who actively participated in the cleanliness drive along with other staff members. The event commenced at 10:30 AM with airport staff and stakeholders coming together to clean the premises, creating an inspiring atmosphere of community participation and responsibility. The Swachhta Abhiyaan is part of the larger "Special Campaign 4.0" initiative to address cleanliness in public areas and enhance public

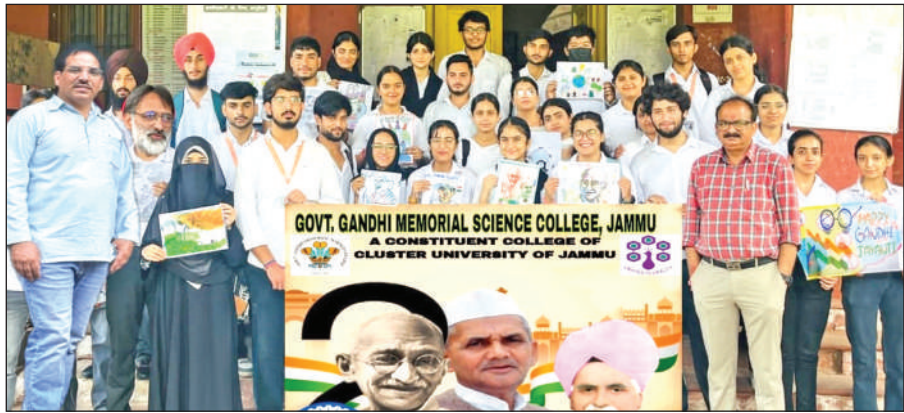
services. Jammu Airport aims to set an example by maintaining a safe, healthy, and clean environment for all its passengers, visitors, and staff. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various teams and departments, highlighting the airport's collaborative effort to support the Government of India's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. As part of this campaign, Jammu Airport will continue its efforts to enhance the cleanliness and efficiency of its services for the rest of the month.

GGM Science College pays tributes to Gandhi, Shastri, Sher-e-Duggar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: GGM Science College, under the supervision and guidance of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, organized a solemn and heartfelt tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri, and Lala Hans Raj Mahajan (Sher-e-Duggar) on their birth anniversaries.

The event was organized by the NSS volunteers under the supervision of NSS Program Officer Dr. Rahul Kait, in collaboration with Dr. Asha Hussain, Co-Convener of the Cultural, Seminars, and Debate Committee of the College.

The occasion featured a range of activities including speeches, skits on communal harmony, and a painting competition, highlighting the achievements and contribu-



Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta with students and faculty at a programme.

tions of these three iconic leaders. Students actively participated in the events, paying homage to the values of peace, simplicity, and social reform championed by these historical figures. Dr. Seema Gandotra convener Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict studies of the College along with other

members Dr. Shalmi Sharma, Prof. Sunita Kumari and Prof. Mehnaz Banoo also participated in another function held at GCW Parade Ground Jammu on eve of Gandhi Jyanti which was marked by a special address by LG of J&K Manoj Sinha via online mode. Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Gupta

while addressing the students in the College emphasized the significance of Mahatma Gandhi's teachings in uniting society against divisive forces and fostering national integration. He also reflected on Lal Bahadur Shastri's invaluable contributions to the nation, particularly his dedication to

honesty, simplicity, and the Gandhian philosophy, and his famous slogan, "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan."

Dr. Gupta also paid tribute to Lala Hans Raj Mahajan, affectionately known as Sher-e-Duggar, calling him a prominent leader in Jammu's history. He praised Mahajan's lifelong dedication to social reform, his fight against social evils such as dowry, child marriage, and untouchability, and his advocacy for widow remarriage and social justice. Mahajan's efforts to promote Khadi and his role in the Swadeshi movement were also highlighted, along with his significant contributions to education and infrastructure in Jammu, including his role in the establishment of GGM Science College and the construction of the Chenab River Bridge at Akhnour.

Gau Dhvaj Sthapana Bharat Yatra: Shankaracharya Avimukteshwaranand to arrive in Jammu on Oct 22

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As part of the ongoing Gau Dhvaj Sthapana Bharat Yatra, Jagadguru Shankaracharya Avimukteshwaranand Ji Maharaj of Jyotirmath is set to arrive in Jammu, J&K on 22nd October 2024.



Co-convener of the Gau Dhvaj Sthapana Bharat Yatra, Gobhakt Vikas Patni talking to reporters.

Vedas, Upanishads, and Puranas. It is not merely an animal but a mother-this is the sacred belief and faith of the Sanatan Dharmi Hindus. With this deep devotion, a nationwide Gau Pratishtha Andolan is being carried out to elevate the cow to the status of 'Rashtra Mata' by moving cow protection from the state list to the central list in the Constitution, and to make India free of cow slaughter. Since India's independence, continuous efforts have been made to protect and honor the sacred cow.

One notable movement was the 1966 GauRaksha Andolan,

led by Dharma Samrat Yatichakrachudamani Pujya Karpatri Ji Maharaj, in which thousands of cow devotees sacrificed their lives. Continuing the mission, Param GauBhakt Pujya Gopal Mani Ji has led the Gau Pratishtha Andolan, and has kept it alive across the country.

This sacred movement is blessed by the Jagadguru Shankaracharyas of the four peethas, who organized a Gau Sansad to demand the status of Rashtra Mata and the implementation of legislation against cow slaughter. In this event, the Rama Gau Pratishtha Samhita

Bill has been passed along with a 42-point Dharmadesh.

To ignite the momentum of this movement, Jagadguru Shankaracharya Avimukteshwaranand Ji Maharaj of Jyotirmath, lit a sacred flame of cow ghee and declared this year as the Gau Samvatsar (Year of the Cow). From March 14 to March 28, 2024, he led a barefoot march from Govardhan to Delhi. Under his guidance, the Gau Pratishtha Andolan continues to thrive across India.

As part of this movement, the Gau Dhvaj Sthapana Bharat Yatra began on 22nd September which will visit all Indian states and union territories, with a sacred Gau Dhvaj being installed at each state capital. In each state capital, a grand Gau Pratishtha Sammelan will be held, beginning in Ayodhya- where Ram Lalla, a Gau rakshak and GauBhakt, resides. The Yatra will travel across the east, west,

south, and north of India, culminating in the national capital on October 26. Pujya Gopal Mani Ji will accompany Shankaracharya Ji throughout the journey. During the Yatra, Jagadguru Shankaracharya Ji will honor distinguished cow devotees from across the country. The goal of this Gau Dhvaj Sthapana Bharat Yatra is to awaken cow devotees nationwide, unite them for a common cause - restoring the dignity and honor of the sacred cow, and conferring upon her the status of 'Rashtra Mata'; and the motto is "Gau Mata, Rashtra Mata - Rashtra Mata, Bharat Mata."

Following this Yatra, a nationwide Gau Pratishtha Mahasammelan will be held on the occasion of Gopashstami in Delhi, on November 7, 8, and 9, which will decisively appeal to the Government of India to end the curse of cow slaughter and honor the cow as Rashtra Mata.

IIM Jammu holds cleanliness drive as a part of Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign Pays tribute to Gandhi, Shastri on their birth anniversary

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu commemorated the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, by organizing a large-scale cleanliness drive at its Jagti Campus.

In alignment with the "Swachhata Hi Sewa 2024" campaign, IIM Jammu reaffirmed its commitment to hygiene and environmental sustainability under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu. Faculty members, officers, staff, and students enthusiastically participated, demonstrating their dedication to maintaining a clean campus and contributing to the broader goal of a healthier nation.

The event commenced with participants gathering at the Academic Block, where they collectively took the Swachhata Pledge, emphasizing the significance of cleanliness in daily life. Following the pledge, the participants were divided into ten groups, each comprising students, faculty members, and staff, to conduct a comprehensive cleanliness drive across various areas of the campus.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu emphasized that cleanliness is not just the responsibility of housekeeping staff or specific teams, but a mindset that everyone must adopt. He noted that maintaining the campus is a shared duty and a year-round commitment requiring daily dedication. He talked about the importance of campus unity, stressing that faculty, staff, and students should share a strong bond, fostering a culture of collaboration and mutual respect. He appreciated the campus cleanliness drive held today and shared a story about Mahatma Gandhi, where Gandhi Ji emphasized "preach what you practice," encouraging everyone to embody this principle in their lives. He also touched upon the importance of entrepreneurship, highlighting the YUVA scheme developed jointly with Govt of J&K as a significant opportunity for young



Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu carrying out cleanliness.

minds to contribute to nation-building. Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, highlighted the concept of reverse urbanization on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti, emphasizing the need to strengthen rural economies and reduce migration to urban centres. He underscored how both leaders envisioned self-reliant villages as the backbone of the nation.

Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran, Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu, and Dr. Rajkumar V, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu were present during the drive and Dr. Rajesh Sikka, Professor of Practice, IIM Jammu was present during the cultural program, actively encouraging and supporting the participants.

In the evening, a cultural program was organized to honor the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri. Floral tributes were offered as a mark of respect by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu and faculty members, and the event featured cultural performances by students coordinated by Malhar Cultural Committee, bringing together the IIM Jammu community for a moment of reflection and celebration.

Jodhamal students excel in J&K UT Swimming Competition

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Inter-District UT Level Swimming Competition, organized under the aegis of the Youth Services and Sports Department, was held recently at Jodhamal Public School. This prestigious event saw participation from various schools across Jammu and Kashmir, showcasing the exceptional talents of young swimmers in the region.



Medal in 50-metre Butterfly Stroke, Priyam Jain won a Gold Medal in 200-metre Breast Stroke, two Silver Medals, one each in 50-metre and 100-metre Breast Stroke, Aditya Pratap Singh won a Silver Medal in 200-metre Free Style and a Bronze Medal in 100-metre Free Style, Priyal Kapoor won a Gold Medal in 100-metre Free Style, Tanisha Jaggi won two Gold Medals, one each in 50-metre and 100-metre Breast Stroke, Avnee

Aethmea won a Gold Medal in 100-metre Back Stroke and a Silver Medal in 50-metre Back Stroke whereas Adaliya Narang won a Silver Medal in 200-metre Free Style and a Bronze Medal in 100-metre Free Style. In the Under-17 Category, Vihan Goel won two Gold Medals, one each in 200-metre and 400-metre Free Style, Mohd Ibrimhan won two Silver Medals, one each in 200-metre Free Style and 100-metre Breast Stroke,

Prabdeep Singh bagged a Silver Medal in 50-metre Free Style and Divya Gupta got a Gold Medal in 100-metre Back Stroke and a Silver Medal in 50-metre Breast Stroke. In the Under-14 Category, Vivaan Yadav won a Gold Medal in 100-metre Breast Stroke and a Silver Medal in 100-metre Butterfly Stroke. Pragmay Sharma won a Silver Medal in 400-metre Free Style, Ayaansh Gupta won a Bronze Medal in 200-metre Free

Style, Riyan Choudhary bagged a Silver Medal in 50-metre Butterfly Stroke, Riaan Mahajan won two Gold Medals, one each in 50-metre and 100-metre Back Stroke, Advait Sharma won a Bronze Medal in 50-metre Breast Stroke, Hitanshi Yadav won a Gold Medal in 50-metre Back Stroke, Shranya Sharma bagged a Silver Medal in 200-metre Free Style and Ananhita won a Silver Medal in 50-metre Breast Stroke.

Thus the total Medal tally of Jodhamal students stands at: 13 Gold Medals, 15 Silver Medals and 04 Bronze Medals.

The Trustee and Principal of Jodhamal Public School congratulated the students and their coaches Pooja Bassan, Malkeet Kour, Rajan Bakshi and Romesh Chander for their remarkable achievements and dedication.



Members of Gandhi Global Family (GGF) J&K, led by Padma Shri Dr SP Varma, calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Wednesday.