



Glimpses of Dussehra celebrations in Jammu on Thursday.

Gandhi Jayanti: DLSA Jammu conducts cleanliness drive at Dist Court Complex Janipur



Chairman DLSA Jammu Y. P. Bourney and others planting sapling.

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JAMMU: District Legal Services Authority, Jammu in commemoration of Gandhi Jayanti, held a Cleanliness and plantation drive in the premises of District Court Complex Janipur, Jammu on Thursday on the 2nd October, 2025.

The event started with the floral tribute to the Father of the Nation "Mahatma Gandhi" by Y. P. Bourney, Chairman District Legal Services Authority Jammu in the presence of other Ld. Judicial Officers of District Jammu, symbolizing that the light of truth and justice shall always be the guiding force in the present times.

Y. P. Bourney, Principal District and Sessions Judge Jammu (Chairman, DLSA Jammu) while interacting with the gathering highlighted Gandhi Ji's thoughts on truth, non-violence and cleanliness. He emphasized that cleanliness should begin with our own bodies, then to our homes and finally to the outside world. He shared a powerful message about maintaining a clean environment.

A Plantation drive was also organised within the District Court Campus, where all Ld. Judicial officers planted the saplings and gave a message to make a positive impact on the environment as it is a

right time to reflect on the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and strive for peace and harmony in everyone's life.

In a heartwarming gesture, Pr. District and Sessions Judge Y. P. Bourney presented dedicated Safai karamcharis of District Court Complex, acknowledging their hard work and contributions.

The programme was attended by Ld. Judicial Officers posted at District Headquarter Jammu along with their ministerial staff. LADCS, Panel Lawyers, PLVs and staff of DLSA Jammu were also present on the occasion.

Dr Parneesh describes RSS centenary as a saga of sacrifice, service, nation-building

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Parneesh Mahajan has extended heartfelt greetings to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on completing 100 years of its foundation, describing the milestone as a "century of discipline, dedication, and service to the nation."

In a statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for releasing a commemorative coin on the occasion, saying the gesture has given "national recognition" to the contribution of RSS and its millions of swayam-sevaks.

"The 100-year journey of RSS is a saga of sacrifice and service. By dedicating a coin to mark this historic occasion, Prime Minister Modi has paid glowing tribute to swayamsevaks who have devoted their lives to the cause of Bharat Mata," he said.

Highlighting the Sangh's role in society, the BJP leader said RSS has played a crucial part in nation-building, social harmony,

and cultural pride, working at the grassroots for the upliftment of people.

"From Dr. Hedgewar's vision in 1925 to the present day, the Sangh has shaped generations with values of discipline, unity, and patriotism. The centenary celebrations will inspire the youth to carry forward these ideals," he added.

Dr Parneesh Mahajan also expressed confidence that the RSS centenary will infuse new energy into the



organization and strengthen the idea of a united and self-reliant India under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

CGPWA joins Swachhata Abhiyan, picks up three venues



CGPWA members during cleanliness drive.

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JAMMU: Joining the National Program of Swachhata Abhiyan in Jammu, the Central Govt Pensioners' Welfare Association, Jammu (CGPWA) in Thursday picked up spots in three colonies for cleanliness, sending a message to the people to come forward and keep their areas clean on the call of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

K B Jandial IAS (Retd) General Secretary of CGPWA led the group at Greenbelt Park, Gandhi Nagar in collaboration with

the Greenbelt Park morning Walkers Association and cleaned the park along with the Open Gym area.

Several former civil servants including former Chief Engineers, Er Lalit Mengi & JBS Johar, President RWA Gandhinagar, Er Chander Udhay Sharma, Vijay Phoa, Chief Organizer of Morning Walkers, & ret'd GM PNB, Jagmohan Gupta, former Director Planning, former SE Er Kamal Dewan, Ravinder Jain Prasad Jain Sabha, Prof Vjeshwar Verma & Dr. S C Puri Om Prakash

Sharma Retd S.P., Vijay Verma, Vijay Khurana, both business men, Yogesh Kanotra & former SE Er Pratap Singh Arora joined the drive.

At Govt Higher Secondary School, Muthi, Member, CCGPWA, Sewa Dass Digra GSI (Retd) undertook the drive with the help of his morning walkers' friends and cleaned the area.

At Channi Himmat, Member CGPWA, Sunil Sharma led the morning walk for Swachhata Abhiyan in the main Park of the colony.

JCMS pays tribute to Sher-e-Duggar Lala Hans Raj Mahajan on 159th birth anniversary



JCMS members paying tributes to Sher-e-Duggar Lala Hans Raj Mahajan.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS) paid rich tribute to Sher-e-Duggar Lala Hans Raj Mahajan on his 159th birth anniversary on Thursday. In this connection, Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha organized a programme at Lala Hans Raj Park, situated at Gurdawara Sunder Singh Road, Jammu where a number of prominent persons paid their tributes by garlanding the statue of Lala Hans Raj Mahajan.

Earlier, a Haven was also organized in memory of Lala Hans Raj Mahajan, who was also the founder of Mahajan Sabha Jammu, Dogra Sadar Sabha and Akhil Bharatiya Mahajan Shiromani Sabha.

Speakers on the occasion threw light on life of Lala

Hans Raj Mahajan and recalled his good works done towards the society, particularly economically weaker sections. They stressed upon the community to follow the footprints of Lala Hans Raj Mahajan and contribute to the society up to maximum.

Besides, Romesh Chander Gupta, President of Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha and other office bearers, President of Jammu Chamber of Commerce, Arun Gupta, and others spoke on the occasion. Plantation drive was also conducted on the occasion. Proceedings of the programme were conducted by General Secretary Sanjay Mahajan. Prominent among others, who paid their tributes, included Shiv Partap Gupta (Sr. Vice President),

Ram Sarup Gupta, Subash Gupta, Surinder Gupta, Atul Gupta, Ramesh Gupta (Bartenwale), Ravi Rohmetra, Darshan Gupta, Balraj Gupta and others.

MIER College of Education organizes chess match

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JAMMU: The Sports Unit of MIER College of Education organized an engaging Chess Match for boys and girls, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from students at the School of Education (SOE) and the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSSH). The event was inaugurated by Prof. Adit Gupta, Principal, MIER College of Education (Autonomous) who encouraged students to actively take part in co-curricular activities, emphasizing their vital role in fostering overall development and holistic learning. Dr. Nishita Rana, Head of SOE, and Dr. Monika Bajaj, Head of SSSH, along with faculty members, were present to support and motivate the participants throughout the competition. The matches were keenly contested, showcasing the strategic skills and focus of the players. In the boys' category, Khushal (B.A. Political Science, Semester V) clinched the first position, while Mufaid and Parvush (both from B.A. Political Science, Semester I) secured the second and third positions respectively. In the girls' category, Gunjan Kumari (B.Ed. Special Education, Semester I) emerged as the winner, followed by Saniya (B.Ed. Special Education, Semester I) in second place, and Purvi Gupta (B.Ed. Special Education, Semester I) in third place. Prof. Adit Gupta lauded the efforts of the unit and said that the Chess Match not only encouraged healthy competition but also promoted sportsmanship, camaraderie, and community spirit among students and staff, making it a memorable experience for all.

The event was successfully coordinated by Dr. C.R. Jangra, Incharge, Games and Sports Unit, under the guidance of Inman, PTI, Model Academy School.



Matches in progress.

'Vocal for Local' campaign essential for self-reliance: Ashok Koul

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, under the leadership of General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, continued its strong push for the 'Vocal for Local' campaign, inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of self-reliant India. As part of the initiative, Ashok Koul, accompanied by BJP District

Jammu South President Naresh Singh Jasrotia and other senior leaders, participated in two special programmes held to honour pottery makers and local artisans. The first event was held at Ban Sultan, and the second at Suman Gupta's studio in Channi Himmat.

During both events, traditional artisans were felicitated for their skill, craftsmanship, and dedication to pre-

serving India's cultural heritage. Koul lauded their work and emphasized that promoting indigenous products is not just about tradition but also a strategic economic mission.

He stated, "Supporting local artisans strengthens the foundation of Atma Nirbharta (self-reliance). This campaign is vital for India's journey towards becoming a developed

nation. By empowering our local producers with recognition, resources, and access to markets, we're building a resilient national economy."

Koul highlighted that pottery makers, handicraft workers, and grassroots entrepreneurs are the lifeline of India's cultural and economic identity. "Their work must be celebrated and supported. BJP is committed to taking the 'Vocal for Local'

message to every household in Jammu & Kashmir," he added.

Naresh Singh Jasrotia appreciated the initiative and reaffirmed the district unit's commitment to engaging with grassroots entrepreneurs, helping them expand their market reach. "Our mission is to turn local talent into a source of pride and prosperity for the region," he said.

TRAVELTIME!

Jammu to Srinagar	
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
Srinagar to Jammu	
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE

11078 Jhelum Express	
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express	
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express	
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)	
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC): 715	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)	
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC): 660	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	

FIND CINEMA

NIKKA ZAILDAR 4 (PUNJABI)

WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU 12:15 PM / 4:30 PM / 8:30 PM

PVR KC JAMMU 01:40 PM / 8:05 PM

KANTARA

WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU 09:00 AM / 10:00 AM / 12:15 PM / 1:15 PM / 3:30 PM / 6:45 PM / 7:45 PM / 10:00 PM / 11:00 PM

PVR KC JAMMU 9:00 AM / 10:05 PM / 12:35 PM / 7:45 PM / 11:20 PM

SUNNY SANSKARI KI TULSI KUMARA (HINDI)

WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU 9:30 AM / 3:00 PM / 05:45 AM / 11:15 PM

PVR KC JAMMU 4:45 PM / 10:55 PM

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National Anthem needs no guns, only love for Bharat: Pawan Sharma slams Mehbooba

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti's outrageous claim that the B-JP is making people in Kashmir stand for the National Anthem at "gunpoint" is a brazen lie, a provocation, and yet another chapter in her politics of appeasement. It is shameful that a former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir is stooping so low as to insult the very National Anthem that binds 140 crore Indians together. This statement is not just irresponsible-it is anti-national in character. By mocking the honour of Jana Gana Mana, Mehbooba Mufti has once again revealed her mindset that thrives on creating division, sowing unrest, and playing into separatist hands. The B-JP does not need guns to inspire patriotism. The people of Jammu & Kashmir stand proudly for the National Anthem because they love this nation, respect its martyrs, and

honour the Constitution. It is Mehbooba Mufti who has historically thrived on politics of fear, appeasement, and soft-separatism, and today her frustration is making her attack the very symbols of national pride. As BJP State Secretary, I strongly condemn this poisonous rhetoric. I want to remind Mehbooba Mufti: Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a new era of nationalism, unity, and peace is flourishing in J&K. Mehbooba Mufti owes an unconditional apology to the people of India. Her words are not just an insult to the National Anthem but also a betrayal of the sacrifices made by our soldiers, security forces, and martyrs who laid down their lives defending the honour of this nation. The B-JP will continue to uphold the dignity of our national symbols with pride, and we will not allow anyone-least of all frustrated politicians like Mehbooba Mufti-to weaken the spirit of Bharat.