

Gandhi Jayanti commemorated with reverence at Paloura

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JAMMU: The 156th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was observed with solemnity and enthusiasm at Paloura, Jammu North. The programme was organized by Congress workers under the leadership of Hari Singh Chib, Vice President JKPC and Incharge District President Jammu Rural.

The function began with garlanding the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, followed by an all-faith prayer meeting. Senior leaders



Paloura residents paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

and party activists recalled the contributions of Bapu in India's freedom struggle and his universal message of Satya (truth) and Ahimsa (non-violence). Prominent leaders and

participants present on the occasion included Som Nath Sharma (President BCC Pata Paloura), Tarun Vaid, Virender Mehta, Madan Singh Chib, Jung Bahadur Singh, Kamal

Singh, Kaka Ram, Bal Sharma (President Roonagar Welfare Committee) along with a large number of party workers and local residents.

Speaking on the occasion, Hari Singh Chib emphasized that Gandhi's teachings are a guiding light in today's troubled times.

"Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of truth, non-violence and communal harmony are not only relevant but essential for maintain-

ing unity and peace in our society. His philosophy of inclusiveness should inspire us to work towards eradicating social evils and promoting equality. It is the responsibility of every citizen to walk on the path shown by Bapu and dedicate themselves to nation building," he said.

Chib also appealed to the younger generation to study Gandhi's life and apply his principles in daily conduct. He stressed that in an age of division and unrest, Gandhi's message of peace and tolerance can bring lasting stability.

The programme concluded with a pledge by all present to uphold Gandhian values and to spread the message of unity, justice, and harmony in every section of society.

AIPNBOA J&K felicitated for social service under Sewa Parv



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha presenting award to AIPNBOA official.

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SRINAGAR: On Gandhi Jayanti, Vishal Verma, Assistant General Secretary (J&K) of the All India Punjab National Bank Officers' Association (AIPNBOA), was honoured for his outstanding role in Operation Sindoor and Flood Relief initiatives.

The recognition was conferred under the nationwide Sewa Parv initiative launched

on the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The award was presented by Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha at SKICC Srinagar, in the presence of senior officials including Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and Principal Secretary (Culture & Education) Brij Mohan Sharma. Dedicating the honour to all bankers, whom he hailed as the true Karanveers

of society, Vishal Verma said the recognition on Gandhi Jayanti, also marking Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti and Dussehra, reaffirmed timeless values of truth, simplicity, and the triumph of good over evil.

The felicitation underscores AIPNBOA's commitment to serving society with compassion and integrity while advancing the vision of a Viksit Bharat.

IGP Jammu leads Swachhta Abhiyaan at DPL Jammu under Sewa Parv



Police officials carrying out cleanliness drive.

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JAMMU: As part of Sewa Parv 2025 (17th September - 2nd October), a Swachhta Abhiyaan was organized on Friday on the occasion of the 156th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, at District Police Lines (DPL) Jammu. The event marked a significant step towards fostering civic responsibility and environmental consciousness.

The cleanliness drive was spearheaded by IGP Jammu, Bhim Sen Tuti, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers and officials of all ranks, including DIG JSK Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh,

JMC Commissioner, Devansh Yadav; all Zonal SSPs of Jammu District; SP Ops Jammu; ASP PCR Jammu; SDPOs; DySP Hqs Jammu; DySP DAR Jammu; DySP Ops Jammu; along with other officers. All united in the common cause of cleanliness and public service.

The campaign, aligned with the National Swachhta Hi Seva 2025 Movement, involved comprehensive sanitation efforts covering pathways, parks, office premises, residential quarters, and surrounding public areas. Awareness drives on sustainable hygiene practices were also conducted as part of the initiative.

Speaking on the occasion,

Bhim Sen Tuti, commended the dedication of the personnel and emphasized the importance of embedding cleanliness into daily routines as a reflection of discipline and national pride.

He noted that the drive not only enhanced the physical environment but also reinforced the spirit of collective service, echoing the core message that "Swachhta is Seva" - cleanliness is service to the nation.

Through this initiative, the Jammu Zone Police reaffirmed their commitment to the ideals of Sewa Parv 2025, contributing meaningfully to the vision of a cleaner, greener, and more developed India.

Noor Creations-a new fashion hub for women opens in Jammu

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JAMMU: Adding a fresh sparkle to the city's fashion scene, Noor Creations, an exclusive women's fashion showroom, was grandly inaugurated at Moti Bazar, near Sabzi Mandi, here on Thursday. The store promises to be a one-stop destination for bridal wear, designer suits, party gowns, and premium fabrics-all at affordable prices.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, Vankesh Sharma, the proud owner of Noor Creations, shared his vision, "We aim to bring the best of women's wear to Jammu. Our goal is to offer fashionable yet affordable clothing that suits every woman-whether she's a bride-to-be, a working professional, or someone who values elegance in daily wear."

The store showcases a thoughtfully curated collection of bridal lehengas, handpicked designer suits,



party wear gowns, and luxurious fabrics, reflecting the latest trends in contemporary and ethnic fashion. The emphasis is on quality, variety, and affordability, making fashion more accessible for every woman.

Noor Creations is poised to redefine the shopping experience in Jammu by blending traditional craftsmanship with modern style, catering to all age groups and tastes.

Ranbir Government Press celebrates 'Sewa Parv'

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JAMMU: The Ranbir Government Press, Jammu, successfully organized the celebration of 'Sewa Parv' from 17th September to 2nd October 2025, highlighting the spirit of dedication, service, and commitment among its staff.

The event was graced by Parshotam Sharma, General Manager, Ranbir Government Press, along with Dheeraj Rajdaan,

Manager, Prabhjot Singh, Accounts Officer, Ajay Kumar, Senior Assistant, and Anil Sharma.

Various activities and initiatives were conducted throughout the period, fostering teamwork, excellence in service, and community engagement among the employees.

The celebration concluded on a high note, reaffirming the Press' commitment to public service and administrative efficiency.



Ranbir Government Press officials planting sapling.

Shaiv Darshan Learning & Research Centre concludes Special Navratri Program

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JAMMU: The Shaiv Darshan Learning & Research Centre, operating from the Swami Ram Shaiv Institute at Naseeb Nagar, Pamposh Colony, Janipur, Jammu, concluded its special Navratri program with overwhelming spiritual fervour and scholarly engagement. The unique and enriching nine-day celebration combined traditional, spiritual, and educative elements, focusing on the teachings of Mahamaheshwarcharya Abhinavagupta and his spiritual successor, Mahamaheshwarcharya Swami Ram Ji Maharaj, pioneers of Shaiv Darshan philosophy (Kashmir Shaivism). The event was held both physically and digitally, drawing participants from across India and the world-including the USA, Canada, Denmark, Dubai, Switzerland, Australia, and England. Under the guidance of renowned



Devotees at closing ceremony of Navratri programme.

Shaiv scholar and Kashmiri Hindu rituals expert Sanjay Raina, scriptures and sacred texts were explained and interpreted in a lucid and accessible manner. The program featured recitations and commentaries on sacred texts such as Durga Saptashati, Shri Panchastavi Paath, Bhawan Sahasranam, and selections from Agama and Tantra Shastras, enriched with Puranic references to

deepen understanding of Sanatan Dharma and Sanskritic heritage. One of the spiritual highlights was the Samput Paath, where more than one lakh mantras were chanted collectively by devotees. The interpretations and spiri-

tual insights provided by Sanjay captivated audiences of all ages and received immense appreciation. J.K. Kher, General Secretary of the Ashram, shared that this initiative marked the first time such an extensive Navratri Shaiv Darshan discourse reached a global audience live for all nine days. As part of the observance, Prasad was served daily in accordance with religious tradition, and copies of the texts were made available online, promoting wider access to Shaiv Shastra learning and practice.

The event successfully bridged devotion with deep philosophical learning and was praised by scholars and devotees alike as a milestone in the revival and global reach of Shaiv Darshan.

Adopt Swadeshi to strengthen nation's economy & empower rural communities: Rekha Mahajan

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JAMMU: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Vice President, Rekha Mahajan, visited the Khadi Store at Gandhi Bhawan, Jammu, where she purchased Khadi products to mark the day and promote the spirit of Swadeshi.

Speaking on the occasion, Rekha Mahajan recalled the pivotal role Khadi played in India's freedom struggle under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi. She said Gandhi Ji used Khadi not only as a symbol of self-reliance but also as a powerful tool to unite people against colonial rule. She stressed that adopting Khadi today is a



BJP J&K Vice President, Rekha Mahajan visiting Khadi Store at Gandhi Bhawan, Jammu.

way of paying tribute to the Father of the Nation and keeping his ideals alive. Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to encourage Khadi, Rekha Mahajan said, "Our Prime Minister has given a clarion call to every citizen to purchase Khadi and

support local artisans. Under his visionary leadership, Khadi has transformed from a symbol of India's freedom struggle into a symbol of self-reliance and pride. Modi Ji's message to buy Khadi is inspiring millions across the country to embrace

Swadeshi, strengthen our economy, and empower rural communities."

She further added that the growing popularity of Khadi is a testimony to the government's commitment towards Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India).

"Each time we purchase Khadi, we are not only promoting our cultural heritage but also supporting thousands of families who depend on this traditional craft," she remarked.

Rekha Mahajan urged the people, especially the youth, to follow Prime Minister Modi's vision by making Khadi a part of their lifestyle. She appealed to adopt Swadeshi products and contribute to the nation's economic and cultural strength.

Gandhi Bhavan Committee commemorates Gandhi, Shastri Jayanti

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JAMMU: The Gandhi Bhavan Committee today organized a solemn programme to commemorate the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. The event, held at Gandhi Bhavan, was graced by former MLA of Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi, as the chief guest.

The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by floral tributes to the portraits of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Students from DBN Amarvill, SNS Vidya Mandir, Ved Mandir, Panjvakhtar Ashram, and Government School City Chowk presented cultural items, speeches, and patriotic songs dedicated to the lives and values of the two great leaders.

Welcoming the audience, Gandhi Bhavan Committee President Dr. Gautam Mengi emphasized the need to imbibe the values of simplicity, truth,

and service to humanity as practiced by Gandhi and Shastri. The keynote speaker, Gagdesh shared his thoughts on the enduring relevance of Gandhi's philosophy in contemporary society. Suresh Sharma from Gandhi Seva Sadan also addressed the gathering.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi paid rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, describing them as guiding lights for the nation.

He said, "Gandhi Ji's mes-

sage of non-violence and truth is timeless and continues to inspire the world, while Lal Bahadur Shastri's call of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' reminds us of the strength and self-reliance of our nation. It is the responsibility of every citizen, especially the younger generation, to follow these ideals in daily life."

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by the Secretary of the Gandhi Bhavan Committee and the singing of the National Anthem.



MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi and others paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Sanatan Dharma Samiti Nagrota organizes Dussehra Festival with enthusiasm



Sanatan Dharma Samiti Nagrota members during Dussehra celebration.

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NAGROTA: The Sanatan Dharma Samiti Nagrota organized the grand celebration of Dussehra at the Nagrota Dussehra Ground on Thursday with devotion, zeal, and cultural fervor. The event witnessed the gracious presence of Chief Guest Pawan Kumar Shastri President Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust and Special Guest SDPO Nagrota Vinod Kundal.

The program began with traditional rituals, followed by cultural and religious performances highlighting the significance of Lord Rama's victory over Ravana. Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Pandit Pawan Kumar Shastri emphasized the eternal message of Dussehra - the triumph of good over evil - and urged people to adopt the values of truth, righteousness, and

justice in their lives.

Special Guest SDPO Vinod Kundal extended his greetings on the occasion of Dussehra, noting that such festivals strengthen the spirit of unity, harmony, and brotherhood in society.

A large number of devotees and local residents attended the event with great enthusiasm. The burning of the effigies of Ravana, Meghnath, and Kumbhakaran was the highlight of the evening, filling the air with chants of "Jai Shri Ram" and a festive spirit.

The organizers expressed their heartfelt gratitude to all the dignitaries, participants, and the public for making the celebration a grand success. The Samiti also resolved to continue organizing such cultural and religious events in the future.

'Sewa Parva Pakhwada' observed at Crime Branch Headquarters



Crime Branch officials at cleanliness drive.

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JAMMU: As part of the nationwide 'Sewa Parva Pakhwada' initiative, a cleanliness drive was conducted at the Crime Branch Headquarters, Jammu on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

The fortnight-long campaign, emphasizing public service and social welfare, concluded today. Under the directions of IGP

Crime J&K, all officers and officials actively participated in the drive, promoting the spirit of Sewa (service) and cleanliness in line with Mahatma Gandhi's ideals.

The initiative reflected the department's commitment to community welfare and civic responsibility. Photographs of the event were also taken to mark the occasion.