

DIG JSK Range, SSP Jammu flag off students for Bharat Darshan tour

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JAMMU: In a spirited initiative aimed at providing exposure and broadening the horizons of young minds, a group of 93 students, including four caretakers, from District Jammu and Police Public School, Miran Sahib was flagged off on Thursday from GOs Mess, Jammu, for a Bharat Darshan Tour.

The tour will cover major cities including Delhi and Mumbai, offering participants an enriching opportunity to witness India's cultural diversity and heritage firsthand.

The flag-off ceremony was jointly conducted by DIG JSK Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, and SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh, along with the Bharat Darshan team members of Zonal Police Headquarters (ZPHQ)



DIG JSK Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma and SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh flagging off Bharat Darshan tour.

Jammu. The officers interacted warmly with the students, encouraged them to make the most of the journey, and highlighted the significance of such initiatives in building confidence and national integration.

During the interaction, the senior officers emphasized

that Bharat Darshan tours are more than just educational excursions. They serve as a bridge between different regions of the country, instilling in young participants a deep sense of pride, responsibility, and belonging to the larger Indian identity. By visiting iconic landmarks,

institutions, and cultural centres, the students will gain invaluable knowledge about India's growth, diversity, and unity.

The officers further reminded the students that they are cultural ambassadors of Jammu & Kashmir during this journey. They

urged them to carry the message of peace, harmony, and brotherhood while also imbibing positive experiences and lessons from the cities they will visit. Such exposure, they said, will inspire the students to aim high in their academic and professional lives and contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress.

The students, brimming with enthusiasm, expressed their gratitude to the Jammu and Kashmir Police for providing them with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Parents and guardians accompanying them during the flag-off expressed appreciation for the initiative, noting that such programmes play a vital role in shaping the personalities of children from remote and underprivileged areas.

NSS Unit 1 of PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar culminates 'Sewa Parv'

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JAMMU: NSS Unit 1 of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev (PSPS) Government College for Women (GCW), Gandhi Nagar, observed the culmination of 'Sewa Parv' on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

As part of the activities, a slogan writing competition was organized wherein the volunteers expressed their thoughts and commitment towards cleanliness, service, and Gandhian values through creative and inspiring slogans.

The program also witnessed the collective pledge-taking ceremony on Swachhata (Cleanliness), reaffirming the resolve of the volunteers and students to contribute towards a clean, green, and sustainable environment.

The event was coordinated under the guidance of the NSS Programme Officer



NSS Unit 1 of PPS GCW Gandhi Nagar students and faculty members posing for a photograph.

Prof Sugandha Mahajan and witnessed enthusiastic participation from NSS volunteers.

The programme not only highlighted the significance of 'Sewa Parv' but also reinforced the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, emphasizing selfless service, social responsibility, and the spirit of cleanliness.

Principal of the College Prof Gitanjali Andotra

appreciated the efforts of the NSS unit for organizing meaningful activities and motivating the students to imbibe the values of discipline, dedication, and community service.

The programme concluded with a note of commitment to continue such initiatives that foster civic responsibility and contribute towards nation-building.

GGM Science College screens movie on Gandhi to conclude Seva Parv

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JAMMU: As part of the Seva Parv campaign, the Seminar/workshop/symposium committee of GGM Science College, Jammu in collaboration NCC and NSS Units of the College, concluded its series of activities with a special screening of a documentary film on the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi today. The event was organized to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation and to inspire students with his timeless ideals of truth, non-violence, and selfless service.

The programme was held under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of GGM Science College, who on the occasion emphasized the importance of Gandhian values in shaping character and building a just society. He noted that Gandhi Ji's principles remain relevant in addressing present-day challenges and urged stu-



dents to imbibe these values in their personal and professional lives.

The screening was meticulously supervised by Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Associate Professor & Associate Dean, DSW, Cluster University of Jammu, who highlighted the role of such initiatives in fostering moral and ethical awareness among youth. He remarked that the screening was not only a tribute to Gandhi Ji but also a reminder of the responsibility which students bear as future leaders of the nation. The event witnessed

enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members, with NCC Cadets, NSS Volunteers, ANOs, and NSSPOs of the College actively engaging in meaningful discussions following the screening. The programme concluded with a collective pledge to uphold the ideals of truth, peace, and service to humanity. With this inspiring finale, the Seva Parv campaign at GGM Science College came to a close, leaving behind a message of unity, responsibility, and commitment to the greater good.

Gandhian Centre JU marks Gandhi Jayanti through Community Outreach with SKUAST Morning Walkers

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JAMMU: Under the patronage of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu (JU), the Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, JU, in collaboration with the SKUAST Jammu Morning Walkers Association, celebrated Mahatma Gandhi's birthday (Gandhi Jayanti) with great enthusiasm and fervor. The program was attended by around 100 prominent members of Civil Society from R.S. Pura, who gathered to pay tribute to the Father of the Nation.

Raj Kumar Gupta, President of the SKUAST Jammu Morning Walkers Association, expressed his appreciation for the Gandhian Centre's efforts in organizing the event, highlighting the importance of Gandhian values in contemporary society. Other notable attendees included Dr. Ankur Rastogi, Vikram



Gupta, Vinod Aggarwal, Varun Sharma, Mohit Chowdhary, Rakesh Sharma, and Suneet Kumar.

The event provided a platform for participants to reflect on Mahatma Gandhi's teachings and their relevance in today's world. The program was well-coordinated by the staff of the Dhanvantri library and members of the Gandhian Committee for Peace and Conflict Studies,

University of Jammu. This celebration is part of the Gandhian Centre's ongoing efforts under the "Seva" program, which aims to promote social responsibility and community engagement. In the recent past, the Centre has organized several programs, including a visit to the children's home in Ambphala, promoting care and support for underprivileged children; An Anemia Camp, inaugurated by Additional Chief Secretary,

UT of Jammu and Kashmir, Shant Manu, highlighting the importance of health and wellness; donation drive in collaboration with the NSS unit of the University of Jammu, fostering a spirit of giving and community service; an exhibition of books, inaugurated by Shri Pramod Jain, Former Senior IAS Officer, UT of Jammu and Kashmir and currently Chairman of the Arunachal Pradesh Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC)

, promoting literary appreciation and knowledge; interaction with the morning walkers of Gandhi Nagar, encouraging community engagement and dialogue; and a Plantation Drive, emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation.

The collaboration between the Gandhian Centre and the SKUAST Jammu Morning Walkers Association demonstrates the power of community engagement and the importance of promoting Gandhian values in our daily lives. The event concluded with a renewed commitment to uphold the principles of truth, non-violence, and compassion, as espoused by Mahatma Gandhi.

The Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Jammu further plans to take a series of key initiatives in sync with the Gandhian thought and philosophy in near future.

IIM Jammu observes Gandhi, Shastri Jayanti with cultural vibrance

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu marked the 156th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the 121st birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri with great reverence and patriotic spirit at its Jagti Campus. The celebrations highlighted the enduring values of truth, non-violence, simplicity, and selfless service, championed by these two national icons.

The event commenced with floral tributes to the two leaders by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, followed by faculty, staff, students, and officers, collectively honoring their immense contributions to India's freedom and development.

Among those present were Prof. Jabir Ali (Dean Faculty and Research), Prof. Rajesh Sikka, Prof.



Pranab Ranjan Das, Dr. Ashish Kumar (Chairperson, Student Affairs), Cmdr. Kesavan Baskaran (Chief Administrative Officer), and other members of the IIM Jammu fraternity.

A poignant moment in the celebration was a soulful musical performance by Sahil, a housekeeping staff member, whose heartfelt tribute through song

moved the audience to a standing ovation. Prof. B.S. Sahay lauded the performance as a reflection of true inclusivity and hidden talent, stating that such moments embody the spirit of India and the institute's culture of unity.

Prof. Sahay emphasized the significance of the day, which coincided with Dussehra and Ram Navami, symbolizing the

eternal triumph of righteousness. He echoed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for Atmanirbhar Bharat, urging support for Swadeshi products, Indian artisans, and local enterprises, aligning with Gandhiji's vision of self-reliance and nation-building.

The day began with a Blood Donation Camp and Medical Health Check-up

at Sanjeevani, organized by Kartavya - The Social Responsibility Club, in collaboration with GMC Jammu and the J&K Thalassemia Society. Faculty, staff, and students participated enthusiastically, reflecting Gandhiji's mantra of "Seva Parmo Dharma" and Shastriji's spirit of "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan."

A cultural program followed at the Mandapam Auditorium, featuring soulful songs, skits, dances, and poetry that drew from the ideals of both leaders. The program concluded with the National Anthem, as participants reaffirmed their commitment to the values of integrity, service, and national unity.

The event was organized and coordinated by the Student Affairs Office with enthusiastic support from the student body.

Community mobilization program on ULLAS-NBSK conducted at GGHSS Canal Road

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JAMMU: A Community mobilization program regarding ULLAS-Nav Bharat (Saaksharta Karyakaram (NBSK) program of Zone Jammu conducted today at GGHSS Canal Road under the directions of CEO Jammu Ajeet Sharma.

The programme was inaugurated by the Zonal Education Officer, Ruksana Kohsar in the gracious presence of Aneeta Koul, Principal GGHSS Canal Road, DNO Sachin Goel, ZNO Poonam Gupta and AZNO Sonam Chouhan and hardworking CNOs, SNOs, volunteer teachers, volunteer learners and other members of community present over there.

In her address, the ZEO highlighted the objectives and benefits of the ULLAS



Aneeta Koul, Principal GGHSS Canal welcoming Zonal Education Officer, Ruksana Kohsar.

Scheme and urged all participants to dedicate themselves to get educated through such initiatives, rendering selfless service to the community.

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Poonam Gupta and Sonam. The programme witnessed

the participation of cluster coordinators, school coordinators, volunteer teachers, and learners. Sachin Goel concluded the programme.

A vote of thanks was extended to Principal Aneeta Koul for providing the venue to organize the programme.

Reetika Sharma awarded Ph.D

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JAMMU: Reetika Sharma, daughter of Kamal Das Sharma, resident of Village Pukharni, Tehsil Kharah-Balli, District Jammu, has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Horticulture (Fruit Science) by the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu, Chatha.

Her doctoral research entitled "Efficacy of organic sources of nutrients for sustainable production of guava (Psidium guajava L.)" was conducted under the guidance and supervision of Prof. (Dr) Rakesh Kumar Sharma.



Jammu boy Aarav Mahajan seals berth in Uttarakhand Ranji squad

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JAMMU: Brilliant display with the willow in the U-19 Men's Cooch Behar and Vinoo Mankad tournaments and Men's U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy, Jammu boy Aarav Mahajan, a talented top-order batter, has sealed berth in 18-member Uttarakhand Ranji Trophy squad picked for this season.

Scoring around 700 runs, Aarav slammed three magnificent centuries and an equal number of half-centuries in U-19 format, besides scoring composed 87 runs in one off Men's U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy match.

Aarav has attended three Camps at the prestigious National Cricket Academy (NCA) including the last one at the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI's) Centre of Excellence (CoE), falling just short of making it the national team. He was ranked 17th among the top run getters across India.

UTTARAKHAND RANJI SQUAD: Kunal Chandela (Captain), Prashant Chopra, Bhupendra Lalwani, Avneesh Sudha, Yuvraj Chaudhry, Shashank Dangwak, Anjana Suryavanshi, Jagdeesha Suchit, Mayank Mishra, Harsh Patwal, Sourav Rawat (WK), Janamjai Joshi, Devendra Bora, Rajan Chaudhury, Abhey Negi, Jagmohan Nagarkoti, Sagar Rawat and Aarav Mahajan.



Swachhata Hi Sewa-2025: CUJ marks culmination with commitment to implementation phase

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JAMMU: The Central University of Jammu celebrated Swachhata Hi Sewa - 2025 from 17th September to 2nd October 2025 with a vibrant series of awareness and cleanliness programmes across the campus. The campaign was organized under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, who personally participated in several key initiatives, lending inspiration and encouragement to the entire university community.

Prof. Jain planted a sapling during the Plantation Drive, symbolizing the university's commitment to a sustainable future. He inaugurated the 3R Centre, which showcased products made from recycled materials, praising its potential as a hub for skill development and innovation. In another special event, he inaugurated the showcasing of items prepared from waste materials-including purses, wallets, showpieces, and wall hangings-prepared by students and faculty members to promote reuse and eco-friendly lifestyles.

On the concluding day of the campaign, he distributed Swachhata Kits to

Safai Mitras, acknowledging their indispensable contribution to campus cleanliness and motivating them to continue their work with pride and safety.

Alongside these activities, the fortnight-long campaign featured a wide range of events that engaged students, faculty, and staff in creative and meaningful ways.

These included pledge ceremonies, awareness rallies, nukkad natak, quizzes, debates, essay and slogan-writing contests, poster-making, collage and rangoli competitions, workshops on vermin composting, and a sustainable fashion show. Students also participated in real-time cleanliness drives, waste segregation, hostel corridor cleaning, planting of saplings, and designing eco-friendly proposals for the campus. Each initiative underscored the themes of reduce, reuse, and recycle, turning the campus into a hub of creativity and environmental consciousness.

Prof. Richa Kothari, serving as the Nodal Officer, convened the programme with the valuable support of Registrar Prof. Yashwant Singh, who

oversaw its smooth coordination.

Prof. Deepak Pathania, along with faculty members including Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dr. Neeta Rani, Dr. Shweta Yadav, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Dr. Ankit Tandon, Dr. Sujata Kundan, Dr. Princy Gupta, Dr. Manvi Rajput, Dr. Susmita Ekka, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Dr. Misbah, Dr. Harneet Kour, Dr. Jaswinder Singh, Dr. Anuradha, Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Dr. Ratnesh Kumar Yadav, Dr. Vishal, Dr. Vandana Sharma, Dr. Mohan Galgotra, Dr. Amita Gupta, Manish Prakash, Fateh Lal Bheel, Vikas Gupta and Dr. Rajan Badyal, among others, contributed as conveners and coordinators, ensuring enthusiastic participation from the student community. Dr. Deepak Bhardwaj served as the Member Secretary and looked after the successful conduct of individual events, ensuring seamless execution across the campaign.

Throughout the campaign, NSS volunteers, hostel residents, and Safai Mitras actively engaged in the events, transforming the fortnight into a movement of collective responsibility.

Student volunteers Shubham Raina, Arkadeep, Manthan, Sanya, Manya, Zaheer, Divya Khajuria, Shivangi Sharma, played an instrumental role in the planning, coordination, and execution of several activities, reflecting the energy and creativity of CUJ's youth.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain praised the creativity and commitment of the participants, calling the initiative "a living example of Gandhi's philosophy of self-reliance and swachhata." Registrar Prof. Yashwant Singh also commended the tireless efforts of conveners and volunteers, noting that the campaign's success lay in teamwork and shared responsibility.

The activities culminated on 2nd October, Gandhi Jayanti, marking the successful completion of the preparatory phase and reaffirming the university's commitment to cleanliness, sustainability, and Gandhian values. Guided by the Ministry of Education, CU Jammu is now gearing up for the implementation phase of Swachhata Hi Sewa - 2025, which will run from 2nd to 31st October 2025.