

DGP J&K, Chairperson PWWA inaugurate Diwali Mela at Jammu

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JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP) J&K, Dilbag Singh, and Chairperson Police Wives Welfare Association (PWWA), Dr Rubinder Kaur inaugurated Diwali Mela at Police Pariwar Petrol Pump at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu here on Sunday.

At the inaugural ceremony, ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh, ADGP(Coord.) Danesh Rana, Sarita Chouhan, Member Management Committee, J&K PWWA/PPSs and other PWWA Members Ar. Deepika Gupta, Radhika Sharma, Indu Sharma, Satvinder Kour and Anju Singh also graced the occasion.

DIG Jammu-Kathua Range Atul Kumar Goel, SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli, SSP PCR Jammu Dr. Mohd. Haseeb Mughal, CO IRP 15th Bn Mubassir Latifi Ameer, SO to DIG JKS Range Shiv Kumar Sharma, SSP Crime Jammu Rajeshwar Singh, CO IRP



Chairperson PWWA, Dr Rubinder Kaur inaugurating Diwali Mela.

14th Bn Anita Sharma, SSP Traffic Jammu Dr Koshal Kumar Sharma, AIG (Welfare), Rajinder Kumar Gupta, AIG(Personnel) Ramesh Kumar Angral , CO JKAP 8th Bn Tahir Sajad Bhat, CO IRP 18th Bn Kulbir Singh, SO to IGP Armed Jammu Manjit Kour, AIG (Comm.) Manoj Pandita, DyCO

IRP 18th Bn Mukesh Kakkar, DyCO IRP 7th Bn Farooq Qesor Malik, DyCO IRP 15th Bn Madhu Bandral, and other police officers were also present on this occasion.

The aim of the Mela is to showcase the items produced by police welfare centres for sale.

Police welfare centres are produc-

ing different items including hand made products which are put on sale to generate resources for the welfare of police martyr families.

This year Police Welfare Centres of Jammu, Srinagar, Udhampur, Kathua, Poonch, Rajouri and Police Departmental Store, Jammu have put up their stalls.

Different items put up for sale by these Centres includes various types of scented and decorative candles like votive candles, pillar candles, rose-shaped, marigold-shaped and sunflower-shaped candles, various kinds of light lamps (diyas), readymade garments, woollen kurtis, embroidered bed sheets, sweaters, napkins, thal covers, sweet box covers, saree covers, shawl bags, tea cozies, table clothes (Dastarkhan), 28-piece runners set for dining table, woollen items like baby sweaters, shawls, woollen stoles, grinded spices, dry fruits and other specialised items.



SKJAVS Trust releases book ‘Nagdevatas Ki Mahima’, felicitates eminent citizens



Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma and other dignitaries releasing a book.

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JAMMU: Shri Kailash Jyotish Avem Vedic Sansthan (SKJAVS) Trust held a function here on Sunday to release a book titled 'Nagdevatas Ki Mahima' written by Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Trust, which was attended by a galaxy of distinguished guests. A number of eminent citizens were also felicitated on the occasion for their contributions towards the society in various fields.

The programme started with lighting of lamp amidst chanting of Vedic hymns by Sanskrit scholars. Giving a brief detail about the book, Mahant Rohit Shastri said that Nags have been described as an integral friend of mankind in various scriptures. "Even Science even says that more than 80 percent of snakes do not contain venom. Therefore, there is a great need to save nature and this integral friend of humanity," he added.

Former Minister and State Vice President BJP, Sham Lal Sharma said that J&K is a land of Vasuki and Ashtakuli serpents and there are temples of Nagdevatas at many places. Lauding efforts of Rohit Shastri for promotion of Sanskrit language and upliftment of society, he

said that as per various mythological tales, folklores and legends, snakes have been proved beneficial for mankind in various ways. The programme was organised by social activist Ankush Sharma.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Professor R K Sinha, Vice Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University; Prof J P Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST); Major JMC, Chander Mohan Gupta; former DGP J&K, Dr S P Vaid; Shakti Kumar Pathak, Director Special Security Force, Raj Bhawan Jammu and Prof Madan Mohan Jha, Director Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranbir Campus.

On the occasion, a number of persons were honored which included DDC member Kewal Krishna Sharma, DDC member Pinky Devi, DDC Rakesh Sharma, BDC member Aarti Devi, Sarpanch Rajdev Singh, Councilor Anita Devi, President Awardee Sanjeev Sharma, Professor Mohapatra, Acharya Abhishek Kumar Upadhyay, Dr Arun Sharma, Dr. Vikas Pada, Dr. Anil Mehta, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Dr. Bharat

Bhushan, Dr. Ankush Sharma, Dr. Narinder Sharma, Brijesh Singh, Sant Kumar, Nishikant, Khushwinder Singh, Shamsheer Singh, Surinder Sharma, Rohit Jandiwal, Shammi Chaudri, Lalit Khajuria, Sant Kumar, Amit Ajawat, Naresh Sharma, Vikas Bhagat, Karan Singh Chib, Jagdev Singh Chib, Ravinder Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Shushil Ratan, Acharya Pawan Raina, Vikram Singh Jamwal, Mamohan Singh, Rakesh Singh, Uttam Sharma, Rajesh Langar etc.

Others present on the occasion included Trust's Vice President Pawan Khajuria, General Secretary Prabodh Sharma, Rakesh Gandotra, Amarjit Singh, Sukhjot Singh, Bhushan Jamwal, Shekhar Banti, Vijay Seth, Bhushan Shastri, Naresh Shastri, Tilak Shastri, Yash Seth, Manik Seth, Rajinder Seth, Subhash Seth, Nigam Gupta, Sanju Seth, Vijay Seth, Vijay Muster, Satpal Sharma, Rajan Sharma, Ashok Shastri, Rohit Seth, Ashok Singh, Ashok Sharma, Rajiv Sharma, Sanjay Shastri, Naresh Dutt, Vijay Shastri, Anurag Kaiser, Rahul Seth, Ravi Shastri and Vinod Shastri.

Pradesh Congress observes Indira Gandhi's 37th Death Anniversary

► Pays tributes to Sardar Patel on his Birth Anniversary

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JAMMU: Rich tributes were paid to the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on her death anniversary today, by the Congress party in all Dist. Headquarters of the state. The Main function was held at PCC HQ Shaheedi Chowk, Jammu.

JKPCC Vice Presidents and former Ministers Mula Ram, Raman Bhalla along with senior functionaries of PCC, DCC and other senior leaders of the party including frontal organizations offered floral tributes to her on the occasion.

Rich tributes were also paid to Sardar Patel, one of the greatest stalwarts of the country, on his birth anniversary today.

Mula Ram, while paying rich tributes to Gandhi, recalled her supreme sacrifice for the unity and integrity of the country and said that she enhanced the image of India in the community of nations by her farsighted stewardship and India



Congress leaders paying tributes to Indira Gandhi and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

emerged as a strong nation under her leadership.

He also laid stress on strengthening the principle for which Congress Party and Indira Gandhi always stood for and laid down her life and to fight against the forces of communalism and fundamentalism who pose threat to the unity and integrity of the country.

Raman Bhalla, while paying floral tributes to Smt. Indira Gandhi, remembered her supreme sacrifice for the unity and

integrity of the nation.

He said that Gandhi created history by providing an able and dynamic leadership to the Country and was acknowledged a strong and visionary leader in the world.

He said that Congressmen should remain committed and strengthen the principles for which Indira lived and sacrificed her life.

Yogesh Sawhney said that Indira Gandhi had a special affection towards Jammu and Kashmir like her father Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru and it was the reason that people of this State had special respect in her leadership and that of the Gandhi-Nehru family and their leadership and principles.

He referred to the attempts to distort history by certain forces, who

are trying to divert the attention of countrymen from the great contribution of Nehru- Gandhi leadership and the role of Congress party and its leadership from time to time. He said that time has come fully understand and recall the role of congress and its leadership on various fronts and counter those spreading falsehood in the society.

On this occasion Senior leaders Kanta Bhan, Rajnish Sharma, Smt. Indu Pawar (President Mahila Congress), Former MLAs Th. Shiv Dev Singh, Ashok Sharma, DCC President Rajouri Shabir Ahmed Khan, DCC President Jammu Rural Hari Singh Chib, Masood Choudhary (Adv), highlighted the achievements of Indira Gandhi and described her as an

JMC intensifies fogging drive

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JAMMU: To further intensify the ongoing fogging drive, JMC has been covering each area falling within its jurisdiction keeping in view the increasing cases of dengue in Jammu city.

The drives are being undertaken with the cooperation of Anti Malaria Wing.

Commissioner JMC, Avny Lavasa issued directions to health wing of JMC to put in place the sufficient number of men and machinery so that

every nook and corner of the city can be covered in respect of fogging to avoid the chances of dengue, as cases of Dengue are on the higher sides in Jammu.

The Commissioner appealed the general public to come forward and extend their helping hands to JMC so that Dengue can be eradicated from Jammu and also added that residents should pay attention that waste water should not be accumulated which is a main cause of Dengue.

iron lady, an able administrator and great visionary leader.

PCC leaders also paid rich tributes to the great stalwart of the nation Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and remembered his role in the freedom struggle and in the consolidation of India after Independence, shoulder to shoulder with Pt. Nehru and other great leaders of the time.

Similar function was held at Srinagar, wherein JKPCC president Ghulam Ahmad Mir led the rank and file of party to floral tributes to Indira Gandhi.

Mir blamed the BJP for creating atmosphere of uncertainty especially on economic, employment, development fronts and said shifting blame on others especially Nerhu Gandhi family in order to hide wrong policies and lack of vision on their part was condemnable, the fact of the matter remains that Nation knows as to what BJP was doing for the sake of remaining in power and also realize that it (BJP) was only concerned how to exploit people and grab power, he said.

JKPCC also paid rich tributes to Sardar Vallab Bhai Patel on his 146th birth anniversary, describing him a visionary and a man of integrity, who has rendered his great services to Nation.

Dal Lake becomes destination for grand Shikara rally to celebrate birth anniversary of Sardar Patel

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SRINAGAR: The famous Dal Lake of Kashmir Valley of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday witnessed a grand Shikara rally organized to commemorate birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as part of 'Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav'.

The Shikaras were traditionally decorated splendidly which passed through several scenic spots of Dal giving a complete festive look to the 'Lake of Flowers'.

The rally, which was held under the banner 'Azadi ka Amrut and Celebrating

National Unity Day', was flagged off by Director, Tourism Kashmir, Dr G N Itoo.

Speaking to the media, Director said that holding of this rally in the prominent urban lake holds a special significance towards tourism development as 'Dal Jheel is integral to tourism and recreation in Kashmir; popularly known as 'Srinagar's Jewel'".

Director said that that the government is dedicatedly working towards taking J&K high in the world of tourism

through launch of numerous innovative measures in this regard. He added that it is being ensured that all stakeholders are involved in tourism development programmes for effective outcome. 'Such kind of events are being organized frequently in the Valley by the administration which has not only entertained the audience but is immensely helping towards tourism development here', he maintained.

Senior officers and officials besides people were present at the function.

► Dogra Certificate Controversy ◄

A definition parallel to Kashmiriat had been laid down officially of Dogriat by Raman Bhalla in 2011

► Sham Lal Ne Bhi 2010 Mein Chetavani Di Thi Ki Jammu Ke Liye Alag Rajay Ki Maang Bhi Jor Pakad Sakti Hai ► Why did leadership from Jammu Division not unitedly carry provision for issuance of Dogra Certificate?

Dogras though traditionally more inhabited the Shivalik range of mountains but they are spread over whole of Jammu region. Going by the definition of the pre 1947 Dogra Raj, Dogras generally speak Dogri and other dialects too have similarity with Dogri. J&K "Dogra" population includes members of all religions. The Duggar Raj emerged as a Regional domain during pre independence times, more particularly with Maharaja Gulab Singh emerging as a warrior in nineteenth century and the subjects in his domain getting special martial recognition even by the British Government/ Empire. The rule of Gulab Singh extended over whole of Jammu Region and parts of Ladakh region even by March 1846. Gulab Singh's Kingdom was more known as Dogra Raj (although a large part of Punjab/ now Himachal Pradesh) too was traditionally known as Dogra irre-

spective of the religious faith one held). It was in March 1846 that the Kashmir Valley was also handed over to Gulab Singh by British Government (being part of the territories ceded to the British Government by the Lahore State under the treaty of Lahore, dated 9th March 1846) under Treaty of Amritsar. The Dogra king of Jammu and the State was thereafter known as the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir State (Raj). The term Dogra is more akin to the subjects of Himachal Pradesh, some areas of Punjab and whole region of Jammu of J&K State that was ruled by Raja Gulab Singh as part of Dogra Raj irrespective of the religion one practiced. Before 1947 too Jammu Region / Division of today was the Jammu Province of Maharaja's J&K looked after by a Governor like a separate Governor for Kashmir Valley. Hence Raman Bhalla's definition of

Dogra should not have been / should not be misunderstood and the J&K Revenue Department Order No. Rev.(LB) 69 of 2011 dated: 25-03-2011 for issue of Dogra Identity Certificate to residents of J&K (PRC holder) by Tehsildar (Territorial) sue such certificate belonging to Jammu division irrespective of ethnicity, cultural background and mother tongue provided their forefathers were residents of Jammu Division prior to 1944 (cut-off date of 1944 shall not apply to displaced persons from POJK).

Earlier also the distancing mind set of some Kashmir valley leaders was exposed when they said (April 2010) that Kashmir Valley do not have Schedule Caste and in case the S.C (Hindu) will get jobs under reservation in Valley Districts the demography would



A Look through the Mist Part- II

be disturbed. Similarly when ever some isolated proposals are also made for development of people outside Kashmir Valley or addressing the aspirations of people outside Kashmir Valley, the leaders there so strangely extended threats about disturbance of peace. In the 2010 Sham Lal Sharma the then Health Minister in NC lead Omar Abdullah government Ne Bhi Bani (Kathua district) Mein Door Daraaj Ki Logon Aur Kshetron Ke Aarthik Even Prashanik Pichde Pan Ke Hetu Apnee Peeda Vayakt Ki Thee. Apnae Likhit Beyaan Mein Shri Sham Lal Ne Kaha Tha : < Agar Sarkarein Oon Logoan Ko Jo Kashmir Ke Liyae Azadi Ki Maang Rakhtae Hain, Oon Logoan Ko Jo Antonopmy Ya Self Rule Ki Baat Karate Hain Ko Esee Tarah Fahae-Foolhae Degee To Phir Bho Log

Bhi Jo Jammu Ke Alg Rajay Aur Ladakh Ke Liyae Union Territory Ki Baat Karate Hain Bhi Jor Pakad Saktae Hain.> Halan Ki Jis Dang Se Aur Jo Kush Sham Lal Ne Bani Mein 5 December 2010 Ko Bola Tha Bo Pooree Tarah Se Oon Ke Likhit Spashtikaran Se Ootna Mel Nahin Khata Tha. Haan Oon Ke Dwara Jammu Aur Ladakh Kshetr Ki Abhelna Sarkaroan Dwara Keeyae Janae Par Jaroor Baat Honi Chahiye Thi Aur Honi Bhi Chahiye . Agar Sham Lal Ne Kashmir Ke Liyae Azadi Ka Seeda Saada Pramارش Hi Dena Hota To Phir Bo Jammu Ko Alag Rajay Aur Ladakh Ko Union Territory Banaae Ka Stjaab Keyon Detae. But the leader of the day did not take to the real strings and hence the good that could be initiated in terms of atleast as regards medication the ideological pollutions could further leads.

Eis Liyae Dogra Certificate Vivaad Se

Parae Bhi Rajay Aur Kendriye Sarkaroan Ke Liyae Kush Sanket Ein Gatnaon Se Oojagar Hotae The Jin Ki Aur Delhi Mein Bethae Logoan Ko Bhi Rajay Sarkar Ke Saath Saath Dhayaan Dena Chahiye Tha Jis Se Omar Abdullah Jaesae Netaon Ke Liyae Bhi Algaabbad Se Ladna Aasan Ho Sakta Tha Par Esa Nahin Huyi Jis Se Kashmir Ghati Ke Bahar Ke Aam Jan Ko Aarthik Evm Prashanik Dristi Se Kush Sehogy Ka Rasta Sugam No Hone Ke Saath Saath Kashmir Ghati Kea Am Jan Kki Bhi Hani Hoti Geyee.

After 1990 the people of Kashmir Valley have been rather pushed further into a dilemma of distrust , confusions and misunderstandings on JK {Kashmir } affairs { including "HISTORY"}.

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