

ABDPSS continues "Shriram Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa Path" Abhiyaan in temples

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JAMMU: Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti (ABDPSS) organized a grand Shriram Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa program at Shri Ram Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Sunil Sharma, National Coordinator of the Samiti, along with Swami Mahesh Pandey from Ayodhya.

The program began with the recitation of Vedic mantras and the prayer "Hey Prabhuh Anand-Data Gyan Humko Diye." This was followed by a collective recitation (Samoolik Path) of Shriram Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa, in which a large number of devotees, including families and young participants, actively took part. The presence of the



Devotees participating in religious event.

younger generation added to the spiritual significance of the event.

Following the path, speakers reflected on the devotion of Lord Hanuman, his unparalleled service to Lord Rama, and his unwavering dedication to righteousness.

They emphasized how Hanumanji's fearless deeds in challenging times continue to inspire society

today. His devotion, selfless service, and strength serve as guiding principles for individuals navigating the complexities of life.

After the recitation, a Satsang session was held, where devotees absorbed spiritual wisdom and inspiration from Acharya Manoj Kumar, who had traveled from Ayodhya.

The gathering allowed

attendees to engage deeply in worship, fostering inner peace and devotion towards Lord Ram and Hanumanji.

Speaking at the event, Sunil Sharma highlighted the various initiatives undertaken by Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti to spread the teachings of sacred scriptures, especially the Bhagavad Gita.

He emphasized that for over ten years, the Samiti has been distributing Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Granth (not just books) free of cost to spread the divine message of Lord Krishna, following the guidance of Brahmgyani Guruji. This initiative aims to instill a deep love for humanity and God in society.

The event was made successful by the active partic-

ipation of several key figures, including Kewal Krishan Sharma, Bhuvneshwari Sharma, Aayushman Sharma, Rohit Verma, Sanjeev Sharma, Prateek Kumar, Sandeep Kumar Sounanya, Om Prakash Sharma, Manmohan Sharma, Sanjay Yadav, Rahul Yadav, Vimbo Devi, Seema Jamwal, Sonia Kumari, Shalini Devi, Savitri Sharma, Vimal Kumar, and Srinjan Devi. Their contributions played a crucial role in the event's grand success.

Through such programs, Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti continues to foster spiritual awareness, devotion, and the essence of Sanatan Dharma, strengthening the moral and cultural fabric of society.

Three-day Career Progression Workshop concludes at JU



Manjot K. S. Gill, CEO of Mind One Consultants and others during the workshop.

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JAMMU: The three-day Career Progression Workshop organized by the International Centre for Cross-Cultural Research and Human Resource for MBA (International Business) students from March 10-12, 2020 concluded on Wednesday. The workshop was led by Manjot K. S. Gill, CEO of Mind One Consultants, who brings extensive experience in training professionals across national and multinational organizations.

The workshop covered key aspects of career development, including resume building, video introductions for personal branding, effective participation in group discussions, mock interviews, and extempore speaking to enhance

quick thinking and articulation. It also focused on personal interview preparation, understanding interview panel expectations, and leveraging LinkedIn to connect with potential employers and expand professional networks.

In her concluding address, Prof Hardeep Chahal, Director, ICcR & HRM, emphasized the importance of such initiatives in enhancing self-growth and preparing students for market opportunities. She highlighted that recruitment training plays a crucial role in securing placements and internships.

In the valedictory session participants were awarded certificates. The event was coordinated by Dr. Neha Gupta, along with faculty members of the department.

Shiv Sena warns to refrain from communal terrorism, demands stronger intelligence agencies

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has demanded strict crushing of the module of communal terrorism and strengthening of intelligence system, fixing accountability.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that Pak-sponsored terrorism, along with narco terror, is now continuing its activities in Jammu division with the help of 'communal terrorism'. Hiding behind the forests and hilly areas, security forces and innocent, unarmed people are being targeted. In the year



2024, 8 out of 10 districts of Jammu division have been shaken by terrorist attacks.

In about 10 major terrorist attacks, about a dozen soldiers made the supreme sacrifice and about the same number of innocent and unarmed

people were killed. The recent disappearances and suspicious deaths of people in Billawar of Kathua district are a clear picture of the nefarious and cowardly activities of terrorists. In the last 25 days, five innocent and unarmed people have been killed. Sahni has demanded strict action against the terrorists camping in the jungles and hilly areas along with strengthening the modern communication network and intelligence system. Sahni has demanded a warning to those who adopt the module of spoiling the communal atmosphere and a stop to these nefarious and cowardly activities.

Movement Kalki's protest demands 'National Mother' status for Gau Mata

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JAMMU: Movement Kalki organized a symbolic protest at the Press Club, Jammu, demanding that Gau Mata be declared the "National Mother." The demonstration, led by Movement Kalki's Advisor Pritam Sharma and Board Member Karnail Chand, saw participation from numerous activists and cow devotees.

The protesters strongly condemned the government's silence on this issue, despite prior memorandums submitted to political leaders.

The demonstrators expressed their anger over the increasing incidents of cow smuggling and the lack of strict legal action against offenders.

They specifically criticized the ruling Bharatiya Janata



Members of Movement Kalki staging protest in Jammu.

Party (BJP) and National Conference leaders for failing to raise the matter in the assembly.

They highlighted a recent incident at Vikram Chowk, where a young man suffered severe injuries after being hit by cattle smugglers. Despite his ongoing treatment, the government has not provided any compensation, just as in previous such attacks.

Protesters also questioned the role of various political parties, including the BJP, National Conference, and Aam Aadmi Party, accusing them of neglecting the cause of cow protection. They argued that without granting Gau Mata the status of "National Mother" and enforcing strict anti-cow smuggling laws, the Hindu community's concerns would remain unaddressed.

Additionally, they demanded the establishment of a Sanatan Board, emphasizing that "The Modi government speaks of Ram Rajya, but without cow protection, the dream of a Hindu Rashtra remains incomplete."

Among the key members present at the protest were Sanjeev Dube, Pawan Sharma, Advocate Harmeet Singh, Anuradha Yogi, Sapna

Hindu, Pratam Sharma, Karnail Chand, Advocate Sureshwar Kohli, Sunny Kaphay, and Dr. Sudesh Kumar.

They collectively voiced Movement Kalki's key demands, which included the official declaration of Gau Mata as the "National Mother," stricter laws against cow smuggling, the formation of a Special Task Force for cow protection, government support for cow welfare efforts, and immediate discussion of the issue in the assembly.

Warning the government of intensified agitation, Movement Kalki declared that if immediate action is not taken, their movement will escalate further. The protesters vowed to continue their fight until their demands are met.

DC, SSP Kathua reviews arrangements for Ramzan, upcoming Holi, Navratri Festivals

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KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas along with SSP Kathua Shobhit Saxena on Wednesday convened a meeting with officers from various departments and representatives of religious organizations to review the arrangements for the ongoing Ramzan and upcoming Holi and Navratri festivals.

The meeting focused on ensuring smooth celebrations of these festivals, with discussions on various aspects such as security measures, provision of safe drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, medical aid services, sanitation, availability of fire safety measures, street lighting, cleanliness and smooth transport management



DC Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas alongwith SSP Shobhit Saxena chairing a meeting.

across the district.

To ensure the success of the festivals, the Deputy Commissioner issued directives to the heads of different departments, emphasizing meticulous planning and execution in their respective areas of responsibility. Particular attention was given to security to mitigate any potential untoward incidents during the

festive period.

The Jal Shakti department was entrusted with ensuring a consistent supply of potable water, while the Power Development Department (PDD) was directed to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply throughout the festival duration.

Civil society's cooperation was encouraged to uphold cleanliness stan-

dards in the town.

To prevent profiteering and black marketing, the Food Safety department was directed to conduct market checks across all markets of the district to ensure essential commodities are sold at government-approved rates and meet quality standards.

The Tehsildars were directed to deploy an adequate number of personnel in areas

prone to traffic congestion, ensuring smooth traffic flow during the festivities.

During the meeting, representatives of religious institutions apprised Deputy Commissioner about various issues, in response to which the DC assured their resolution on priority basis.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of maintaining peace, harmony and brotherhood during the festivals and appealed to the people to cooperate with the administration in ensuring smooth celebrations.

The meeting was attended by SSP Kathua Shobhit Saxena, ADC Kathua Ranjit Singh, RTO Kathua, ACD Kathua, CEO Kathua, Executive Engineers and other concerned stakeholders.

Govt prioritizing scientific disposal of solid waste: Sakeena

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JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday emphasized its shift from traditional solid waste dumping to a more scientific and sustainable waste disposal approach.

Responding to a question raised by Nizam ud Din Bhat on behalf of Member G.A. Mir, Minister for Health, Sakeena Itoo, informed the Legislative Assembly that the government is implementing scientific waste management methods. This included bi-mining of legacy waste, construction of scientific waste management centers, door-to-door waste collection, bio-fencing around waste management sites and conversion of dumping sites into bi-parks, she added.

The Minister, replying on behalf of the Chief Minister, who is also the Minister-in-Charge of the Housing & Development Department, further stated that a Solid Waste Management Facility is operational in Achabal Town with a capacity of 4 TPD, where the town's waste is systematically collected and processed.

Govt identifies 5000 kanal land for establishment of Industrial estates in Kashmir: Dy CM

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JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Wednesday said that about 5000 kanal of land has been identified for establishment of industrial estates in different districts of Kashmir division while intends for 9661 kanal of land has been submitted to the Revenue department in Jammu division.

The Deputy Chief Minister was replying to a question raised by Rajiv Jasrotia in the Legislative Assembly.

He said that the intends of 14956.15 kanal land have been placed for establishment of Industrial estates in different districts of Jammu division while 5532.19 kanal land has been transferred during the past two years in Kashmir.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that focus sectors for Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Policy 2021-30 included Manufacturing, IT and ITeS, Agriculture and Food Processing, Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals, Infrastructure and Real Estate, Skill Development, Tourism and Hospitality, Film Tourism, Horticulture and Post-Harvest Management, Renewable Energy, Handloom and Handicrafts and Agriculture. He said that package of incentives, includ-

ing up to 100 percent subsidy components, turnover incentives, entrepreneurship and skill development fund, ease of doing business, investment promotion agency for promotion of investment and exports besides establishing industrial grievance forum are among various salient features of Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Policy 2021-30.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that several important reforms and measures are being implemented by the departments like Health & Drug Controller, Agriculture, Pollution Control Board, Public Health Engineering, Labour, Forest, Power Development Department, Fire, High Courts, Housing & Urban Development, Industries and Commerce to ensure a smoother regulatory ecosystem. These reforms are being taken up in areas like labour, property registration, single window clearance system and central inspection framework under District level BRAP.

"Various policy initiatives are being taken up by Jammu and Kashmir government to boost the industry sector and making it as investor friendly destination. These included New Central Sector Scheme, 2021, J&K Industrial Policy 2021-30, J&K Industrial Land

Allotment Policy, J&K Private Industrial Estate Development Policy, Policy for Promotion of Foreign Investment in Industrial Sector in J&K 2022, J&K Single Window Rules 2021, Turnover Incentive Scheme 2021, J&K Wool Processing, Handloom and Handicraft Policy 2020, Financial Support Scheme for Cooperatives/Self Help Groups 2020, Credit Card Scheme for Artisans and Weavers, Karkhandar Scheme for Development of Craft Sector in J&K 2021, Export Subsidy Scheme 2021, Revised Education Scheme 2022 for Artisans/Weavers of Handicrafts and Handloom Department and J&K Start Up Policy 2024-27", informed the Deputy Chief Minister.

The Deputy Minister said that the special marks have been kept in the evaluation criteria of land allotment applications, so that Women get a higher merit by virtue of their participation. He said that sanction has been accorded to establishment of an exclusive Industrial Estate for Women on 329 kanal land, out of 1347 kanal land at Seen, Thakran, District Udhampur under the Prime Ministers' Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for setting up of new micro enterprises.

He added that any business enterprise having 51 percent stake held by women entrepreneurs shall qualify to apply for allotment in the designated industrial estate. He said that the department has also granted short term/disposal permits to various executing agencies of National Highway Authority of India, NHIDCL, IRCON, the Ring Road, PWD (R&B), PMGSY, Irrigation and Flood Control, Airport Authority of India and others engaged in development projects of National/UT importance during the past 2 years.

He said that the department has granted 36 limestone mining leases, 24 mineral gypsum mining leases besides 202 mining leases of e-auctioned minor mineral blocks. Besides, it has reserved/granted 8 mining leases in favour of J&K Public Sector Undertakings (J&K Mineral Limited and J&K PCC limited), 6 mining leases on private land, 2 quarry licenses on private land, one cluster quarry on state land and 23 quarry licenses in favour of government projects for providing key construction material to various developmental projects across J&K.

Mubarak Gul and Saifuddin Bhat raised the supplementaries.

NSF celebrates 112th birth anniversary of Yashwantrao Chavan

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JAMMU: National Secular Forum (NSF), University Unit organized a program in University Campus, and on the Birth anniversary of Yashwantrao Balwantrao Chavan who laid his life for the country.

A programme in this connection was organized wherein Dr Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District and Zonal Secretary JKNC was the Chief Guest while Dr Sukhdev Singh State President NSF, Presided over the function. Vikshay Vashist, State Secretary NSF, was the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Vikas Sharma threw light on the life history of Yashwantrao Chavan and appreciated the efforts of NSF and appealed to the youth to come forward to eliminate all evils from the society.

Yashwantrao was born in a Kunbi-Maratha family on 12th March 1913 in the village of Devrashtre in Satara District of Maharashtra. Chavan lost his father in his early childhood and was brought up by his uncle and mother.

His mother taught him about self-dependency and patriotism. From his childhood he was fascinated by the freedom struggle of India. He was very closely associated with many poets, editors and several Marathi and Hindi writers.

On this occasion, Dr Sukhdev Singh threw light on the life and supreme sacrifices of "Yashwantrao Chavan". He said that the real tributes to Yashwantrao Chavan would be eradicating evils prevailing in the society like drug addiction.

Dr Sukhdev also said that Yashwantrao Chavan was a follower of Mahatma Gandhi and played a significant role in the Indian National Movement, which aimed to achieve independence for the nation. After independence, he also became the last first Chief Minister of Bombay State and the first of Maharashtra after the latter was created by the division of Bombay state.

Vikshay Vashist also addressed this occasion and said that Chavan was an active participant in the struggle for independence of India. As a schoolboy in Karad in 1930, he was fined for his participation in the Non-cooperation Movement led by Mahatma Gandhi. In 1932, he was sentenced to 18 months in prison for hoisting the Indian flag in Satara. During this period, he came in contact with Swami Ramanand Bharti, Dhulappa Bhaurao Navale V and Govind Kruparam Wani. Their friendship lasted forever.

Gourav Partap Singh President University Unit delivered the welcome address, Abhishek Uppal Jammu District Chairman was delivering the vote of thanks.

Five-day training programme on new criminal laws concludes



Certificates being given to participants.

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KATHUA: J&K Police Kathua has today concluded a five days training programme/Crash Course on new criminal laws at Conference Hall District Police Lines Kathua for the officers/officials of Kathua Police/Traffic Police/CID which was commenced w.e.f. 07-03-2025.

The objective of the training programme is to acquaint the police officers & officials with the three new criminal laws. Master

trainers of J&K Police Kathua have imparted training to Police officers/officials from Kathua Police/Traffic Police/CID. Special lectures have also been delivered by the Gazetted Police Officers and Sr. Prosecuting Officer DPO Kathua during the course of training programme.

During the training period, lectures were delivered on new criminal laws namely "Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita" (BNS),

Nagarik Sanhita" (BNSS), and "Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam" (BSA) which have replaced the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and the Indian Evidence Act.

The training programme was coordinated by DySP Hqrs Kathua (Nodal Officer) Sh. Ravinder Singh and conducted under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Sh. Shobhit Saxena -IPS.