

# Rana pays obeisance at Kol Kandoli Temple; prays for peace

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NAGROTA: On the auspicious onset of Navratras, senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana paid obeisance at Kol Kandoli Temple, the first spiritual destination on the ancient heritage route of Mata Vaishno Deviji Shrine on Trikuta Hills and prayed for peace and tranquility in the country as also in Jammu and Kashmir.

He offered Pujas along with hundreds of devotees and prayed for universal brotherhood and well being of the people.

Rana felicitated the devout on the commencement of Navratras and hoped this auspicious occasion to spread



Prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana and other devotees during visit to Kol Kandoli Temple.

peace and amity and inspire people to rededicate themselves to the service of humanity and the country.

"Pray Navratras to bring happiness, peace and prosperity to the people of Jammu and Kashmir", he said.

The Yatra to the holy cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi on the ancient will begin tomorrow from the Kole Kandoli Temple in Nagrota and will pass through the spiritual destinations of Durga Mata temple - Pangali, Shiv temple - Thandapani - Drabi, Shiv Shakti temple - Marh, Drabi, Kali Mata temple - Gundla Talab, Ram Darbar and Shiv temple - Bamyal and Oli temple Chhapanoo-Bamyal.



## Dr Nikhil performs J&K's first Leadless Pacemaker-Micra implantation at Narayana Hospital



Dr. Nikhil Mahajan along with team members after performing successful surgery.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATRA: Dr. Nikhil Mahajan along with his team successfully performed rare implantation of J&K's first Leadless Pacemaker on a seventy years old patient at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Hospital, Kakryal.

The patient was admitted to the hospital with multiple episodes of loss of consciousness. However, she has fully recovered after performance of the surgery.

Explaining the whole procedure Dr. Nikhil Mahajan said "Micra is world's smallest pacemaker. Unlike most pacemakers that are placed in a patient's chest with leads running to the heart, Micra is a leadless pacemaker so it's implanted directly into the heart. Micra is placed in the heart via a vein in the leg.

The procedure requires no chest incision and, unlike conventional pacemakers, does not create a scar or bump under the skin".

He further added that "It eliminates potential medical complications arising from a chest incision and from wires running from a conventional pacemaker into the heart. Micra is 93% smaller than conventional pacemakers, about the size of a large vitamin capsule".

With an aging population, the number of patients expected to live with pacemakers are expected to grow. Since the first pacemaker implantation in 1950s, cardiac pacemaker technology has rapidly advanced. Despite these advances, the potential for complications and technical failure always

necessitates consideration. For most patients, the Micra design translates to fewer medical complications including infections, bleeding and lead failure; and fewer post-implant activity restrictions and short hospital stay. The Facility Director, MM Mathawan while briefing about the world Class facilities at Narayana Hospital said "this is the rarest cardiac procedure and device is a revolution".

He further added "Narayana Hospital with its World Class Infrastructure, Highly qualified Doctors and dedicated Paramedical Staff is well equipped to provide treatment for all ailments and people of Jammu now don't need to travel to Metro cities for treatment."

## Collective efforts needed to bring social reforms: Sham Sharma

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: People are victims of various social evils, domestic violence and need of the hour was to promote moral values and age old rich ethos of Indian culture to further strengthen the bonds of mutual brotherhood and peace.

This was stated by Sham Lal Sharma, J&K BJP Vice President and former minister while inaugurating free book distribution fair in connection with birth centenary year of Dr. Pandit Uttam Chand Pathak Shastri here on Saturday.

Under the birth centenary year of Dr. Pandit Uttam Chand Pathak Shastri, on the day of Chaitra Shukla Pratipada, according to the syllabus of the board run by Srikailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust and SD



J&K BJP Vice President, Sham Lal Sharma inaugurating book distribution fair.

Memorial Education Trust in Jammu and Kashmir UT, students from class nursery up to class XII were provided with 25000 number of books by organizing camps free of cost at S.D. Memorial School, Bhalwal.

Sham Lal Sharma, who was the Chief Guest, said that the younger generation was

heading towards westernization and forgetting its roots, which would prove disastrous for the society.

It is the duty of parents, teachers and social organizations to give right direction to the younger generation enabling them to preserve their heritage and rich traditions, he said.

## J&K Bank collaborates with SKIMS, GMC-J to provide Apheresis-kits to poor patients



J&K Bank Zonal Head Jammu, Shareesh Sharma presenting cheque to Principal GMC Jammu, Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Programme, J&K Bank has presented an aggregate amount of Rs 15.70 lakh Laes to two premier healthcare institutions of Jammu and Kashmir for procurement of Platelet/Therapeutic Plasma Apheresis kits for treatment of poor patients suffering from cancer and severe blood dysfunctional diseases.

The Bank's Zonal Head Srinagar, Syed Shafat Hussain handed over the cheque of Rs 7.85 lakh to Director SKIMS, Prof Parvez Koul in presence of Head Pediatric Oncology Department Dr Javed Rasool and Head BU SKIMS, Syed Irfan besides other bank officers, while as the Zonal Head Jammu, Shareesh Sharma presented the cheque of same amount to Principal Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu, Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma in presence of

Administrator GMC Ashwani Khajuria and Head BU GMC Chandrika Parihar and other officials. Speaking on the occasion, Syed Shafat Hussain said, "Healthcare is critical for every society and with rise in the number of patients suffering from terminal ailments in J&K, it is important for corporates like us to step in and do their bit. As a socially responsible institution, it is a very humble contribution from J&K Bank to SKIMS Srinagar for the patients who cannot afford these kits critical for their treatment." "Besides empowering the people financially, J&K Bank has been contributing to the society through its CSR activities meant for helping the economically weaker sections especially in health sector. We believe our little support would help many patients and alleviate the hardships of their families", said Zonal Head Jammu after handing over the cheque to Principal GMC Jammu.

Both Director SKIMS Srinagar and Principal GMC Jammu thanked the Bank for the contribution and expressed hope that amid rising number of patients suffering from such dangerous diseases and dys-functionalities, the Bank would increase its CSR spend towards healthcare. Pertinently, a large number of the patients hailing from weaker socio-economic background visit SKIMS Hospital for treatment in pediatric oncology every year who find it difficult to afford expensive Apheresis kits containing Platelet/Therapeutic Plasma. Likewise GMC Jammu caters to a huge number of patients with a large chunk of oncology and thalassemia patients etc. from economically weaker sections requiring Apheresis Kits as first-line treatment.

## DGP calls on GOC-in-C Lt Gen Upendra, discusses overall security scenario



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh calling on Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, GOC-in-C Northern Command.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Dilbag Singh on Saturday called on Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, GOC-in-C

Northern Command and discussed over all security scenario of the UT.

The DGP was accompanied by DIG, Reasi-Udhampur Range Mohammad Suleman

Choudhary and SSP Udhampur Dr. Vinod Kumar.

During the interaction, the officers discussed various aspects of security and counter terrorist operations and security of National Highway.

The overall situation pertaining to the Line of Control and the hinterland was also discussed.

Steps that are being taken for sustainable peace in the UT were also discussed.

The DGP extended his appreciation for coordinated performance of the police, army and other security forces for strengthening peace and order and added that our mission is to consolidate the peace and normalcy and foil all the anti-peace attempts.

## Justice Magrey inaugurates 6th Legal Literacy Club

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BUDGAM: Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on Saturday inaugurated the sixth Legal Literacy Club (LLC), at Foundation World School, Mamath, Budgam.

The LLC was established by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Budgam under the aegis of J&K Legal Service Authority in collaboration.

Chairman DLSA, Principal District and Sessions Judge Budgam, Mohammad Ashraf Malik, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Malik Shabir Ahmad, ADDC, Dr Akramullah Tak, Mr Malik Shanir, Chief Judicial Magistrate Budgam, Secretary DLSA, Fozia Paul, SSP Budgam, Tahir Saleem, former CEO Budgam, Syed Anin, Principal School, Manjuman Aslam and other concerned were present.

Justice Magrey, who is also Executive Chairman of J&K



Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey inaugurating sixth Legal Literacy Club at Foundation World School, Mamath, Budgam.

LSA and Member NALSA in his presidential address, said that the purpose of establishing LLC in educational institutes is to educate and empower students about their legal rights and sensitize them about their role towards educating others of their rights and duties.

Besides, imparting knowledge about the legal rights and protection will make students able to help the downtrodden who are ailing and financially weak and can't afford to fight for their rights.

He said that the LLC would

make these students voice of many voiceless and help them to get justice.

While appreciating the role of District Legal Services Authority in Budgam for its tremendous work through free and competent legal aid services, he said it's a sixth of kind LLC inaugurated at Budgam.

He said LSA shall conduct interactive sessions and involve legal experts, resources persons to provide legal knowledge and awareness to students as a mission to shape the future of youth of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

He said that it is a proud moment for me to be here and inaugurate the club which will definitely help students to gain knowledge about their legal rights and shape their lives positively.

Justice Magrey urged students to play a positive role in taking youth out of drugs and other illegal and unhealthy practices and shape their future too.

He urged students to go through the great teachers and care for the building a good society.

He said the Kashmiri students have achieved great fame at International level in different fields. He asked students to play their role for the upliftment of the weaker section of the society.

The Principal, District and Sessions Judge, Mohammad Ashraf Malik expressed his gratitude to the Justice Magrey for his unflinching support in dissemination of legal knowledge among the common masses.

He said the intent of inaugurating the LLC is to ensure that everyone is aware of his legal rights and protections, guaranteed to him under the ambit of law.

On the occasion, various students presented their speeches and performed a number of skits, inspirational talks and debates on rights of children, education, ragging and other themes.

The NALSA song was played on a projector showcasing the activities of JK LSA.

Later on, Justice Magrey lauded and felicitated various students for their exemplary performance in academics and co-curricular activities.

While representing the vote of thanks, Secretary DLSA, Budgam Fozia Paul deliberated on the importance of establishing the LLC for the dissemination of legal knowledge among the students to help common masses to fight for their legal rights.

## RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat to address Kashmiri Pandits today

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat will address the Kashmiri Hindu community through video conference during Navreh celebrations on April 3.

The three days Navreh Mahotsav-2022 is being coordinated by the Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra, Bholi, Jammu.

This Mahotsav will be culminated with a virtual address by Sarsangchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Dr. Mohan Bhagwat Ji to the global Kashmiri Hindu community on 3rd April at 10:30 AM via facebook page of Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra (Link: <https://www.facebook.com/sskkashmir/>).

The three days annual 'Navreh Mahotsav -2022' started yesterday with online and offline programmes to commemorate the personal sacrifice made by Shriya Bhat, the saviour of Kashmiri Hindus. Dr. Verinder Bangroo (Director Regional Centre, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts) was the main speaker and he threw light on the life history of Shriya Bhat and his selfless role in ensuring the safety and security of Kashmiri Pandits and their religious places after the invaders initiated the forceful and coerced conversion of the native helpless Hindus. Other programmes were organised at Purkhoo Camp and Mata Baderkali Asthapan Thalawal and many other places. On Saturday, Navreh (first day of New Year) was celebrated as 'Navreh Sankalp Divas'. Globally all Hindus take a solemn pledge in the morning while performing the ritual dasharh of 'Thal' that "on the name of Goddess Sharda and Rishi Kashyap, I take a solemn pledge that I will be wedded to the cause of restoration of peace, I will make all my contribution to keep the tradition and culture alive, I will make earnest efforts that I along with my other members of the community will celebrate the next Navreh in Kashmir valley".

On 3rd April, 2022 the Shaurya Divas will be celebrated in the honour of great 8th century King of Kashmir, Laladitya Muktapada for his valour and victory over Turks and extending his kingdom from central Asia upto Bengal in east and south India. This will be the concluding function of 'Navreh Mahotsav-2022'.

## Every section of society fed up with BJP Govt: Bhalla

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: JKPC Working President, Raman Bhalla on Saturday launched a scathing attack on the BJP government in J&K, alleging that every section of the society, including farmers, traders and government employees were fed up with this "anti-people" dispensation.

Former Minister on Saturday held series of public meetings in Gandhi Nagar and Bhour Pind.

He urged the people of J&K to get rid of the "anti-people" BJP government in J&K in the next Assembly polls.

The situation in J&K is going from bad to worse," he alleged. "But once in power they went back on this promise," he said. "The BJP government has no understanding of the consequences," he added. He called on Congress workers to take the message of party to every village and town in J&K, and told them to prepare for assembly elections, for which Congress would be a movement for bringing back the lost glory of erstwhile state.

He said every section of the society is suffering from the wrong policies of the BJP-led



JKPC Working President, Raman Bhalla interacting with people.

government in J&K and people want to get rid of its misrule. He also said a steep rise in the prices of essential commodities has made the life of a common man difficult, while on the other hand, the unemployment rate has gone up.

"Despite this, the government remains indifferent to the people's problems," Bhalla said. Bhalla said that BJP government has made 2021 year of disappointment for the people especially youth by pushing Jammu and Kashmir towards identity, culture, jobs and land crises instead of pulling out from this crisis. He said that it is unfortunate that in Jammu & Kashmir jobs and land security is further being eroded under the garb of holistic development. He said that

government should have further strengthened the provision of guarantee to provide jobs to local youth and jobs should not be of only labour but at all levels. In all the private sectors 90 percent jobs be reserved for local youth in order to redress the genuine & just demand of the common youth of J&K. He said that BJP in 2021 also gave unprecedented price hike of essentials and people especially women folk are badly hit by price rise as it has become very difficult for our mothers and sisters to run their kitchens. He demanded statehood before elections so that genuine urges & aspirations of the people could be fulfilled and asked BJP not to put cart before the horse.