

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates World Heritage Day



Glimpses of World Heritage Day celebrations at JK Public School Panjtirthi on Wednesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Heritage is our legacy, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Keeping this in view, JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi celebrated

World Heritage Day to raise awareness among students about preserving our heritage sites.
Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbha addressed the jakians and

commenced the celebration by lauding "Our Heritage, Our Wealth".
She urged the students to preserve monuments and cherish them as the foreteller of the past.

She further remarked, "Our natural and cultural heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration. The objective behind conducting this special assembly was to enlighten students about the

value and significance the world's heritage holds."
Salochana told the students about the true meaning of heritage, its importance and the need of its preservation. She briefed the audience that

celebrating World Heritage Day is an opportunity to emphasise the importance of safeguarding, conserving, and preserving our heritage.
A beautiful skit was showcased on seven incredible and

famous heritage of the world.
A quiz on Heritage day was conducted by the Principal. She asked the students about the varied facets of heritage which includes forts, palaces, burials, animals,

birds, festivals, fairs, dances, music, textiles, Rangolis, paintings, craftwork, the list is endless. The winners of the quiz were rewarded. Jakians recited a poem titled "Natural and cultural heritage".

GCoE organises awareness program on Organ Donation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: NSS unit of Government College of Education, Jammu, in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, on Wednesday organised an awareness programme on the State Organ and Tissue Transplant organization. The event was held under the patronage of Prof. Aekta Gupta, Principal, GCOE.

In the first session, Dr. Rajinder Kour delivered a lecture on RCEM approach to the students of semester 4. Students, Teachers and non teaching staff of the college participated in the program. The awareness program offered a platform to all students and faculty of the college to get aware about taking several steps to increase awareness on organ donation in the society. These include dissemination of information by SOTTO latest technology being used by organ donation and transplant professionals everyday to save lives through transplantation.

Prof. Aekta Gupta said that transplantation saves lives of patients affected by terminal organ failures and improves quality of their life. One organ donor can save upto eight lives and help more through organ donation.
Consultant (IEC/Media) of SOTTO J&K, Anshu Sharma informed about the recent situations of organ transplantations and NOTTO, the headquarter, which covers the various regional centres of organ transplantation. She also spoke about the green corridors which ensure safer and quicker transfer of organs from one hospital to another by different modes of transport. Dr. Shubhra Jamwal, NSS PO, thanked the skilled team of SOTTO with a heart melting message that an organ donor can save eight lives so our one generous act can bring many smiles. The programme was attended by the students and faculty members-Prof. Anju Bala, Dr. Shalini Rana, Dr. Shalini Sharma, Prof. Sarita Dogra, Prof. Shapita Shameem, Prof. Neeraj Verma and Prof. Seema Kumari, Prof. Sunita Devi, Prof. Vinay Lata, Dr. Pradeep Bali and non-teaching staff of the college.

IIMC organises special lecture on G-20 India has always been an inclusive society: Swadesh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Jammu organized a special lecture on 'Media's role in Creating Inclusive and Sustainable Society' on Wednesday. Dr. Swadesh Singh, SOUS Sherpa of G20 was the main speaker on the occasion and said that India has always been an inclusive society and India's role became important in the current global scenario.

On the occasion, the students of English Journalism, Hindi Journalism and Digital Media were present to learn about the G-20 summit with enthusiasm.
Swadesh Singh said, "The border conflict is a significant concern in the modern world. There is a business aspect of conflicts and developed nations tend to benefit from them. The discussions on forums like G-20 ensure that resolutions are discussed and implemented. India will host over 200 meetings in over 50 cities across 32 different work streams and would have the opportunity to offer G-20 delegates and guests a glimpse of India's rich cultural heritage and provide them with a unique Indian experience like India's G20 priority and the engagement groups Civil-20 (C20) and Startup-20 (S-20)." Talking about the G-20

summit, Dr. Singh highlighted the importance of creating an inclusive and sustainable society in the G-20 forum. He said, "G-20 was not initially considered as important until the 2008 financial crisis, after which heads of state started participating in the forum. India's role became important in promoting sustainability and inclusivity, including its participation in initiatives such as the International Alliance of Big Cats and the International Solar Alliance." He also highlighted the role of civil society and about India's society-oriented state, and talked about 'Sewa' (service) and 'Vasudeva Kutumbkam' (one world, one family), mutual respect, and diversity and told that these principles became important in G-20 as well as in our society.

The session ended with a questions and answers session. On this occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Anil Soumitra, Regional Director; Dr. Dilip Kumar, Associate Professor; Dr. Vinit Kumar Jha Utpal, Assistant Professor and. Sant Kumar Sharma, Academic Advisor along with all the students of IIMC were present. The program was coordinated by Neha Goswami and Apurva Mishra of Hindi Journalism, and vote of thanks was presented by Komal Soni of Digital Media of IIMC.

Jammu Mayor starts drainage work from Link Road to Pir Mitha



Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma and Narotam Sharma, Corporator Ward 3 starting work on RCC Drainage.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To fulfill the long pending and pressing demand of local residents and shopkeepers of the old city, Mayor of Jammu Municipal Corporation, Rajinder Sharma and Narotam Sharma, Corporator Ward number 3 Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) on Wednesday started work on RCC Drainage on both sides of the bazaar from Link Road to Pir Mitha.

Locals and shopkeepers were demanding the RCC Drainage system to solve the problem once and for all. As part of his campaign "Samasya Aap Ke Smadhan Maira" to solve peoples' problems on priority, Narotam Sharma took the matter with

concerned officers and sanctioned the work on priority.

While starting the work, Narotam Sharma said that this work worth Rs 50 lakh and is being executed through UEED which would be completed in a stipulated time. He assured residents of ward number 3 that solving peoples' issues was his priority. Vice president of J&K BJP Yudhvir Sethi, spokesperson of J&K BJP Purnima Sharma, district president Parmodh Kapahi, Mandal President Parveen Kerni, Vidhya Devi, Saroj Gupta, Anuradha Sharma, Ram Lubhaiya, Sanjay Sharma, Sanjay Abrol, Akhil Gupta, Dinesh Vermani, Raj Khajuria, and prominent citizens were also present on the occasion.

Mann Ki Baat, an apolitical discourse between Government and people: Rekha Mahajan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan said that the upcoming PM Modi's Mann ki Baat 100 episode is going to be broadcast on April 30 on all social media platforms.

Rekha Mahajan, while addressing a press conference here on Wednesday, said that powerful and decisive leadership of PM Narendra Modi, his emotional connect with audience, cited as reasons for popularity by the listeners.

Mann Ki Baat, an apolitical discourse between the government and its people, she said adding that Mann Ki Baat has become a source of encouragement for citizens to share their success stories and work towards nation-building.

Rekha highlighted that 'Mann Ki Baat 100' will be written on the coin during the historical program worldwide on 30th April. She emphasized that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is universally acknowledged as an exceptionally gifted communicator who can establish

Govt SPMR College of Commerce organises Career Counseling, Interactive Session



SERO Shabaz Choudhary with faculty members and students at an interactive session.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Manodarpan Career Counseling Cell and Skill Enhancement Committee of Government SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu, in collaboration with the National Career Service Centre for SC/ ST, Directorate General of Employment J&K, on Wednesday organized a Career Counseling and Interactive Session here on the College campus.

Shabaz Choudhary, Sub Regional Employment Officer (SERO) was the chief guest. Prof Barabara Kaul presided over the ses-

sion. Prof Kaul stressed that the College must strive to create an environment where students can pursue their dreams and achieve their goals.

Shabaz Choudhary advised the students to enhance their knowledge base by dedicatedly pursuing different vocational courses of Computer Software and Hardware, typing, stenography etc offered through NIELIT for SC/ST candidates interested in developing their skills. These courses of 6 month duration to one year are provided free of cost to SC/ ST students, he added.

Prof Savita Jamwal, HOD Economics, Prof Monika Malhotra, IQAC Convener and Prof. Mamta Gupta HOD Commerce, PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar were special invitees.

Prof Reeta Menia presented the welcome address, while Prof Apfan Ali coordinated the proceedings of the session and presented a vote of thanks. Prof Ashu Manhas, Convener, Manodarpan Career Counseling Cell and Prof Shreya Sharma, Convener, Skill Enhancement Committee coordinated the event.

Dir. Information, DIPR employees condole demise of Kewal Kumar's father

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Director Information Akshay Labroo on Wednesday condoled the sad demise of father of Kewal Kumar, Senior Assistant, who passed away last night.

In his condolence message, Akshay Labroo expressed his deepest condolences with the bereaved official and his family and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Meanwhile, the employees of DIPR also condoled the sad demise of father of Kewal Kumar. The officers and officials of the department offered their deepest condolences with the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and courage for the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

SAD (Badal) condoles demise of Parkash Singh Badal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) condoled the death of Parkash Singh Badal, Ex. Chief Minister Punjab. Office bearers and other prominent delegates of party, while paying tributes to Parkash Singh Badal in the meeting here on Wednesday, said that death of Badal is a great loss for the entire Sikh Community and country men as a whole.

His experience, maturity was of great value in playing much role in the keeping SGPC and DSGMC both to work as pioneer running many educational institutions, hospitals and even universities so as to ensure that youth of Punjab are educated, they said.

They added that he developed Agriculture in the state and was always in positive mind, for farming community. He as CM and leader

Akali Dal always had in mind to do what is possible for Sikhs of J&K State particularly after 1947 partition and ensured that Sikhs in valley of J&K don't migrate even after massacre of C.S. Pora Kashmir when innocent 35 persons of Sikh Community were massacred in a single day.

His generosity to give huge amount to built hostel for Sikh girls in Srinagar and was even ready to extend full and total help to build any good institution for the community in the State. Entire Sikh Community will continue to recall his great deeds in years to come.

"We condole the demise of great Sikh Patriarch who has created great vacuum hardly to be filled. May Wahe Guru Grant him peace and give courage to his family to bear this irreparable loss," they said.



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan addressing a press conference.

instant rapport with the masses.

The sincerity with which he speaks, the integrity which he is known for, and the trust-based relationship he has struck with the people over the past eight years all contribute to his success as a mass communicator, Rekha said.

Rekha directed all party cadres to celebrate the big event with pomp and show in

all Mandals, wards as well as in booth levels in Jammu District South.

She also asked cadres to sit and listen to the historic 100 episode in the midst of the general public and celebrate the event like a festival.

District General Secretaries Akash Chopra and Pushpinder Singh Charak including Mandal Presidents were also present in the press conference.

Floral tributes paid to Maharaja Hari Singh on 62nd death Anniversary

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Members of Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS)-J&K paid floral tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh on his 62nd death Anniversary on Wednesday to commemorate his contributions to J&K State and Nation under leadership of Rajan Singh Happy, President YRS. Core committee of YRS & State Body was accompanied by many dignitaries including Shamsher Singh, ex- MP Rajya Sabha, Ajatshatru Singh, Raman Bhalla, R S Chib, Arun Gupta, Adv M K Bhardwaj, Sandhya Gupta and Zorawar Singh.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajan Singh Happy said that Maharaja Hari Singh was the last ruling Maharaja of the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, who played a pivotal role in India's struggle for independence. He was a visionary leader who worked tirelessly for the development of his state and its people who made primary education compulsory in the state, introduced laws prohibiting child marriage and opened worship places to lower castes. His contributions to the state & nation are



Leaders paying tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh.

immense, and his legacy continues to inspire generations.

Others present on the occasion included Rajinder Singh, Raghubir Singh, Adv Pushvinder Singh, Rajveer Singh, Darvinder Singh Kaka, Mohan Singh, Vikram Singh, Surinder Singh Gilli, Balkar Singh, Dilawar Singh Makhan, Mahinder Singh, Ramesh Singh, Mandeep Singh, Mukesh Singh, Sanjay Singh, Rajeev Singh, Avtar Singh, Bhanu Partap Singh, Sumit Singh, Shubham Singh, Jaswant Singh and Raghubir Singh Raghu. Ajatshatru Singh, former Minister & Ex MLC paid glorious tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh, the former ruler of the erstwhile state of J&K on his 62nd

Death Anniversary in a programme held at Maharaja Hari Singh Park, Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Ajatshatru Singh highlighted the contribution of Maharaja Hari Singh in socio-political and religious reforms in the state during his rule. He also threw light on the diverse facts of his personality and good governance. Singh said it was only because of the wisdom and political vision of the Dogra rulers of the J&K state that the people of the entire state did not suffer the British tyranny as the people of the rest of the country suffered during 200 years of the British rule in India.

J&K Congress has paid rich tributes to Maharaja

Hari Singh, last Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir, who had signed the instrument of accession of the state with India. Remembering the Maharaja on his death anniversary today, JKPC paid rich tributes to him for his revolutionary steps during his rule and more particularly for acceding the state to the Union of India on 26th Oct, 1947. He had declared that as a ruler he has no religion and his religion is justice to all. This shows his far sightedness and approach towards citizens of his state.

JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla paid floral tributes to late Maharaja Hari Singh on his death anniversary. Remembering the true visionary, patriot and the last Dogra ruler of J&K, Maharaja Hari Singh on his death anniversary, Bhalla recalled 'sea of changes in J&K brought in by Maharaja Hari Singh'. "His well-organised public administration system, people friendly policies, promotion of free & compulsory education for all, developmental and infrastructural works etc were milestones in J&K's development," he said, adding that his religion was 'justice to all'.

Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh holds protest against anti-labour policies of Govt



Anganwari workers raising slogans during a protest.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh held a protest against anti labour policies of the Central as well as J&K UT Govt and sent a memorandum to Prime Minister through Deputy Commissioner. The BMS also urged Govt to frame National Labour Policy considering economic development, give living wages instead of minimum wages as difference between low Paid and Higher Paid employee. BMS State General Secretary Neelam Sharma said that state Govt is

paying Rs 600 as state share to Anganwari workers which is lowest in the country. Moreover, there is no any social security scheme for Anganwari workers/Helpers. Ravi Hans alleged that daily wagers who are working from the years together and Govt is not series to settle the issue and daily wagers are straggling since long and have demanded to frame the policy for daily wagers. Harbans Choudhary alleged that JKE-SIS failed to pass the medicine reimbursement claim bills of more than 5 cores under ESIC

laying pending from the years together but payment is not being made, due to which poor subscribers are facing hard-

ships. Similar protests were held at Kathua, Reasi, Udhampur, Kishtwar and Ramban.

Sharnarhi Intellectual Forum pays tributes to Badal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: All J&K 1947 PoJK Sharnarhi Intellectual Forum called a meeting of its core committee under leadership of its President Adv Amrik Singh and joined by Surjit Singh, Secretary of Forum along with other prominent members. During the meeting, the forum expressed grief over the demise of veteran leader of Shiromani Akali Dal, Parkash Singh Badal. The Forum reiterated that during the emergency period, Badal revolted against then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, due to which he was put behind the bars and remained in Bhatinda jail. "Virtually Parkash Singh Badal was the architect of SAD and a very close friend of Gurcharan Singh Tohra, who remained life-time President of Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee Amritsar. He is survived with a son Sukhbir Singh Badal, who is also President of SAD," the members added. The Forum observed two minutes silence and prayed for peace to the departed soul besides conveying sympathy with bereaved family. Others present were Inder Singh Sudan, Sucha Singh, Tirath Kaur, Kuldeep Singh, Jagjit Singh, Khazan Singh, Iqbal Singh, Manjit Singh, Nasib Singh, Kuldeep Singh Kuku, Dara Singh, Bhupinder Singh and Prehlad Singh.