

Preserving culture vital for maintaining integrity of progeny towards society: Ritu Singh, Priya Sethi

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JAMMU: As a part of week-long celebrations to mark the 200th anniversary of the Coronation Ceremony of Maharaja Gulab Singh, founder of erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir, former Minister Priya Sethi in association with Shivang Satya Gupta, Chairman, Maharaja Gulab Singh Brigade, organized an inter school painting competition under the theme "My Heritage My Pride", here today.

A total of 100 students from several schools of Jammu including SP Smart Schools, Sainik School Nagrota, Jodhamal Public School, Heritage School, DPS Jammu, House Corp Co-operative Public School, Sidhra, Bhartiya Shiksha Samiti, Ambhalla and many Govt Schools took part in the competition.

On the occasion, students were made aware about rich cultural heritage of the Dogras and the role played by Maharaja Gulab Singh in conquering and annexing Gilgit, Baltistan, Ladakh, part of Tibet and several other areas in State of Jammu & Kashmir.

It is pertinent to mention that Maharaja Gulab Singh was administered 'Raj Tilak' by the Sher-e-Punjab Maharaja



Former Minister Priya Sethi posing for a photograph with winners and other dignitaries.

Ranjit Singh at 'Jeo Pota Ghat' on June 17, 1822 AD and became the first Maharaja (King) of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State.

On the occasion, Kunwarani Ritu Singh was the Chief Guest while former Minister and senior BJP leader Priya Sethi and Shilpa Gupta were the Guests of Honour: Shivang Satya Gupta, Chairman, Maharaja Gulab Singh Brigade was also present during the event. While, Ajay Khajuria, Anita Balloria, Neelam Sareen, Poonam Choudhary, Prikslit Singh Manhas, Sidhu Kapoor and V K Sehgal were among the special guests. K.K Gandhi, Mahesh Sharma and Vikas Dogra were team of adjudicators. Speaking on the occasion, Kunwarani Ritu Singh appreciated the efforts of Priya Sethi for organizing the painting competition. She described the

Maharaja Gulab Singh as a visionary, brave and enterprising ruler who is best known for extending boundaries of India outwards far & wide upto Afghans, Tibetans and Chinese. Ritu Singh asserted that to ensure integrity of generation next it is vital to preserve rich cultural ethos and heritage as the same can bestowed upon progeny to create a meaningful connect between past and the future.

Former minister, Priya Sethi, in her address, asserted that the contributions made by the founder of Dogra dynasty are immaculate and remarkable which make people of J&K to feel proud and contented. She stressed on disseminating information about J&K's rich cultural legacy and vibrant heritage as the generation next has been disconnected with its past due to many reasons including

the stress of modern day world. She said that apart from today's painting competition, several other programmes are on cards in run-up to the coronation day celebrations.

Addressing the gathering, Shivang Satya Gupta, Chairman, Maharaja Gulab Singh Brigade said that such celebrations play a significant role in connecting the young generation with the glorious past of the region which otherwise is difficult to revisit. He said that the aforesaid programme is part of initiative taken to make the present generation aware of the rich legacy which J&K holds with places like Jammu, Akhnoor, etc having special significance in the history of J&K.

Shivang Satya Gupta appealed to people of J&K to get involved in such celebrations as much as they can

because these have the potential to groom the personalities of the people and enrich them with knowledge which cannot be gained from books or other sources.

In Senior Category, Atush Pratap (Class 12th, Sainik School) got first prize while Prashant Gupta (Class 12th, DPS Jammu) secured second prize and Kaushika Bhotyal (Class 11th B, Jodhamal Public School) got third prize. Consolation prizes were awarded to Prachi Motiyal (Class 12th I, Jodhamal Public School) and Meenakshi (Class 12th, G D Geonka).

In Junior Category, Atharan Dabgotra (Class 10th, Heritage School) secured first prize while Ann (Class 9th, DPS Jammu) got second and Arindam Rai (Class 9th, Heritage School). Consolation prizes were awarded to Medhansh Singh (Class 7th, Sainik School, Nagrota) and Sparsh Uppal (Class 8th, DPS Jammu).

Team of organizers included Anil Singh Rakwal - President MGSB, S S Jamwal, Ashish Kapoor, Aman Gupta, Gaurav Chadha, Sanjay Charak, Ayaz Ganai, Abhishek Gandotra, Vikas Samotra, Arush Gupta, Manohar Sharma and Tarsem Singh.

Ganga Dashera celebrated with full religious gaiety at Gyan Ganga Ashram Rajouri



HH Atal Pethadeshwar Rajguru Acharya Mahamandleshwar Shri Shri 1008 Swami Vishwatamanand Saraswati Maharaj during a programme.

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NEWSHERA: Ganga Dashera was celebrated with full enthusiasm and religious fervour at SVS Gyan Ganga Ashram here on Thursday in which thousands of devotees from across the country participated under the Presidentship of His Holiness Atal Pethadeshwar Rajguru Acharya Mahamandleshwar Shri Shri 1008 Shri Swami Vishwatamanand Saraswati ji Maharaj.

During this religious event, Shrinadbhagvat Tatva Gyan Yagya (Bhagwat Katha) was held in the Ashram, which was started on June 1 with Kalash Yatra and concluded on June 9, in which various incidents and aspects of Krishna Leela were depicted by various characters and detailed description was given by Swamiji.

Speaking on the occasion, Swamiji said that the contri-

butions of Shri Guru Gang Devji Maharaj in spreading knowledge by giving education to everyone across every nook and corner of the country cannot be compared and we are following their path.

Guruji always believed that, "Ignorance can be killed only by Knowledge" and the establishment of various educational institutions by Shri Swami Maharaj is one such step to carry forward their (Guruji) mission by giving education to everyone.

During the week long function, Swamiji, the main orator of the Katha, explained each and every aspect of the life history of Lord Krishna with the help of various characters.

The concluding function started with Sant Sammelan and Shradhanjali on 8th and 9th of June in which saints and mahamandleshwars of different Aakharas, came from various parts of the

country, participated and gave their valuable thoughts on different religious beliefs.

Mahamandleshwar Swami Aksharanandji from Jammu, Brahmeshari Vishal Chetan, Kashi (UP) were some of them.

A heartfelt tribute was given by saints present during the programme and gave religious sermon and also threw light on the life of Guru Gang Devji Maharaj on the occasion of their 37th Nirvana Divas. Later on, "Chapan Bhog" was served and also Puja of Shri Guru Gang Devji was performed with Vedic Mantras followed by speeches delivered by different dignitaries from local administration and heads of different organisations.

Pt. Satarayan and his associates mesmerised the gathering by beautiful Bhajans and Kirtan in favour of Lord Krishna.

The prominent personalities present were Vikas Kundal, DDC Rajouri, Parihar ADG Rajouri, Haseeb Mughal DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range, Vishal Shekhar ASP Rajouri, Vinod Sharma DSP (Hqtr), Vibodh Gupta Ex. MLC, Pt. Ashwani Sharma Senior member Ashram Committee, Subash Sharma (Retd.ADDC) and Dr. Poonam.

GCET Jammu organises awareness rally on BBBP



NSS unit of GCET Jammu at an awareness rally.

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JAMMU: The NSS unit of Government College of Engineering & Technology (GCET), Jammu on Thursday organized an awareness rally on the theme Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) under the banner of Azadi ka Amrut Mohotsav.

The rally was flagged off by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sameru Sharma, who said that the objectives of this initiative are prevention of gender biased sex selective elimination, ensuring survival & protection of the girl child and ensuring educa-

tion and participation of the girl child in every sphere.

The rally was started from the campus premises and culminated in the nearby village. More than 30 students participated in the rally.

The event was organised by NSS volunteers Mandeep Singh, Sunidhi Sharma, Nikansh Panotra, Mohd Sami, Jaanvi Sharma, Rakshant Balotra and Jashan Bali under the guidance of NSS Programme Officer Dr. Raman Gupta.

The faculty members present include Dr. Neerupma, Dr. Rajinder Singh and Er. Ateet Sharma.

IGGDC Jammu conducts workshop on 'Basic Life Support'



Principal IGGDC Jammu, Dr. R.K Gupta posing with students and other faculty members.

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JAMMU: Post Graduate Department of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics, Indira Gandhi Govt Dental College (IGGDC) Jammu conducted a workshop on 'Basic Life Support' in its smart class room on Thursday under the faculty development programme. Prof. Dr. Azhar Malik, HOD, Department Of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics conceived and supervised the event which was coordinated by Dr. Rudra Kaul

(Lecturer, Dept Of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics). Dr. Suhail Murtaza Nazki, HOD, Emergency Medicine, SMVD, Super Speciality Hospital Kakryal and his team demonstrated the sequence of life saving steps on dummy patients in the management of cardiac arrest, air way obstruction and related emergent situations in day-to-day life. Dr. Ajay Kumar Gupta (Associate prof), Dr. Rachna Dhani & Dr. Shamim Anjum (Assistant

Prof), Dr. Ravinder Kumar (Lecturer), Dr. Kanehan Bhagat (Senior Dental Surgeon), Dr. Ashish Choudhary & Dr. Sukhbir Kaur (Senior Residents) contributed in various capacities to the overall success of programme. Prof Dr. Rakesh Krishan Gupta, Principal IGGDC Jammu presented certificate of appreciation & mementos to guest speaker & his team. Certificates of attendance were distributed to all the participants. The E-attendance certificates were shared with all the student participants.

Sarovar Hotels launches 'The Vaishnodevi Sarovar Portico' in Katra



Ajay Bakaya, Managing Director, Sarovar Hotels & Pushpa Devi, Chairperson, Katra Mata Vaishno Devi Hotels & Restaurants Pvt.Ltd. inaugurating The Vaishnodevi Sarovar Portico, Katra.

prises of hotels in Amritsar, Badrinath, Bodhgaya, Haridwar, Junagadh, Sonmath, Tirupati and Vrindavan. The hotel seamlessly complements Sarovar's existing hotels in J&K including RK Sarovar Portico, Srinagar and Viraj Sarovar Portico, Jammu'.

He further adds Katra not just serves as the base camp for devotees going to Mata Vaishnodevi temple but also to nearby places of tourist attraction. Katra also offers other

sightseeing options- Patnitop, Sanasar, Mansar lake, Nau Devian, Dhansar, Dera Baba Banda, Siar Baba and Devi Pindian, all in close vicinity of the hotel.

Commenting on the development, Anil Madhok, Executive Chairman, Sarovar Hotels, says, "We are delighted to open yet another hotel in the pilgrim destination, Katra. With Jammu and Kashmir emerging as one of our key markets, we look forward to further growth and increased traffic contribu-

tion from our hotels here. We will continue to focus on our expansion and also strengthen our position as we look to spread farther across North India."

Rakesh Wazir Managing Director of KMVD Hotels & Restaurants Pvt.Ltd. said "The Vaishnodevi Sarovar Portico is a green 1.5 acres property at the entrance of Katra, adjoining SMVD Shrine Board Central office, 500 meters before Katra Bus Stand and 550 meters from newly made Railway Station. The holy Trikuta Mountains, where Goddess Vaishnodevi ji lives can be seen from within and outside the hotel. The hotel in addition to double rooms have spacious suites also. Restaurant with 100% pure vegetarian cuisine offering North Indian, South Indian, Chinese and continental cuisine. For Social gatherings it offers spacious Conference/Banquet Hall facility. We look forward to welcome our guests.

Rana listens to public grievances

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JAMMU: Former M.L.A, Devender Singh Rana, accompanied by Rekha Mahajan, Secretary, J&K BJP listened to the public grievances at BJP headquarter, here on Thursday.

Numerous individuals and deputations representing various quarters of society visited BJP headquarter to present their concerns regarding various issues comprised of development, administrative and personal issues.

Many deputations presented their issues regarding electricity, water supply, road connectivity etc. One deputation requested for the increase in the Dia of the pipe to 18 inches from existing 8 inches in RD 210 direct outlet to increase the water to 600 kanals of cultivable lands.

One deputation raised their issue of rental of 5 villages' land for past 7 years under occupation of the state. Large



Former MLA, Devender Singh Rana listening to public grievances.

number of elected representatives of PRLs in J&K led by Anil Sharma President All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat conference raised the issue of All Pending liability of MGNREGA labourers and Materials from 2016 to till date.

One deputation of Multitasking staff (MTS) said that they be allowed to appear in departmental promotional exam for Junior Assistant. Representation of settlement assistant workers in Tehsil for deputing Patwar Training in Revenue Training Institute.

Rana listened to their issues patiently and telephonically

talked to the concerned departmental officials and issued letters for the others.

BJP leaders said that as many people and deputations have raised their concern about their various issues, they have sincerely tried to give reasonable solution to their issues while taking immediate steps wherever needed by talking to concerned authorities. They said that the senior BJP leadership is sincerely working to address their problems. They maintained that BJP is serving the society with dedication and up to the satisfaction of the masses.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Bainglad, Raipur Khangwala, Upper Barnai, Lower Muthi, Paloura, JK Colony, Chandan Vihar, PHE Roop Mahar, MES Rajouri Lines, Patoli, BSF Paloura, Patoli Brahmana, Domana, Barnai, Purkhoo, Mishriwala, Baba Talab, Shamachak, Gurha Singhu, Batera, Dabbin, Chorpur, Manyal, Dhramkhu, Tirth Talab, GREF, Gumpul, Sua No.1, Garkhal, Patoli Brahmana, Kailash Nagar, TV Tower, Sangrampur, Gajan Singh Pura, Gho Manhasa, Marh, Gajansoo and MES (Malpur) shall remain affected on June 10 from 7 am to 11 am. Similarly, the power supply to Industry, Bainglad, Rahiyan and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 10 from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Bannu Chack and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 10 and 11 from 7 am to 4 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Patyari, Kanyari, Janglote and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 10 from 7 am to 4 pm. Likewise, the power supply to BB Industry, Meen, Dansal, Darni and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 10 and 12 from 6 am to 10 am.

'Mahakavi Subrahmanya Bharati' centenary celebrations held at Central Sanskrit University

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JAMMU: A programme under joint aegis of Central Sanskrit University, Sri Ranbir campus Jammu and Cultural Development Yuva Sanstha (Youth Association for Cultural Development), Chennai was held as a part of centenary celebrations of famous Tamil poet Subrahmanya Bharati in online/offline mode. Teacher Education University Vice Chancellor Dr N Panchanatham, who was the Chief Guest of online programme while Major General G D Bakshi was the Saraswat



Vice President BJP J&K, Sham Lal Sharma posing with other dignitaries.

Guest. In offline mode, the programme was conducted at Vani Vilas Auditorium, Sri Ranvir Campus Jammu, which started with lighting of lamp. On this occasion, the campus director and Guest of Honor, Prof Madan Mohan

Jha welcomed the guests. Prof Srinivas Varkhedi, Vice Chancellor of Central Sanskrit University was the Chief Guest and called on the students to understand and work on principles of unity in diversity and social harmony. Sham

Lal Sharma, Vice President of Jammu and Kashmir BJP and former Minister, who was the Guest of Honour said that we all should work for preserving and promoting our language. "Historians not only created a rift between North-

South India but also made no effort to highlight the achievements of Dogra Kings of Jammu. Other princely states of India continued to fight among themselves, while Dogra kings, especially Maharaja Gulab Singh and his famous general Zorawar Singh, extended borders to the inaccessible Nepal, Tibet and Afghanistan in west, but historians never discussed about it," said Sharma, and asked younger generations to increase their knowledge about history of Jammu & Kashmir besides propagating and disseminating it further.

Others present on the occasion included Seema Anil Sehgal, Dr Yogendra Dixit, Vishal Mahajan, Tirupatibala, Poornima, Ranjit, Dr Hariom, Dr Vivek Kumar and Akhil, Prof Manoj Kumar Mishra, Prof Kuldeep Sharma, Prof Satish Kumar Kapoor, Dr Kailash Das, Dr Ghanshyam Mishra, Dr Gopal Varma, Dr Rajkumar Mishra, Dr Madan Singh, Kamal Kishore, Maninder Singh, Dr Suman Pant, Dr Neetu Sharma, Dr Shubhashree Dash, Parmodh Sharma, J S Manhas, Ashwani Kapoor and Rakesh Gandotra.