

CJ unveils Mahatma Gandhi bust inside High Court Complex

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SRINAGAR: Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh, on Tuesday unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi inside the High Court Complex, Srinagar.

Justice Tashi Rabastan, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Javid Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohd Akram Chowdhary and Justice Moksha Khajuria Qazmi graced the occasion in-person while Justice Atul Shreedharan, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Vinod Chatterjee Koul, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Rajesh Sekhri and Justice Mohd Yousf Wani,



CJ High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh unveiling bust of Mahatma Gandhi inside the High Court Complex, Srinagar.

joined the ceremony virtually from Jammu Wing of the High Court.

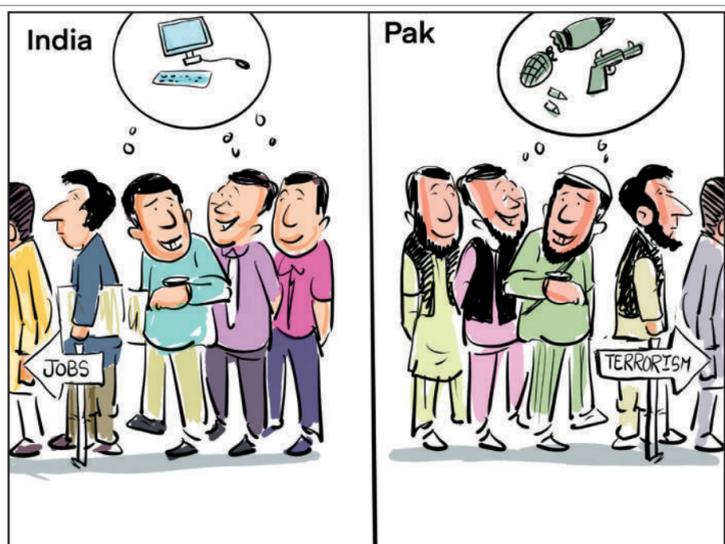
D.C Raina Advocate General and Tahir Majid Shamsi, Deputy Solicitor General of India were also present on the occasion.

Following unveiling of the Bust, the Chief Justice and other Judges paid rich tributes to the father of Nation.

The event was also attended by the officers and officials of Registry including Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General, Yashpaul Bourney, Director Judicial Academy, M.K Sharma, Principal

Authority, Anoop Sharma, Registrar Computers, Farooq Ahmed, Registrar Judicial Srinagar, Prem Sagar, Secretary High Court Legal Services Committee, Abdul Bari, Joint Registrar Judicial, Srinagar, Shaista Nazir, Munsiff Leave Reserve, senior and junior members of Bar, High Court staff and Litigants.

The ceremony concluded with a firm resolve to adhere to the high principles of Mahatma Gandhi which teach us to follow the righteous path of non violence and mutual brotherhood.



Foreign apples break backbone of J&K economy, crisis in Valley's orchards

MASROOR AHMAD
SRINAGAR: The apple industry in Kashmir, a cornerstone of Jammu and Kashmir's economy, is facing an unprecedented crisis as low demand and an influx of foreign apples flood the Indian markets.

An estimated 20 percent of the total apple production remains unsold in Controlled Atmosphere (CA) stores, leaving farmers and traders grappling with mounting losses and financial distress.

The introduction of CA stores in Kashmir had initially promised a solution to the age-old problem of market flooding during harvest season.

Farmers could now store a significant portion of their crop, releasing it gradually when market supply dwindles, theoretically ensuring better prices. However, this strategy has backfired in the face of current market conditions.

Chairman, All Kashmir Fruit Growers cum Dealers Union, painted a grim picture of the situation.



now at a significant loss.

Growers from north Kashmir, voiced the long-standing opposition of local farmers to apple imports. "We have always been against importing apples from Iran and other countries, as such imports were bound to impact domestic produce," he said.

The crisis threatens to undermine a sector vital to J&K's economy.

Horticulture generates approximately Rs 10,000 crore in annual revenue and supports the livelihoods of 35 lakh people, directly and indirectly. It contributes about 7 percent to the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of J&K.

Despite the current challenges, the horticulture industry in J&K has seen significant growth over the past two decades. The area under fruit cultivation has expanded from 2.21 lakh hectares in 2001 to 3.33 lakh hectares in 2020-21.

During the same period, fruit production has nearly doubled, rising from 10.9 lakh metric tonnes to 20.35 lakh metric tonnes. As the industry is on the brink of a major downturn, all eyes are on the upcoming budget.

Growers, traders, and industry representatives alike are hoping for swift governmental intervention to protect this crucial sector of Kashmir's economy. The introduction of import duties, market intervention schemes, and other supportive policies could prove vital in safeguarding the livelihoods of thousands of families dependent on apple cultivation in the region.

Jammu Doctors deliver faculty lectures in NZ-IMSCON



Dr Annil Mahajan Dr Sudhaa Sharma Dr Vishal Tandon

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JAMMU: Jammu doctors were invited as Guest Faculty at North Zone Indian Menopause Society Conference (NZ-IMSCON), at Faridabad.

Dr Sudhaa Sharma Senior Gynaecologist Madaan Hospital, Jammu during her guest lecture clarified the horrors created by Women Health Initiative Study (WHI) regarding institution of Menopausal Hormonal Therapy (MHT).

She emphasised that MHT should be given to every deserving patient after proper screening to improve the quality of life. Besides Vasomotor Symptoms, MHT gives benefit to the bones, heart, brain & urogenital system.

It is a therapy of choice for Premature & Surgical Menopause. However, every patient should be properly monitored & followed up.

Former Prof. Dr Annil Mahajan, during his presentation as an expert in Osteoporosis Session stressed that before starting any drug therapy, besides kidney function tests other comorbidities should also be worked up & addressed well. Because choice of particular drug can be suitably made only after knowing the basic profile of patients. He emphasised that drug therapy has to be individualized & almost all the patients are to be supplemented with calcium & Vit. D & guided for various life style modifications. It was also

IGM, various organisations condole demise of Shaid Allhabaksh

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JAMMU: A meeting of IGM held in Jammu wherein some members of Gurjar Mahasabha participated through video conference.

In the meeting, Ch. Rashid Azam Inqilabi, Vice President IGM inform the members about untimely and unfortunate demise of Shaid Allhabaksh, who belonged to a humble Gujjar family.

Late Brigadier Khuda Baksh Khari was his great grandfather, who served in Army of Maharaja Hari Singh before partition.

The father of Shaid Choudhary, late Allha Baksh also served in Jammu and Kashmir Police and retired as DIG of Rajouri/Poonch range and also remained member of Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission.

The government often took the services of Allha Baksh in crises, he was District Superintendent of Police Srinagar/Jammu during the peak militancy. Shaid was also nephew of renowned Gujjar leader Taj Mohi-ud-din, former cabinet minister.

Participants recall the contribution of Shaid Allhabaksh and his family for crucial role in social service of community development, he and his family has contributed a lot for providing facility to the poor students of rural area, who were not in position to pay the school fee and uniforms. He has also contributed a lot in religious education. Dr. Nisar Choudhary National Vice President of IGM, Dr Ab. Ghani, Dr Shokat Choudhary, Dr Javed Choudhary Nodal Officer Govt Medical College Rajouri, Ch Gulam Abass, Joint Director Press and Publication Govt of India, Ch. Abrar Ahmed SSP, Ch Shamsheer Hussain, SSP, Mehmoos Choudhary SSP, Ch Sharief Chouan SSP (retd), Prof. Mohd Rahid former Registrar of Baba Gulam Shah Badsha University, Advocate Ajaz Zaki, Ch. Hassan Perwaz, writer and broadcaster, Gulab Din Thair, former Director Doordarshan Srinagar and Ch. Salha Mohd Ex-ZEO, Ch Mamtaz Ali, Director Rural Development Jammu also condole the untimely death of Ch. Shaid Allhabaksh.

The members of social group Rajouri -Ki- Awaz, Gojri Ahab, Rajouri, Gojri Sangat Kamilakot, civil and police officer of community, pensioner association of SC, ST also paid the rich tribute to the departed soul and prayed to Allah to grant highest place in heaven and patience to the family members.

Will spike in terror acts across Jammu impact economy, pilgrim tourism?

Jatindera Kumar Gupta, Businessman
It is for a fact that many terrorists have infiltrated the beautiful and peaceful land of Jammu after failing miserably at disrupting the serenity of the Kashmir valley. The terrorists are hence continuously trying to create turbulence in our placid homeland and we can't deny that such misfortunate events create a sense of terror and fright among the people especially the tourists coming from different parts of India for the ongoing religious and spiritual pilgrimage to Sri Amarnath and this sense of threat is evident from the drop in the number of expected pilgrims for this year's Yatra. So far, many of our brave soldiers have been martyred. This has also impacted the economy as I myself as a trader have witnessed a drop in the sale of goods and such events are a major setback for the tourism sector and the overall economy. Hence, the issue of security is alarming and needs urgent attention in context to the recurrent terror attacks in Jammu.

Akash Yadav, Pilgrim
I am an advocate by profession and have come all the way from Indore to pay obeisance to Sri Baba Barfani and this my first time going on this majestic and metaphysical journey to Sri Amarnath. I am very thrilled to go on this yatra and take the blessings of God. However, it is very disheartening and unfortunate seeing the rise in the number of terror attacks in Jammu but it has not at all shattered my faith in the Almighty and the trust I have in the competence of our brave security forces. Terrorists may try to instill fear but their malicious intent is nothing compared to the unshaken spirit and resilience of our courageous soldiers. We feel very safe here because we have the Indian Army as our backbone and I would urge everyone to not believe in the rumors and just trust the God and our heroes.

Rajkumar Yadav, Pilgrim
This is my second time going on the Amarnath Yatra and I can feel the same amount of joy and excitement (if not more) just like my first time going there. I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to the security forces who have ensured our comfort and safety throughout the journey. I don't feel any kind of threat here because of my greater faith in God and the capabilities of our Jawans to fight for us and I would happily come here again as many as times as I can to take the blessings of the Lord.

Indrajeet Kurmi, Pilgrim
I have come from Nepal to take part in this auspicious Yatra to Sri Amarnath and I am very fondly looking forward to it. I am well acquainted with the recent misfortunate terror events in Jammu and have been engaging in conversations with my co-travellers about it. Regardless, I feel safe and not threatened. We all are here because of God and despite of these tragic events our faith is not shattered. This has in fact motivated us even more and I can't wait to finally unite with my lord at Amarnath.

Chandraprakash Mishra, Pilgrim
First and foremost I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the authorities handling the functioning and the smooth conduct of the yatra. I am very glad that I am part of this journey and with each passing day, I feel a greater zeal within me. I don't think there is anything to feel frightened of or any need for us to feel threatened. The only thing I feel right now is the limitless euphoria and a credence that everything will turn out nicely and even if it doesn't we will still be closer to our ultimate protector- our God.

Bitana Raj, Pilgrim
I have been deeply moved and touched by the hospitality the people of Jammu have to offer. Everyone here is very kind and generous. I feel very grateful to be here in such a culturally rich and beautiful land that I don't think this pure land is unsafe or not right for visiting. We are here to experience the mystical aura of Baba Barfani and if anything unpleasant happens, I would chant his name and feel his great presence. Hence, I am very contented and joyous to be here.

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FINAL AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE FOR GOLD ORNAMENTS

The borrowers, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of gold ornaments / security pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted. The auction is of the gold ornaments / security of borrowers who have defaulted to pay, as per the terms of Loan Agreement signed & accepted by them, despite notices by HDFC Bank Limited (the "Bank") to clear the loan dues. The Bank had also issued a notice to the borrowers whereby, 7 days' time was given to repay the entire outstanding dues in the below accounts, failing which Bank would be at liberty to auction the entire pledged gold security without issuing further notice. The borrowers have neglected and failed to make payment, therefore, Bank in exercise of its rights under the loan agreement as a pledgee has decided to enforce the pledge over gold security by selling the entire gold ornaments / security by way of auction and recover the dues owed by the borrowers to the Bank. The auction will be conducted at below mentioned branch/s on 26th July 2024 from 9:30 am onwards.

S.No	Loan NO	Borrowers Name	Date of Loan	Closure Amount	Branch
1	74093566	HARSH DEEP SINGH	31-03-2023	617920	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
2	75100131	RAHUL GUPTA	19-03-2024	263648	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
3	74315245	DIVYANG LANGEH	26-06-2023	178341	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
4	73755988	GURPREET SINGH	13-10-2022	65250	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
5	74122954	MANZOOR AHMAD	17-04-2023	34601	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
6	74457227	DIVYA AKASH PARTAP SING ANDOTRA	14-08-2023	1019372	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
7	74530512	SUSHMA KUMARI	13-09-2023	86010	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
8	74147744	MOHD AFZAL	27-04-2023	71721	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
9	74155840	SONIA DEVI	29-04-2023	21388	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
10	74314250	JAGJEET SINGH	23-06-2023	118802	2558-BARI BRAHMANA-PRIME
11	74118815	DHRUV GUPTA	13-04-2023	118076	2558-BARI BRAHMANA-PRIME
12	74464904	SURINDER KUMAR	18-08-2023	106296	2558-BARI BRAHMANA-PRIME
13	74102626	ANIL KUMAR	06-04-2023	82492	2558-BARI BRAHMANA-PRIME
14	74129254	BOBY KUMARI	19-04-2023	35770	2558-BARI BRAHMANA-PRIME
15	74096086	AJAY KUMAR	03-04-2023	26376	2558-BARI BRAHMANA-PRIME
16	73717437	NUZHAT BAGUM	19-09-2022	132964	2908-DODA-PRIME
17	75084474	FAROOQ AHMED KHAN	13-03-2024	48904	3554-BHATINDI-PBGL

The auction shall be conducted on an "AS IS WHERE IS" and the "AS IS WHAT IS" basis and the Bank is not making and shall not make any representations or warranties as regards the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments. It shall be the sole and absolute responsibility of the potential purchasers to verify, examine and satisfy themselves about the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments prior to placing their bids and for such purpose it shall be open to potential purchasers to examine, at their sole cost and expense, and at the address set out hereinabove, the gold ornaments whether with or without expert advice 45 minutes prior to the time stipulated for the conduct of the auction. All bids shall be subject to such minimum reserve price as the Bank may deem fit to fix in this regard. The auction process and the sale (if any) pursuant to such auction shall be subject to such further terms and conditions as the Bank may at its sole discretion deem fit to impose. If the borrower(s) mentioned above pays the amount due to the bank in terms of the Loan agreement in his individual loan account in full before the auction as mentioned above, the pledged ornaments securing the said loan may be withdrawn by the bank from the said auction without any further notice. Please note that it is the absolute discretionary power of the undersigned authorized officer of the Bank, either to postpone or to cancel the auction proceedings without prior notice and without assigning any reason therefore and to reject any or all the bids or offers without assigning any reason for the same.

Date: 17th July'24
Place: Jammu

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