

# 75 years of Independence reflects contributions, selfless services of Congress: Patil

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SRINAGAR: AICC Incharge (J&K) Rajani Patil has said that 75 years of Independence reflects great contributions and selfless services of Congress towards nation while refreshing memories of supreme sacrifices of freedom fighters, who laid down their lives for achieving freedom. Patil further said that Congress shall continue to fight for people's rights, and safeguard unity and harmony in the country, which is under grave threat. She was addressing a largely attended workers meeting on concluding day of Padyatra at Achabal in Anantnag District. JKPC President Ghulam Ahmad led Padyatra from Lisser which passed through Buchoo, Arhama, Akingam and concluded at Achabal. "BJPs attempts to distort



AICC Incharge (J&K) Rajani Patil leading Congress Padyatra at Achabal in Anantnag District.

the history is not going to help it (BJP) as the people both recognize and realize as to what the Nation has achieved during the Congress rule and what it has lost during BJP rule especially since 2014. BJP is undermining the democratic institutions to remain in power, but they will fail in their nefarious designs," she added.

JKPC President Ghulam Ahmad Mir slammed Modi Govt for tak-

ing away democratic rights of J&K, terming deferring of elections a blatant move to shy away from democratic process. "Congress has always stood for poor and downtrodden in the country without any discrimination and is the only unifying force in the country," said Mir, adding that Congress is committed to safeguard the Constitution and democratic institutions.

Speaking on the occasion, JKPC Working President

Bhalla said that while Congress has always worked for uniting the society, the BJP's aim is to divide society on religious lines, as their politics is based on pitting one community against other. Listing efforts of the Congress in the development of the country and J&K, Bhalla sought support from people to move ahead with the task.

Others present on the occasion included former JKPC President Peerzada Mohd Sayeed, Bashir Ahmad Magrey, Gulzar Ahmad Wani, Surinder Singh Channi, Adv Deepika Singh Rajawat, Mohd Iqbal Mir, Shaheena Nadaf, Irfan Naqib, Kadfeen Chowdhary, Umer Jaan, Mushtaq Ahmad Khanday, Shabir Dar, Ch Akhter Kasana, Talib Hussain and Jehanzeb Sirwal.

# Sanskrit- only language working to connect people: Sham Lal

Grand procession taken out in Akhnoor

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JAMMU: In sequel of Sanskrit mass awareness campaign in Jammu and Kashmir, under joint aegis of Central Sanskrit University Jammu and Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan (SKJAVS) Trust, a program was organized at Kameshwar temple in Akhnoor as a part of Sanskrit week. On the occasion, 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan' was also observed.

Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, said Sanskrit is the only language that works to connect everyone. "We are proud of the language of our nation," he added.

Mahamandaleshwar Rameshwar Dass was the Guest of Honour and said that Sanskrit is language which is connecting all. K K Sharma, Director Agriculture depart-



Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma speaking at a programme.

ment Jammu was also present as Special Guest. In his Presidential address, Director Shri Ranbir Campus of Central Sanskrit University Prof. Madan Mohan Jha stated that university is working continuously for the promotion of Sanskrit Language. On this occasion, Dr Anayamani Tripathi of Veda Department of Sri Ranbir campus, Dr Pramod Shukla of Department of Education and Arvind Baru were hon-

oured by Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust for their contributions

Others present on the occasion included Mahant Rohit Shastri, Uttam Chand Sharma, Harsh Sharma, Pradeep Sharma, Pandit Sunny, Neeraj Sharma, Dr Madan Kumar Jha, Dr Sanjay Mishra, Dr Yogendra Dixit, Vishal Mahajan, Dr Rajkumar Mishra, Dr Yashwant Trivedi, Dr Naveen Tiwari and Pradeep Mishra.

# JCDA to distribute Tricolours among members for 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign

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JAMMU: To ensure success of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, Jammu Computer Dealers Association (JCDA) has decided to provide National Flag to all its members on Thursday, so that same can be hoisted at their premises from August 13 to 15. It was informed by President JCDA, Rohit Jandial in a press statement issued here on Thursday.

Jandial further stated that the initiative, started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has started appearing like a national festival as each and every citizen in UT of J&K is ready to hoist Tricolor at their homes and business establishments.

Other signatories to the statement included Vishav Bharti (Vice-President), Rajan Gupta (General Secretary), Dheeraj Gupta (Organizing Secretary) & Parminder Pal Singh (Treasure).

# Food Safety Deptt intensifies testing in Jammu



FDA J&K officials during a testing drive at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Food Safety regulators have further intensified testing of cereals, sweets, milk and milk products to ensure availability of safe and healthy food to people during ensuring festivals.

Shakeel-ul-Rehman Commissioner FDA J&K has directed all divisional Heads to carry out target oriented specific drives to ensure availability of quality food items besides putting-up a Mobile Food Testing

system for developing a robust Food Safety ecosystem.

Madan Magotra, Deputy Commissioner (Safety) stated that the drives will strengthen foundation for well-functioning & credibility of food safety besides marking a 'feel good factor' amongst public. He also emphasized on the need to expand surveillance activities & affirmed that we are increasing headcounts to make sure that MFTV/magic Box is utilized in a

proper manner. On Wednesday, a team comprising of Assistant Commissioner Food Safety District Jammu, Food Safety Officers of District Jammu led by Dy Commissioner Food Safety Jammu Division DFCO Jammu conduct an extensive drive at Satwari Chowk Jammu along with 2 MFTVs. The drive started in early morning at 7 AM and 36 surveillance samples of milk were tested on the spot, out of which 10 were found unsatisfactory. All vendors were asked to maintain hygienic practices and advised to desist from malpractices.

Meanwhile, 34 samples of milk, milk products & sweets were lifted from District Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur, Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar etc by the Enforcement Officers for analysis.

# Jammu-based reserved category employees seek immediate release of salaries



Jammu-based reserved category employees at a meeting.

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JAMMU: A meeting of Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees serving in Kashmir division was held at Dr B.R. Ambedkar Park Jammu on Thursday, which was attended by a number of employees of various departments, to discuss issues regarding withholding of salary and notices for remaining absent from duty. Speaking on the occasion, Core-Committee members and District Presidents stated that Raksha Bandhan has passed and employees are without salary.

"Now, it is becoming difficult for them to manage their daily expenses. We have earlier also raised salary related issues of employees and notices being served to them, but no action has been taken in this regard," they added. All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association urged LG to issue necessary instructions to all the departments for not pressurizing Jammu based employees serving in Kashmir division to resume their duties in prevailing scenario besides releasing their salary well before Janamashtami.

# People suffer loss due to illegal encroachment, substandard construction of Nallah: Councillor

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JAMMU: People regularly suffer loss due to illegal encroachment on the banks and substandard construction of Durga Nagar-Kabir Nagar Nallah at Talab Tillo stated by BJP senior leader and JMC Councillor ward 41 Sanjay Kumar Baru, who reached to took stock of the damage caused to the people of Colonel Colony and Durga Nagar due to heavy flash flood.

After tour talking to the media Sanjay Baru said due to last month heavy flash flood and overflowing damages the protection wall of nallah near Kabir Nagar in Ward 41 caused to the death of female labourer.

He said being a local Councillor, he approached the JMC officials numbers of times for early construction of protection wall or some alternative to avoid the further loss in the area



Councillor Ward 41 Sanjay Baru during visit to rain-affected area.

but no action has been taken so far by the authorities and today the residents of the locality again suffered loss due to heavy rains.

Expressing the displeasure, Baru warned the authorities that if the work of tying the stone crate at the damaged protection wall is not started on priority, we will have no other way than to sit on the road

and protest and it will be the responsibility of the administration he added.

Adv. Raghubir Singh Sathyal, JMC Nigran Sanjay Sharma, ex headmaster(retd.) Harbajan Singh, Sant Ram, JE Satish Chander, Charan Dass, Kirpal Ram, Amit Kumar, Ajay Kumar and Mr Kapoor were also accompanied the local Councillor.

# CS reviews arrangements for Independence Day

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday chaired a high-level meeting of senior civil and security officers to review the final arrangements for the 75th Independence Day to be celebrated as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

While reviewing the preparedness of the I-day event, he said that the main event would be held at Sher-i-Kashmir Cricket Stadium where the chief guest hoist the national flag.

Reviewing the security in-and-around the main venue, Dr Mehta directed for heightened security at all the locations besides foolproof security in and around the main venue.

The Traffic department was directed to identify space for parking of vehicles near the venues for hassle free

movement of people towards the venue.

Calling upon the officers to make the event a festive occasion, the Chief Secretary asked the concerned officers that all government offices and buildings should hoist the flag on August 15 which is celebrated as the country's Independence Day.

Dr Mehta directed the Higher Education Department and School Education Department that all the universities, colleges, schools and other educational institutions should hoist flags and conduct various sporting, cultural and other events.

He also directed for illuminating the main building of J&K Government like Raj Bhavan, both the Civil Secretariat, High Courts, and other historic and significant locations and buildings across Jammu and Kashmir.

# Raksha Bandhan celebrated at district Jail Amphalla



Brahma Kumaris tying Rakhis to prisoners.

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JAMMU: The festival of Raksha Bandhan was celebrated at district Jail Amphalla, Jammu on Thursday, wherein sisters

from Prajapati Brahma Kumaris Ishwari Vishva Vidhyalya Jammu tied Rakhis to prisoners. Sweets were also distributed among inmates on the occasion.

# Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL O&M Circle Kathua on Thursday informed that the power supply to Industrial Area of Birpur Complex Kartholi shall remain affected on August 16 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Nagri, Airwan Morh shall

# Sikh orgs seek restoration of statehood to J&K

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JAMMU: Various Sikh Organizations of Jammu and Kashmir in a meeting held under the chairmanship of Mohinder Singh Chief Organizer Bhai Kanahiya Nishkam Sewa Society appealed to the Prime Minister of India Narinder Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to restore the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir and hold Assembly elections at the earliest. The participants also demanded that the Refugees of 1947 settled in Jammu Province and Kashmir Province, be allotted 8 Assembly seats and 2 Parliament seats out of 24 seats reserved for PoK.

Prominent among those present Darbinder Singh, Rajinder Singh, Raja Singh Ravinder Singh, Kulwant Singh Khajuria, Gajan Singh, Kuldeep Kour, Gurmeet Kour, Charanjeet Singh, Prof. Yudhvir Singh Corporator, Charan Singh Bali, Harpreet Singh Chhotu, Surjeet Singh Kukoo, Manmohan Singh, Kuldeep Singh Malik, Kulwant Singh, Rasbir Singh, Paramjeet Singh Raina, Tejpal Singh, Kultar Singh, Charanveer Singh.

remain affected on August 12, 14 and 16 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Industry shall remain affected on August 14 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Airwan, Khakhyal and Jarmaal shall remain affected on August 12 from 7 am to 12 noon.

# JKESL to celebrate Har Ghar Tiranga campaign with zeal

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Ex-Services League (JKESL), the largest body of Ex-Servicemen and Veer Naris with more than 30,000 members has also decided to celebrate Har Ghar Tiranga campaign under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' across J&K including Kashmir. To kick start the festivities, a rally with Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris, JKESL members and students of Fauji Public School will be taken out on August 12 at 10.30 AM from Digiana to Gandhi Nagar, at residence of Maj Gen Goverdhan Singh Jamwal, AVSM (Retd), Ex MLC and ex-President.

Lt Gen R K Sharma, AVSM, SM (Retd), President JKESL along

with other participants will hoist 'Tiranga' on the occasion, after which rally will proceed towards Channi Himmat where 'Tiranga' will be hoisted at 12 AM at the residence of Lt Gen Rakesh Sharma, AVSM, SM (Retd), a double decorated soldier by JKESL members. After that Rally will proceed to the residence of Maj Gen (MNS) Sunita Kapoor, VSM (Retd), followed by flag hoisting ceremony.

The Rally is being organized by Col Kulbir Singh Jamwal, VSM, Joint Chairman and Col Rajinder Singh, General Secretary. Similar rallies will be organized on Aug 13 2022 from Digiana to hoist Tiranga at residence of Capt Bana Singh PVC and Col Virendra Kumar Sahi, VrC.

# FAA aspirants' delegation visits Delhi, calls on eminent leaders



FAA aspirants raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: A delegation of the aspirants of Financial Accounts Assistants (FAA) exams, who are protesting from last 28 days, visited Delhi and called on a number of leaders to highlight their demands. Pertinent to mention here that protesters have earlier urged LG's administration to fulfill their demands, but when no action was taken, they decided to march towards Delhi. The major demand of aspirants is release of final selection list, which has not been released by the administration.

# SRLC Sainik Colony organizes 2nd edition of 'Hum Fit Toh India Fit' campaign



SRL Club, Sainik Colony members during 'Hum Fit Toh India Fit' activity.

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JAMMU: Shree Ram Leela Club, Sainik Colony on Thursday organized second edition of 'Hum Fit Toh India Fit' campaign with a motto to create awareness about the health benefits of physical activities.

Fit India is the mantra for the prosperous and

growth of our country, said Rajeshwar Singh President of the Club.

Narinder Singh, Corporator Ward 70, Surinder Singh Jamwal Chief Patron, Rakesh Chowdhary Vice President along with members of club and civil society of Sainik Colony were also present in the run.