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LG Manoj Sinha inaugurating 'Golden Glory Eco Park' at Sonamarg on Monday.

its sons and daughters, who have succeeded in reaching the pinnacle in diverse fields and played a significant role in nation building, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor shared the efforts of the Administration to maintain peace and accelerate economic and development activities across UT.

He said, the decisive steps taken for adequate investment in infrastructure is rebuilding tourism for the future and Ganderbal has immense tourism potential to stimulate socio-economic growth.

The Eco Park inaugurated today will add to the major tourist attraction in the district, he added.

At Sonamarg, the Lt Governor administered the Panch Pran pledge to the people and called for united efforts in taking the nation and the UT forward on the path of peace and development.

We must set certain goals to transform our young generation's enthusiasm, courage, and aspirations into actions, he added.

The Lt Governor also lauded the cooperation and support of people of Ganderbal in ensuring smooth conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor e-inaugurated Universal NCD Screening under comprehensive Primary healthcare through Ayush Bharat Health and wellness Centres in Ganderbal. He also launched Ganderbal Chronicles magazine and distributed Kits among Sakhi Club members.

Nuzhat Ishaq, DDC Chairperson, Ganderbal; Sujit Kumar DIG; Shyambar, Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal and senior officers of civil, police administration and security forces, prominent citizens and youth were present in large numbers.

**Arun Sports Trust celebrates Independence Day**



Trust members during the event.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Arun Sharma Sports and Social Welfare Trust today celebrated the Independence Day its Handball training facility within the S D Sabha School Complex, here.

Joined by the senior international players of the Union Territory, those young players made presentations on the eve of Independence Day. These young boys and girls also displayed their skills to showcase their talent on the ground.

In the meantime, the senior players Gourav Sharma, Sahil Padha, Bachan Dogra (coach) and Sanjay Manhas briefed the young players about the importance of the day.

Later, all the trainees took part in the cleanliness drive at the Handball Ground under the guidance of coach, Bachan Dogra.

**India's partition gravest mistake, greatest tragedy: Dr Jitendra**



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a programme of martyrs and partition affected families to mark 'Partition Remembrance Day' (Vibhajan Vibhishika Diwas), at Hiranagar on Monday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
HIRANAGAR: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said on Monday that the partition of the Indian subcontinent in 1947 was the gravest mistake and the greatest tragedy of history.

Addressing a programme held here today in connection with countrywide commemoration of 'Vibhajan Vibhishika' or 'Partition Remembrance Day' dedicated to the victims of partition, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, with 75 years having passed and three generations down the line, now is the time to keep our children informed about the horrors of partition and the factors that led to it, in spite of the fact that it could have been avoided.

Holding Jawaharlal Nehru and Mohamad Ali Jinnah, the two most important individuals responsible for bringing about the partition of India, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the lust of power and the urge to become the Head of the State was so overwhelming to them that they allowed the partition to happen even when common citizen of India, whether a Hindu or a

Muslim, was not in favour of this. He recalled "Progressive Writers Forum" which was at that time constituted by some well known Muslim intellectuals and writers like Ali Sardar Jafri, Kaifi Azmi and others who were vehemently opposed to the idea of having a separate Pakistan based on the so called "Two Nation Theory". The Radcliffe line that divided India into two parts, said Dr. Jitendra Singh, was arbitrarily drawn leading to the biggest ever exchange of population between India and Pakistan, and casualties numbering more than 10 to 20 lakhs. While the refugees coming from Pakistan had to start life afresh and struggle for living wherever they took shelter in India, the refugees who chose to settle in Jammu & Kashmir had to face a double ordeal because while their counterparts taking refuge elsewhere in India were homeless, those selling in J&K found themselves both homeless as well as citizenless because of Article 370. Crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi for seeking to vindicate the sins of the past,

**ASN School celebrates Independence Day, felicitates merit holders in board examinations**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Management of A.S.N.Hr. Sec. School, Channi Himmat, Jammu on Monday celebrated Independence Day and also felicitated the merit holders in Hr. Sec Part-II Examination inside the school auditorium. Mr. Rakesh Kumar JKAS, Joint Commissioner, Revenue & Enforcement, J&K Govt was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Mrs. P.B. Kapoor, Principal of the School presided over the function.

The function started with lighting of traditional lamp followed by presentation of bouquets to the guests on the occasion. Various cultural items like Group Dance presentations (Jia Ho, Oh desh merey, Suno ghor se duniya walo, I love my India, hum nanhe nanhe bachey), Fancy Dress by Kindergarten students, speeches by students, Solo Dance Performances, Group Song-Teri Miti mein mil jaiun and fusion dance by senior wing students were presented by the students on the occasion which were thrill bounding and applauded by



Students performing during the event.

the audience. Ritesh Kapoor, Administrator of the school presented the welcome address and lauded the role of the Jammu & Kashmir UT under the dynamic leadership of Lt Governor M k Sinha for taking keen initiatives in uplifting the education sector to the desired heights and inculcating patriotism to its true colour. He added that school has decided to felicitate the merit holders during the celebration of Independence Day so that a volunteer spirit is inculcated amongst the youth in their future prospects.

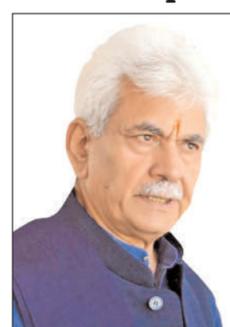
The entire auditorium was decorated with tri-colour

flags, ballons and ribbons to commemorate 76th year of Independent Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav. The school also felicitated winners in Inter-House Painting Competition and Inter-House Fancy Dress Competition organized by the school on Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahostav.

Speaking on the occasion, Rakesh Kumar JKAS, Joint Director Revenue & Enforcement, J&K Govt lauded the role of the school management for their yeoman service towards the society and the nation. He said "Meri Maati Mera desh provides students an opportunity to experience India's inde-

pendence and glorious history of its people, culture and achievements." He further said that the District Administration was organising such events to amplify the awareness about 'Har Ghar Tiranga'- the Government of India's initiative to inculcate a personal connect between the citizens of India and the National Flag' and the way the society is showing their active participation depicts the enthusiasm to its desired heights. P.B. Kapoor, Principal of the school congratulated the school management on the wonderful conduct of the day celebrations. She said Schools are base for promoting patriotism amongst children and ASN School has done it to its perfection. She lauded the organizers for holding the event and appreciated students for their active role in making the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign a big success in the district. Shafia Khan Teacher of the school presented the vote of thanks. The function closed with National Anthem and distribution of souvenirs amongst the Guests.

**LG greets people on 77th Independence Day**



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his heartiest greetings and felicitations to the people on the occasion of 77th Independence Day. In a message, the Lt Governor said, "My hearty Independence Day greetings to all the citizens. My humble tribute to all those freedom fighters, who made supreme sacrifices to secure freedom for us. I salute our JKP personnel, soldiers, Jawans of CAPFs who laid down their lives to protect the integrity and sovereignty of the nation. On this occasion, I recall the hard work

and dedication of great personalities of the country, who are working tirelessly for the progress and prosperity of the people.

It is indeed Amrit Kaal of Jammu Kashmir and a new dawn of peace and prosperity for all the citizens. Our economy is witnessing rapid growth, infrastructure sector is on the move, peace and tranquillity is providing better quality of life and opportunities to the people and the Union Territory is on the march to become 'Viksit J&K' by 2047. We have successfully ended decades' long inequality and have taken every possible step to eliminate terror ecosystem. Peace and happiness has now arrived in every household and together we have created a happy Jammu Kashmir and a brighter future for young generation.

I appeal to every one of you to re-dedicate yourself to build a Jammu Kashmir that will take us to new horizons of peace, progress and prosperity and let us march together to realize the golden future for all the citizens". **Jai Hind.**

**GDC Samba takes out Tiranga Rally**



Faculty and students taking out Tiranga Rally.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBA: NSS and NCC units of Pt Prem Nath Dogra Govt Degree College Samba undertook a Tiranga rally in the college premises in order to pay homage to freedom fighters under the aegis of Meri Maatti Mera Desh. The prestigious moment commenced with the recitation of National Anthem. It was followed by flagging off the 'Tiranga Rally' by Dr Twinkle Suri, Principal of the college in which both the NCC and NSS volunteers along with the staff members of the college participated with great zeal and fervor.

Later on, all the staff members, students, NSS as well as NCC volunteers of the college lighted earthen lamps in front of the portraits of great free-

dom fighters including Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Rani Laxmi Bai and Subash Chander Bose, to pay 'Veeron Ko Naman' for their valour and dedication that could ensure freedom and sovereignty of the nation. On the occasion, Dr Twinkle Suri, Principal of the college, lauded the efforts as well as encouraged the students to participate in such activities that enhance their sense of patriotism and national pride.

**Our agenda is to serve people with honesty: Azad**  
Over 50 Congress workers join DPAP

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday said that the agenda of his party is to serve the people with honesty and integrity.

"People of Jammu and Kashmir have realized the need for political stability which can be ensured by the DPAP that stands for inclusive and holistic development with opportunities of progress available to all", Azad said while welcoming over 50 workers of the Congress into the party fold. He said joining on day to day basis reflects that people have not only understood the DPAP agenda but also endorsed it. "This endorsement will help us to serve the people in better way in the



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad along with new entrants of party.

long run", he added. Azad said that it is the duty of all workers to hold booth level meetings in their respective areas and ensure that maximum people join the party and understand its agenda.

"All the party workers must hold public meetings and reach out to people in their respective areas in a big way", he said.

Earlier, Ghulam Aabi Azad held a meeting with the party

functionaries and workers, and also met deputations from Marh area. He exhorted them to intensify the public outreach drive and work towards strengthening the party at the grass roots level.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included, R.S. Chib General Secretary, Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Lala Devi Das Working

Committee Member, Anita Thakur Gen Secretary, Ashok Bhagat Distt President, Prabha Salathia Mahila Chief, Kulwant Singh Provincial Gen Secretary, Gourav Chopra Distt President Jammu, Vishal Chopra Provincial Gen Secretary, Mohinder Kumar Sr VP Jammu Distt, Shampal Salathia Zonal Sr Vice President, Khurshid Bhatt, Anoop Khajuria and others.

**KC College of Education organises farewell party**



College faculty along with students posing for photograph.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: K.C. College of Education organized farewell party for the outgoing 4th semester students. On this occasion, function was conducted in which the hosts (2nd semester students) presented a colourful variety programme including songs and dances. The outgoing students shared their experiences during their stay in the college. Speaking on occasion, Principal of the college Dr. Sanjay Tickoo wished them good luck for their future.

The programme was convened by Ms. Ruchy Charak, convener of Cultural Committee and reporting was done by Taranjeet Kour, Senior teacher of the college.

**Alumni Association of GCW Gandhinagar, Placement Cell organises job placement drive**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Alumni Association of GCW Gandhinagar in Collaboration with Career Counselling and Placement Cell organised Job Placement Drive in which IITI NIT conducted screening for PRO in ICICI Bank. Prof. Rajni Kumari, Convener Career counseling and Placement cell of the college formally welcomed the guests and thanked Ms. Shakun Sharma and her team from NIT for conducting the campus placement drive especially for the outgoing students and Alumni of the College.

Advocate Radha Sharma Jasrotia, the president of Association interacted with the students and apprised them about the importance of such career opportunities.

Dr. Davinder Kour, the Vice president of Alumni Association also motivated the students to



Faculty and students during the placement drive.

step forward and start their journey where the opportunities are knocking at their doorstep.

Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the college, congratulated the career Counselling cell and Alumni Association for being prompt in organising such activities for the welfare of the students. She also encouraged the students to be part of such career oriented activities to get a fair chance of settling their future in their dream. A total of 143 students including alumni were part of the screening test and the shortlisted candidates

will appear in the 2nd phase of the drive. The selected students shall be further interviewed by the team for training and Placement. The vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Suman Bala and the proceedings of the event were conducted by Neelam Thapa. The whole program was conducted in the supervision of Prof. Rajni Kumari, Convener, Career counseling and Placement cell. Prof. Renu Rajput, Prof. Malti Prof. Rajinder Kumar and Sec Madhvi Sharma Soujanya Sharma.

**JU celebrates I-Day by admiring diverse languages, cultures of J&K**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Jammu University, in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre For Arts on Monday commemorated Independence Day by organizing a one day event on the theme: "Many Languages, One expression: India".

The programme aimed to highlight the diverse languages and cultures of different regions of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir. The students highlighted the diversity of India by pledging PM Modi's 'Paanch Praan' in different languages of Jammu and Kashmir like Gojri, Dogri, Sharazi, Kistewari, Hindi, Kashmiri, Urdu, Bhaderwali and Punjabi. The students expressed their love for their motherland- India by singing patriotic songs in these languages and also expressing



Dignitaries during the programme at JU.

their sentiments in write ups. The contribution of the freedom fighter from Jammu who also suffered 'Kalapani' and after whom the central library of Jammu University is christened 'Dhanwantri' was also remembered and introduced during the event by the students.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Director, Information, Dr. Vikas Sharma said that it is a unique effort on the part of the Department to highlight the linguistic diversity of J&K. He said, "I also come from a rural background.

However, the usage of English and Hindi has eroded the linguistic memory of my village. This is a very good way to ensure that all the languages develop hand in hand without any language being left behind." He encouraged the students to pursue their field with passion and sincerity that would finally ensure success.

Shruti Awasthi, Regional Director, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, said that the University of Jammu had been the forerunner in the entire country in promoting the Panch Pran

given by the Prime Minister last year when the University organized the grand Panch Pran festival. It is again a forerunner in celebrating the Panch Pran not only in the scheduled but all the languages of the region that aligns with the call of Prime Minister for 'Vocal for Local'. She said, "Such initiatives ensure that these panch pran take the country ahead in their letter and spirit," as she delivered the Vote of Thanks.

Earlier Dr Garima Gupta, Head of the Department of Journalism said that such

events are made possible by the unconditional support and constant encouragement of esteemed Vice Chancellor, Prof Umesh Rai who is making all endeavours and taking path breaking initiatives to ensure promotion and progress of Jammu region in all its diversity, languages in particular. She welcomed the illustrious gathering that also included Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Student Welfare, Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal, Former Head Journalism and Media Studies and Prof Monika Sethi, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee. She extended a very special welcome to all the distinguished dignitaries who took out time for this event and made it possible and also welcomed the students and scholars of the various departments attending the event.

The event was conducted by Hemani Kandhari.