

# Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in J&K has grown as people's movement: LG

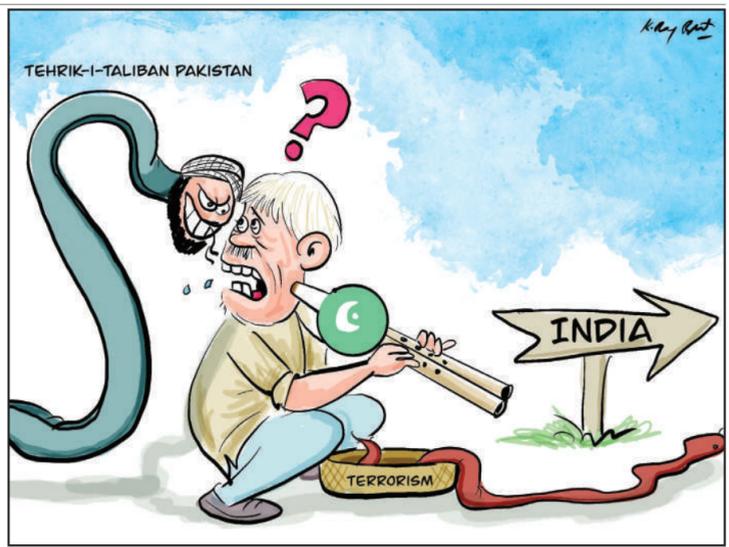
**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in Jammu and Kashmir has grown to be a people's movement. "May our beloved and victorious Tricolor fly high in the world," the Lt Governor said after flagging-off the Tiranga Yatra in Srinagar and joined the public representatives, officials and thousands of citizens in the walkathon from International Convention Centre to Botanical Garden. "Bring home the National Flag and hoist it with pride and honour. Be a part of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign," the Lt Governor told the citizens. He said the campaign is an embodiment of our collective commitment to nation-building and creates personal con-



LG Manoj Sinha leading Tiranga Yatra in Srinagar.

nection with the Tiranga. The Lt Governor called upon the people to participate in Tiranga Rallies, Tiranga Concerts, Tiranga Canvas, Tiranga Pledge, Tiranga Selfies and Tiranga Mela. On the occasion, the Lt Governor released a Monograph dedicated to the martyrs and bravehearts of Jammu Kashmir and launched the Tiranga signature campaign.

- ▶ Flags off Tiranga Yatra in Srinagar
- ▶ Thousands of citizens from all walks of life participated in walkathon from International Convention Centre to Botanical Garden
- ▶ May our beloved and victorious Tricolor fly high in e world
- ▶ Bring home National Flag, hoist it with pride and honour, be part of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign
- ▶ Har Ghar Tiranga campaign an embodiment of our collective commitment to nation-building, creates personal connection with the Tiranga
- ▶ Expresses gratitude to Citizens for playing critical role in making Tiranga Yatra grand success
- ▶ In past two years, people belonging to different segments of society have embraced Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign and infused it with their warmth and support
- ▶ Calls upon people to participate in Tiranga Rallies, Tiranga Concerts, Tiranga Canvas, Tiranga Pledge, Tiranga Selfies and Tiranga Mela



## IIM Jammu inaugurates ninth batch of CBP

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, in collaboration with the Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICC) and the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), GoI, inaugurated the Ninth Batch of its Capacity Building Program (CBP) on Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) at the Jagti Campus. The ninth batch consists of 32 participants from across the country, including individuals from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics at IIM Jammu, Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson of the Centre for Small Business Development Units (SBDU), Dr. Anuja Akhouri, Program Director at IIM Jammu, and Dr. Jaganth G, Program Director at IIM Jammu. Dr. Mahesh Gadekar provided an insightful overview of the program, emphasizing its role in building a robust business ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. He highlighted the achievements of previous batches and IIM Jammu's commitment to fostering entrepreneurial growth. Prof. Jabir Ali encouraged partici-



pants to actively engage, address challenges, and enhance value chains with expert guidance. The inaugural session featured participant introductions, providing a glimpse into their diverse backgrounds and goals. Dr. Anuja Akhouri delivered the vote of thanks and outlined the upcoming sessions. The event concluded with the national anthem, reflecting unity and collective aspirations. The ceremony was coordinated by the SBDU Team at IIM Jammu, setting the stage for transformative entrepreneurial growth.

## Excise Department organises rally to promote cleanliness, hygiene

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NAGROTA: On the directions of Excise Commissioner, J&K UT, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, a rally was organised at Nagrota by the Excise Department as an initiative to promote cleanliness and hygiene. It started from Govt Middle School Nagrota and culminated at Excise Training Institute Nagrota. Teachers along with the students of Government Middle School Nagrota, local people, stakeholders and officers/officials of Excise Department participated in rally. The Swachhta rally was flagged off by Kusum Sharma, Deputy Excise Commissioner Executive Jammu. Principal Excise Training Institute, Renu Kumari, and Deputy Excise Commissioner Accounts, Jammu, Sukriti Sharma also



Deputy Excise Commissioner Executive Jammu, Kusum Sharma and others during a programme at Nagrota.

participated in the rally. Their enthusiasm and dedication to the cause were evident as they engaged with local residents, distributing pamphlets and encouraging participation in maintaining a clean environment. The students carrying banners and placards with messages on cleanliness, marched through the streets of Nagrota, chanting slogans that highlighted the significance of maintaining hygiene in public and private spaces. The event aimed to spread awareness about the importance of cleanliness and encourage community participation in adopting sustainable cleanliness practices. Deputy Excise Commissioner Executive, Kusum Sharma, applauded the students for their active participation and emphasized the role of the younger generation in driving societal change. "Cleanliness is not just a one-time effort but a continuous process. It is heartening to see our young students leading the charge in promoting Swachhta. Their energy and dedication inspire us all to contribute towards a cleaner and healthier India," she said. Renu Kumari, Principal Excise Training Institute, also lauded the students and highlighted the importance of education in fostering a sense of responsibility towards the environment. She stressed the need for ongoing awareness campaigns and community involvement to achieve the goals of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The Excise Department is conducting a series of activities/events under Swachhta Pakhwara 2024 from 1st to 15th August, 2024. And the Swachhta rally is also a part of this Swachhta Abhiyan.

## Why is Congress silent on Hindu persecution in Bangladesh: Rana

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DANSAL: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Monday lambasted pseudo secularists' stoic silence over the persecution, rape and plunder of Hindu minorities by radicals in Bangladesh, saying the Congress led INDI Alliance stands now exposed from Kashmir to Kanyakumari for their hollow moral grandstanding. "The skeletons of the Mohabbat Ki Dukan salespersons and Post X warriors have fallen from the cupboard and their real faces are telling the tales of their evil designs to divide the society, hurt the national interest and to play vote bank politics", Devender Rana on Monday said while talking to the media persons at the side-



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana and others taking out Tiranga rally in Jammu.

lines of a grand awareness Tiranga rally, organised by the Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust under the stewardship of Rohit Shastri from Government Higher Secondary School Dansal to the Tehsil Office Dansal, to promote the Sanskrit language and de-addiction. Rana also expressed anguish over the shameful attitude of the global community for looking to the other side over brazen human rights violation in Bangladesh and said selective approach of the western media is equally condemnable. Those crying hoarse over human dignity and respect for civil liberty must stop behaving like ostriches and call out the zealots inhumane and barbaric acts against humanity, he demanded. Addressing the rally, Rana, who was the chief guest on the occasion, lauded the efforts of the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, for supporting institutions like Trust in their mission to promote and preserve the rich heritage of Sanskrit. Rana also thanked the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha for his positive encouraging response to the long pending demands of the people viz Upgradation of the Public Health Centre, Dansal to Sub-District Hospital, Trauma Centre at Jhajjar Kotli and Community Health Centre at Surinsar. "While speaking about Sanskrit in 'Mann Ki Baat', the Prime Minister

had mentioned that 'this language has played a major role in the advancement of ancient Indian knowledge and science', Rana recalled, saying the fundamental principles of modern science are embedded in Sanskrit. It is essential for children to have moral education; if we adhere to our values and moral teachings, we will certainly stay away from drugs, he said, adding that addiction doesn't affect just an individual but also their entire family and society. There is a need for a comprehensive public awareness campaign against narcotics, he stressed. "Along with promoting Sanskrit, we are also working on de-addiction", the Rohit Shastri said, adding that addiction is a curse in society, and hence, we all need to work together to eradicate it from our surroundings. Addressing the rally, Dil Bahadur Singh said that the consumption of toxic and intoxicating substances causes physical, mental, and economic harm to individuals, and also pollutes the social environment.

## People of J&K are making it's own manifesto for BJP: Darakhshan



JKWB Chairperson, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi briefing media persons at Bandipora.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANDIPORA: Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, the National Executive Member of BJP & Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board Chairperson chaired the Manifesto Committee Outreach Programme of Bandipora district held at Sumbal on Monday. BJP leaders Arif Raja, Engineer Aijaz Hussain, District President BJP Bandipora Naseer Lone were also part of the programme. Twenty one delegations of local representatives from different walks of life met the Manifesto Committee & presented their points of view. Speaking on the occasion Dr Andrabi said that BJP believes in the politics of grass roots and which is why the party has launched this mega public outreach programme to know about people's aspirations and views regarding the party's futuristic agendas and roadmaps. "People of J&K are making it's own manifesto for the Bharatiya Janata Party and the party believes in public guidance and vision to lead it's policies and pro-

grammes," said Dr Darakhshan Andrabi in her address. She said that it was encouraging to see the people endorsing BJP's vision of peace and development. "The holistic development of Jammu & Kashmir in a peaceful atmosphere is the vision of our Prime Minister Modi which has laid the foundation for a progressive J&K. Now are youth don't die on daily basis but they are realising their dreams and emerging as potential contributors in life", said BJP NEC Member. Andrabi lauded the party leadership of Bandipora for their impressive public reach out. "We are gathering the inputs of the people to shape our future plans and our manifesto will be the document of the people of J&K", said Andrabi. Earlier she was accorded a very warm welcome on her arrival at the town.

## Dev Dildar enchants devotees with soulful Bhajans at Sawan Mahotsav



Singer and son of the soil, Dev Dildar reciting Bhajans at Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a breathtaking display of spiritual artistry, the Sawan Mahotsav at Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir witnessed an evening of divine connection through the powerful voice of Dev Dildar. An internationally acclaimed singer and son of the soil, Dev Dildar, hails from Jammu but has been settled in Punjab for the past few years due to his busy schedule and ever-increasing demand in the music industry both in India and abroad. Despite his relocation, his love for Jammu was witnessed when he captivated the hearts of devotees with his profound and soulful renditions of devotional bhajans. The devotees were visibly moved as each bhajan evoked feelings of reverence, peace, and

devotion, making it an evening to remember. The evening also featured a mesmerizing Bharatanatyam performance by the renowned classical dancer Neetika Aggarwal. Her graceful movements and expressive storytelling through dance added a beautiful visual dimension to the devotional atmosphere, leaving the audience spellbound. The event took place just after the daily Aarti, with devotees gathering in large numbers to be part of this special celebration of Sawan Mahotsav. The performances of Dev Dildar's stirring vocals and Neetika Aggarwal's elegant dance created a harmonious blend of sound and movement, embodying the spirit of devotion. Suresh Kumar Sharma, Receiver of Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir, expressed profound appreciation for Dev Dildar's contribution to the spiritual and cultural life of the region, noting that his music has a unique ability to connect the soul with the divine. He also thanked the devotees for their participation and support, highlighting the significance of such events in preserving the spiritual and cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir. The Sawan Mahotsav continues to be a beacon of cultural and spiritual enlightenment, bringing together people from all walks of life to celebrate the sacred month of Sawan. The series of events at Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir will continue to offer devotees and visitors a space to connect with their spiritual roots through music, dance, and devotion.

## Dr Jitendra calls for expediting J&K Lithium exploration in Inter-Ministerial meeting

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: In the 6th Governing Body meeting of the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET), Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Monday emphasized the urgent need to accelerate the exploration of lithium deposits in Reasi district, Jammu & Kashmir. Highlighting the potential of these lithium reserves to significantly impact India's mining economy and overall growth, Dr. Singh urged for fast-tracking exploration activities and ensuring all necessary support to meet project deadlines. He also addressed the delay in the Sapphire Park project in Kishtwar,



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, flanked by Mining Minister G. Kishan Reddy, speaking at the Inter-Ministerial meeting of National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) at Sushma Swaraj Bhavan, New Delhi on Monday.

advocating for prompt action. Union Secretary Mining, V. L. Kanta Rao, assured Dr. Singh that the exploration work for lithium would be expedited, with results expected in the coming months. Dr. Singh praised NMET for its record expenditure of nearly Rs 300 crores on exploration activities in the last

organization and lauded the year's efforts in promoting critical mineral exploration. Dr. Singh also introduced the "Critical Mineral Mission," aimed at enhancing domestic production, recycling, and overseas acquisition of critical minerals. He stressed NMET's pivotal role in this mission, particularly in fostering private sector involvement and boosting morale in the mining sector. Additionally, Dr. Singh discussed the importance of data sharing between the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and the Atomic Minerals Directorate (AMD), urging the latter to provide crucial