

Rekha expresses colorful legacy and rich heritage of handlooms

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan extends warm greetings on this special occasion, saluting the rich heritage and craftsmanship of India's handloom sector.

On the occasion of National Handloom Day Felicitation program of handloom workers were organised in the presence of Rekha Mahajan, Mahila Morcha District President Divya Jain, Mandal President Ritika Dhimman and Vice President Sandhya Gupta to motivate the art of jammu and kashmir. In the said program Shivangi Dhimman and her



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan and others with handloom workers.

workers MD Shamem Ansari, Asraf Sheikh, Saimul Ansari were felicitated.

Rekha Mahajan said J&K handlooms are elegant and stand out as a symbol of unparalleled creative heritage, unmatched craftsmanship, and the enduring spirit of the artisans community. Jammu & Kashmir

weaving traditions are also a source of pride and cultural identity. She said, "Best wishes on National Handloom Day to all the weavers and business brothers and sisters of the handloom industry who preserve the spirit of self-respect through Swadeshi and keep the Indian culture and traditions alive through their work and craftsmanship! Come." Notably, the nation celebrated the first Handloom Day on August 7, 2015, guided by the vision of PM Modi.

Rekha Mahajan highlights that the date was specifically chosen to commemorate the Swadeshi Movement, which was launched on August 7, 1905, and encouraged indigenous industries, particularly handloom weavers. The day, which celebrates handloom weavers and provides motivation and a sense of pride to the handloom industry by appreciating their contribution to the cultural, traditional, and economic landscape of the country, aims to generate awareness about the importance of the handloom sector and its contribution to the socio-economic development of the country.

Shiv Sena appeals EC to announce election dates

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has demanded the Election Commission to announce the dates of Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections during its three-day visit.

Party state chief Manish Sahni said that the Election Commission team is on a tour of Jammu and Kashmir from 8-10 August, during which there is a program to meet political parties in Kashmir, but once again no discussions are being held with political parties in Jammu. He said that he has no complaint if the Election Commission team announces the dates for the assembly elections of Jammu and Kashmir during this tour.

He said that following the orders of the High Court, the Election Commission should announce the dates of elections in the press conference to be held in Jammu.

DIPR Jammu organises plantation drive under Swachhata Pakhwada



Deputy Director Information Ankush Hans and other officials at Plantation drive.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As a part of ongoing Swachhata Pakhwada initiative, the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), under the aegis of Joint Director Information Atul Gupta, on Wednesday organised a cleanliness cum plantation drive.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of Deputy Director Information Ankush Hans, Administrative Officer, Renu Sharma, Field Publicity Officer, Mukesh

Kumar, Information Officers Ashu Kumari, Sachin Bali, Culture Officer Nisar Ahmad Khan, Youth Information Officer Monika Samyal and dedicated staff of the Information Department.

Speaking on the occasion, the Joint Director emphasized on the importance of sustainability and the adoption of eco friendly alternatives. The Joint Director planted saplings under "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" and "Ek Ped Shaheedon Ke Naam" cam-

paigned and urged the people to plant more trees and actively participate in Swachhata Pakhwada initiative. He said that trees play pivotal role in our life and it is our collective responsibility to make the environment cleaner, greener and healthier by planting more and more trees.

Atul Gupta asserted that by planting trees we are not only contributing to a greener environment but also paying tribute to our martyrs and mothers.

Nitish initiates plantation drive under "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" in Trikuta Nagar

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharge of the Social Media Department, BJP, Jammu & Kashmir, today launched a significant plantation drive under the campaign "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" in Trikuta Nagar locality of Jammu city.

Speaking on the occasion, Nitish Mahajan expressed deep appreciation for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who spearheaded the initiative "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam." He lauded PM Modi's vision for a greener and more sustainable India, emphasizing the importance of planting trees in honor of our mothers.

Nitish urged every individual to contribute to this noble cause by planting at



Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharge of the Social Media Department, BJP, J&K and others at plantation drive.

least one sapling in the name of their mother. He highlighted that this act not only pays tribute to our mothers but also plays a crucial role in combating environmental challenges and promoting ecological balance.

"The campaign 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' is a beautiful way to honor our mothers while contributing to the health and well-being of our planet. I encourage everyone to take part in this movement and plant a sapling for their mother. Together, we can make a significant difference," Mahajan stated.

The plantation drive saw enthusiastic participation from local communities, party workers, and volunteers, all committed to making the region greener and healthier.

Shiksha Niketan School hosts speech competition to celebrate Dogri Language and Culture

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School in collaboration with the Senior Citizen Support and Service Club, organized a "Dogri Speech Competition" to celebrate and promote the rich cultural heritage and language of the Dogri community.

The event was graced by several esteemed dignitaries, including Anju Bansal and Ashok Gupta, members of the Senior Citizen Support Club, and the school's Principal, Rameshwar Mengi, along with the in-charges of all wings.



Shiksha Niketan School students and faculty posing for a photograph.

In his address, Ashok Gupta emphasized the need for collective efforts to preserve and promote the Dogri

language. He highlighted the significance of cultural pride and the role of language in maintaining cultural identity.

Anju Bansal praised the participants for their dedication and hard work, stating, "We must recognize the

importance of linguistic pride and literature and collaborate to promote the Dogri language."

Principal Rameshwar Mengi commended both the organizers and participants for their efforts in making the event successful. He encouraged everyone to unite for the promotion and preservation of the Dogri language and stressed the importance of using local languages to protect cultural identity.

The competition showcased the talent and commitment of the students, reinforcing the significance of preserving Dogri culture and language.

BJP announces Election Manifesto Committee for 2024 assembly elections

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JAMMU: In consultations with JP Nadda, BJP National President, G. Krishna Reddy, Union Minister and J&K BJP, Election Incharge, Tarun Chugh, BJP National General Secretary and J&K Prabhari, Ravinder Raina, President, Jammu and Kashmir BJP, has constituted the Election Manifesto Committee for the upcoming elections of the assembly.

Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister, is the Chairman of this committee.

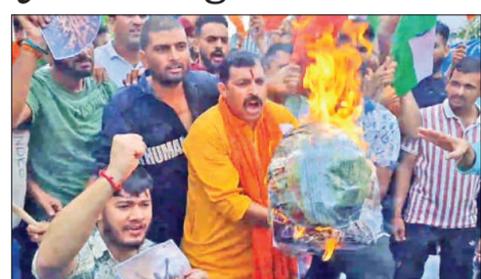
The members of the committee include Dr. Narinder Singh (BJP National Secretary), Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi (Chairperson Waqf Board), Sham Lal Sharma (BJP Vice President), Shakti Raj Parihar (BJP Vice President), Sunil Sharma (General Secretary), Vibodh Gupta (General Secretary), Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal (General Secretary), Priya Sethi, (BJP NEM), Ch. Talib Hussain (former MP), Devender Singh Rana (for-

mer MLA), Sunil Sethi (BJP Chief Spokesperson), Abhinav Sharma (Spokesperson), R. S. Pathania (Spokesperson), Girdhari Lal Raina (Spokesperson), Rafiq Wani, (Seh Prabhari, Kashmir BJP), Surinder Ambarbar (former MLC), Sanjita Dogra (Mahila Morcha President), Sunil Prajapati (OBC Morcha President), Javed Kakroo (senior leader, Kashmir BJP), Farooq Reshi (Retd SP and BJP senior leader) and Niaz Andrabi (BJP leader).

R. S. Pathania, Spokesperson and former MLA is the coordinator.

Raina, shared that shortly, the election manifesto committee will initiate its visits to various parts of Jammu & Kashmir and will meet with all the sections of the society. He insisted that the members of the assembly election manifesto committee would do extensive public outreach to accumulate the vital points to be encompassed in the manifesto.

Bangladesh unrest: Protest in Jammu against 'attacks' on Hindus



Rashtriya Bajrang Dal members burning effigy during a protest at Jammu on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Rashtriya Bajrang Dal held a protest in Jammu on Wednesday to demand protection for Hindus in Bangladesh following allegations of targeted violence against them since Sheikh Hasina's resignation as

prime minister. Temples, home and businesses belonging to Hindus were vandalised. Women were harassed and two Hindu leaders were killed in Bangladesh, the organisation's chief Rakesh Kumar told reporters.

"Hindus are being target-

ed under a conspiracy in 27 districts. The Jamaat is involved in attacking the homes, temples and the Hindu community," he alleged.

Rashtriya Bajrang Dal activists burnt an effigy of communal leaders in Bangladesh and raised slogans against them.

Kumar also demanded the removal of Bangladeshi and Rohingya settlers from Jammu and Kashmir.

The attack on Hindus is a "conspiracy". The population of the community has fallen from 32 per cent to eight per cent now, he claimed.

The government must take concrete steps for the safety of Hindus in Bangladesh, he said.

Sanitation drive organized at SDH Kot Bhalwal



Staff of SDH Kot Bhalwal and students during a sanitation drive rally.

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JAMMU: A sanitation drive was conducted under Swachhata Pakhwada 2024 at SDH Kot Bhalwal in collaboration with Institute of Public Health and Hygiene Kanger Morh, Bhalwal, Jammu.

Under the drive, stretch, spots surrounded with waste & bushes were

cleared/cleaned. All staff of SDH Kot Bhalwal and students from Institute of Public Health and Hygiene took part in the drive in order to create awareness of cleanliness among masses.

Various slogans were designed to bring focus to the core concerns of the Swachh Bharat campaign like Ban of

Plastic, Use of Dustbins and Keeping the Public places clean.

The sanitation drive was conducted under the directions of Dr. Rabia Khan, BMO Kot Bhalwal and supervision by Amit Choudhary, Health Educator and Arun Singh, Block Accounts Manager, Kot Bhalwal.

Asia Greens wins Best Lounge & Bar Award at HRANI Convention

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JAMMU: Asia Greens, Jammu, has been honored with the prestigious title of 'Best Lounge & Bar' at the 3rd HRANI Convention, which took place on August 5-6, 2024, at the India Expo Centre & Mart in Greater Noida.

This award recognizes Asia Greens' exceptional commitment to excellence



Garish Oberoi, President of HRANI presenting award to Asia Greens, Jammu members.

in hospitality services. The award was presented by Garish Oberoi, President of HRANI, Surendra Jaiswal, Honorary Secretary, along with other members of the Management Committee.

The accolade highlights Asia Greens' dedication to providing outstanding service and maintaining high standards in the hospitality industry.

JAMMU: The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Wednesday between Government Polytechnic for women, Jammu and Unit 9 Pvt. Ltd. Er. Suket Gupta, Principal, Government Polytechnic for women, Jammu and Sachin Sharma, Director, Unit 9 Travels Pvt. Ltd. Signed the MoU on the occasion.

The purpose of the MoU is to strengthen the skill of the students and to make them industry ready while increasing their chances of better employability/entrepreneurship. Er. Suket Gupta, Principal, Govt. Polytechnic for women, Jammu while speaking on the occasion believed that the MoU will be very beneficial and shall provide an opportunity for the students of this Institution and make them industry ready by up skilling their technical skills and providing them trainings.

The MoU was also attended by Neema Dooloo and Rajesh Khajuria, both Training and Placement Officers in the DLTP Cell, Directorate of Skill Development Department, J&K, officials of Unit 9 Travels Pvt. Ltd. and staff members of this Institution.

Govt Women Polytechnic signs MoU with Unit 9 Pvt. Ltd

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Plantation drive held at SKUAST



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. B. N. Tripathi and others at plantation drive.

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son. Prof. Tripathi, University Librarian, Prof. R. K. Samotra, teaching/non-teaching staff and a large number of students took part in the ongoing plantation drives in which all the statutory officers, superannuated officers, and all categories of the officials including drivers of the university took part to plant a tree in the name of their respective mothers. Prof.

Tripathi gave a message on the importance of plantations in the present changing climate scenario and advised students to improve the environment by adopting a tree.

The event was organised to enhance the concept of Van-Mahotsav and make people aware of the environment and the importance of green cover around in future.