

Maa Chandraghanta blesses Prabhat Pheri on day 2



Participants of Prabhat Pheri on the third day of Navratri Festival at Katra.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: The sixth year prabhat pheri of Navratri Festival Katra 2022 was on Wednesday flagged off by the chief guest, Superintendent of Police (SP) Katra, Amit Bhasin and guest of honour, Shiv Kumar Sharma, former president of hotel and restaurant association of Katra, in presence of Durga Dass and Ritu Sharma from Central Bureau of Communication.

The Kanjak depicting Maa Chandraghanta was the main attraction of today's prabhat pheri, providing the devotees an opportunity to take her blessings during the entire route. The 2nd day of prabhat pheri was marked by scintillating performances of dances by renowned artists

from Orissa, J&K, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, West Bengal and Maa Vaishnodevi Ji devotees.

The other Jhanki consisted of Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh and Maa Laxmi.

The Prabhat Pheri started from bus stand Katra and passed through Varun Chowk via Panthal road, from Varun Chowk to Ambica Chowk via Railway Road and culminated at Bus Stand.

The procession was welcomed and joined hugely by the locals and pilgrims. The locals as well as pilgrims danced to the tunes of bhajans and kirtan performed by Kumar Pandey and party.

School students were very enthusiastic while participating in the parbhat pheri as

they danced and chanted the jaikaras of Mata Vaishno Devi Ji all along the route.

Raj Kumar Padha, President Jammu and Kashmir Association of Prabhat Pheri, informed that tomorrow the artists from Ahmed Nagar Maharashtra led by Shivaji Selkhe will join the Prabhat Pheri. He appealed to the local people to join the procession in large numbers to make it a grand success.

The members present on the occasion were Ajay Sharma, Raj Kumar Dubey, Ramnik Sharma, Manoj Sadhotra, Ashwini Katoch, Rakesh Sharma, Vimal Kumar Rajesh Gupta, Rattan Chand, Sanjay Tickoo, PC Raina and Sanjesh.

Mahant Manjit Singh constitutes J&K Sikhs' Coordination Committee

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To have a united voice of Sikh community, Chief of Dera Nangali Sahib, Mahant Manjit Singh has constituted a Coordination Committee under the chairmanship of Ajit Singh (Chairman all J&K Transport Welfare Association) comprising a number of prominent Sikh leaders, intellectuals and Presidents of all DGPCs in J&K UT. While addressing the gathering at Digiana Ashram Gurdwara on Wednesday, Mahant Manjit Singh expressed concern over continuous discrimination with minority community. While reminding major pending demands of Sikh community, Mahant Manjit Singh stressed for induction of Punjabi language as official language of J&K, Anand Marriage Act, Sikh

PSC member, installation of statue of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur and providing justice to community in Kashmiri Valley at par with Kashmiri Pandits (including SRO-425). Meanwhile, Mahant Manjit Singh also urged Sikhs of Jammu and Kashmir to strictly follow the directions of Shri Akal Takhat Sahib. Besides, Ajit Singh, Chairman Coordination Committee, the other members in Coordination Committee include Adv Bikramdeep Singh, Ranjit Singh President DGPC Jammu, Avtar Singh DGPC Jammu, Balwinder Singh DGPC Jammu, Tajinder Singh DGPC Jammu, Charanjit Singh, Bhola President DGPC Kathua, Harbhajan Singh DGPC Kathua, Kulwinder Singh President DGPC

Samba, Jaspal Singh, president DGPC Udhampur, Manmeet Singh DGPC Udhampur, Santokh Singh President DGPC Ramban, Kartar Singh President DGPC Doda, Attar Singh President DGPC Kishtwar, Narinder Singh President DGPC, Poonch, Parvinder Singh President DGPC Reasi, Prof. Hardayal Singh President DGPC Rajouri, Jaspal Singh President DGPC Srinagar, Gurmeet Singh DGPC Srinagar, Kulwant Singh President DGPC, Pulwama, Nanak Singh President DGPC Anantnag, Paramjit Singh President DGPC Baramulla, Prithpal Singh President DGPC Kupwara, Hari Singh DGPC Kupwara, Gurjit Singh President DGPC Budgam, Darbari Singh, President,

DGPC Kulgam, Ujjal Singh President Gurudwara Guru Singh Sabha, Upper Gadi Garh Jammu, Narinder Singh Khalsa President JKUT Shriomani Akali Dal Amritsar, Fateh Singh ex (Gen Secretary) DGPC Jammu, Ravinder Singh Bittu President Gatka Association JKUT, Jatinder Singh Lucky Ex (Chairman) Cantonment Board Satwari, Ranjit Singh President Tanker Union JKUT, Charanjit Singh Ex SDM Jammu, Master Lakhbir Singh Akhnoor, Omkar Singh Vice Chairman All JKUT Labana Samaj, Balbir Singh Pinka, Nirmal Singh Baramulla, Retd Engineer, Harjit Singh Duke Srinagar, Kuldeep Singh President Kashmir Sikh Sakahaya Sabha.

Info Deptt veterans express grief over Mela Ram's demise

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Veterans of Information Department (VsOID), a group of retired officers and officials of DIPR, on Wednesday expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of former colleague and friend, retired Information Officer Mela Ram.

Mela Ram Sharma died at his Trikuta Nagar residence this morning and his cremation was held at 2 pm at Channi Himmat Jammu.

Recalling his association with them, they termed him a dedicated and helpful officer, who always thought about the welfare of his colleagues especially lower rung staff.

While extending sympathies with the bereaved family, the group prayed for peace to the departed soul. Some Jammu based officials also visited the bereaved family.



NSS unit of GGM Science College organises Swacchhta Pakhwada in adopted village school



NSS volunteers and faculty members at Swacchhta Pakhwada programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Rajesh Gupta and supervision of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan organized swacchhta Pakhwada workshop in the adopted village Bhadrone, zone Marh.

The awareness was held in the Govt. Middle School

Bhadrone with the mission to accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put the focus on sanitation.

NSS volunteers along with the students of the school made posters on clean India, Swacch Bharat, water management, say no to single use plastic, etc.

Swacchhta pledge was taken

by the staff and students of the school along with NSS volunteers by NSS Program Officer Dr. Deepali Mahajan.

Under Phase II of Swacch Bharat Mission (Grameen) NSS volunteers need to reinforce cleanliness behaviours and focussing on providing interventions for the safe management of solid and liquid waste in villages.

CVPPPL signs agreement with PGCIL for implementation of 400 kV transmission line



Representatives of CVPPPL and PGCIL after signing MoU.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: An agreement has been signed on Wednesday between CVPPPL and PGCIL in presence of senior officers of CVPPPL and PGCIL including Hasan Nadeem, Managing Director, CVPPPL and Anil Sharma, CGM(Projects), PGCIL for laying of 400 kV, D/e Dedicated Transmission Line with Triple HTLS Conductor from Pot Head Yards of 1000 MW PakalDul, 624 MW Kiru and 540 MW Kwar HE

Projects of CVPPPL up to the Kishtwar Pooling Station for an estimated cost of Rs. 233.81 crore.

The aforesaid 400 kV transmission infrastructure shall evacuate generated power i.e. 2164 MW of these three projects to Pooling Station, Kishtwar the work of which has been allotted to M/s Sterlite 24 Grid India Limited.

The transmission line is expected to get commissioned in matching timeframe of these projects.

PSPS Govt PG College for Women hosts poster, painting competitions

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As a part of the special series of events being organised by Department of Higher Education, UT of J&K to commemorate the relevance of Life and Freedom struggle of Mahatma Gandhi Ji, a divisional level Poster/ Painting Competition was today organized by Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu.



Participants posing with faculty members.

A total of 21 students, who were the winners of the District Level Competition held on 26th September, 2022, participated in the Divisional level Poster/ Painting Competition. The contesting students made beautiful posters on the given themes - the Life Sketch of Mahatma Gandhi, Dandi March and Quit India Movement and gave wings to their imagination and creativity. This endeavour of

students was judged by Dr. Sujata Slathia, HOD Economics of PSPS GCW Gandhinagar ; Dr. Shoba Gupta, HOD Mathematics of GDC Samba and Dr.Anuradha Gupta, HOD Zoology of GCW Parada. Rawani Jasrotia of GLDM GDC Hiranagar; Arushi Sharma of GCOE, Jammu and Diksha Sharma of GDC Kathua clinched the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Positions, respectively. Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the College appreciated the hard work and cre-

ativity of participants. She also emphasized the importance of Gandhian thoughts and vision for enlightening the young minds to wade through these difficult times with the tools of truth and non-violence.

The organising committee comprised of Convenor; Prof. Mala Bhasin, and members Dr. Anju Koul, Prof. Suman Bala, Dr. Kusum, Dr. Ujjwal Sharma and Prof. Sunita were appreciated for their enthusiastic and laborious efforts to make this event a success.

Team Jammu extends support to striking PHE workers, asks LG to consider demands

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Extending full support to striking PHE workers and daily wagers, Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal on Wednesday asked Lt Governor, J&K UT, Manoj Sinha to consider the genuine demands striking employees including their regularization at an earliest. The protest dharna and agitation of the Jal Shakti/PHE Department workers entered the 98th consecutive day here. While addressing the demonstrating employees who raised slogan in favour of their demands including regularization of their services, release of pending wages and enhancement of their wages at least at par with Delhi UT employees, Team Jammu chief, Zorawar Singh Jamwal highlighted that "whenever Prime Minister assured the nation from Red Fort, he made assurances a reality for the countrymen, then why so delay in accept-



Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal raising slogans in support of PHE workers.

ing the genuine demands of striking employees of Jammu Province who have always stood by nationalism and are without wages since past 72 months." In his address, Zorawar Singh urged Lt Governor, Manoj Singh to intervene and start the process of regularization of PHE Daily Wager employees without any further delay. These daily rated and consolidated workers are on strike since June 22, 2022 and demanding regularization of their services, release of pending wages and enhancement of their wages.

The Government failed to resolve the issue despite three rounds of talks through higher authorities in the department. Today again, a large number of PHE workers from various Divisions and Sub Divisions/ Water stations assembled outside the office of Chief Engineer PHE Jammu, at BC Road in the morning under the banner of PHE Employees United Front and started protest demonstration. They were shouting slogans in support of their demands and also against Administration and other

higher authorities in the J&K UT. Many of them were carrying placards in their hands depicting slogans.

The employees representatives including Ravi Hans, Hoshiar Singh, Navdeep Singh, Rajinder Singh Taj, Mohan Lal Sharma and others said that in the past, they had called off their strike merely on assurances several times but nothing happened after that. They were cheated every time. Therefore, they were not prepared to call off strike until an order from the Government is issued.

They resolved to extend strike till any logical conclusion is reached. These daily rated and consolidated workers of the PHE/ Jal Shakti Department are on strike since June 22. The workers are demanding regularization, enhancement of Minimum Wages as per Central norms in J&K UT and release of pending wages of 72 months of PHE workers.

Katra Navratri Festival: Celebrity singers to perform on daily basis



Participating singers posing with jury members and organisers at Katra.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: All India Devotional Song Competition organised as part of annual Katra Navratri Festival will witness performance by celebrity singers on Daily basis, besides by those forming the part of the competition, said the members of the organizing Committee.

On the second day of the preliminary round of competition, Rajeev Salotra from Jammu bagged first position, while Shubham Banerjee from Jammu stood second. Meghna Chandra from Delhi, Vivek Mohan from Jammu and Karan

Kumar from Samba shared 3rd position among the 12 auditioned participants. The winner and runners up were awarded with a cash prize of Rs 10,000/- Rs 5,000/and Rs 3,000/, respectively.

The Devotional Song Competition was judged by the panel of experts in music including Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma, HOD Govt. Degree College Sunni Shimla; Dr.Usha Bhagat, Ex.HOD Music P.G M.A.M College Jammu; Dr. Anupma Sharma, Ex.HOD PG Music Department, Government College Parade. Famous singer and former

winner of All India Devotional Song Competition Sanjeet Kumar enthralled the audience with his melodious songs and filled the environment of the venue with spiritual ambience.

The proceeding of competition was conducted by Rakesh Wazir- the Chairman of the Competition.

He said that famous singers have been lined up for their guest performances including Joy Sufi on 30th and 1st Sep, Balraj on 2nd Oct, Shanker Sawhney on 3rd Oct, Richa Sharma and Amrinder Bobby on 4th Oct and likewise the dates of Lakhwinder Wadalli, Tarun Sagar and other renowned singers are about to be finalized.

event is available on PTC Punjabi Gold from 9 PM onwards daily.

The All India Devotional Song Competition is being organized by SMVD Shrine Board, Deptt. of J&K Tourism, PTC Punjabi Gold in association with Patanjali Dantkanti and co sponsored Monalisa, Lia Agarvati, J&K Bank, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Super Specialist Hospital, Nidesh Builders Pvt. Ltd. Jammu, with active support of District Administration and the local host Community, whereas 92.7 Big FM is Radio partner

It is worthwhile to mention here that the first position holders of daily competition will compete with the winners of the quarter final on 03rd of Oct., for their entry into final and the quarter final will be held on 2nd Oct. which will be of 2nd & 3rd position holders of daily competition.

The Grand finale of the All India Devotional Song Competition will be held on 4th of October and Winners will be awarded with gold amounting to Rs. 3 lakh and a recording contract with Venus Records &Tapes Ltd, while the first and second runners up will get Rs 1 lakh and Rs 50,000 respectively.

RPF Commissioner, J&K & Ladakh visits Budgam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BUDGAM: Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) J&K and Ladakh in collaboration with District Administration, Budgam on Wednesday conducted an awareness programme on employees provident fund Act 1952 and schemes framed thereunder, registration process and insurance of EPFO for the welfare of contractual, outsourced, and other part time employees engaged by various government departments and private organization.

The meeting was attended by different sectoral heads from tourism, education,

health, agriculture, horticulture, labour, R&B, PDD, Jal Shakti, Industries, Social Welfare, Food Civil Supplies all MCS.

Stressing on maximum number of eligible employees under different insurance and pension schemes, RPF Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin deliberated about applicability of EPF & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and elaborated the provisions of Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 and Employees Deposit Linked Insurance scheme, 1976 especially responsibility of departments/ Organizations in registering process of their employees.



He advised all departments to extend benefits of these Schemes to all contract and outsourced employees engaged under various Govt departments directly or indirectly. He also explained to the audience about the process of registration of Principal Employers on the online portal of the EPFO.

The RPF Commissioner also said that contractors executing works under different departments like RDD, PMGSY, R&B, Jal Shakti, KPDCIL, etc. should be regis-

tered under EPF & MP Act, 1952 so that their social security is ensured and they are benefited financially in case of need.

As per the act, he said, it is the duty and responsibility of Principal Employer to register their employees and EPFO also provides a link in EPFO website about registration of Principal Employer to register the contractors engaged by the said departments.

The RPF Commissioner on the occasion asked departments to make outreach programmes about the registration process of EPFO schemes so that more and

more people are covered under the schemes.

As per the Act, if any employee becomes an EPF member, he automatically gets membership of EPF pension scheme, 1995 and EDLI scheme, 1976. If any member dies while in service, the nominee widow/ widower will get pension lifelong along with 2 children up to the age of 25 irrespective of their marital status and the nominee will get maximum benefit of Rs. 7.5 lakhs under EDLI scheme. There are other pensions provided under the scheme as per eligibility of membership like superannuation, early pension, disability

pension, orphan pension, widow pension and nominee pension.

RPF Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin appreciated the coordination of DC Budgam, S F Hamid and expressed the need for further follow up by District Administration and associate Offices to extend Social Security in the district.

Later, the RPF Commissioner also met presidents of different Lab units of the district and impressed that they will coordinate in identification of contractors engaging construction works in different projects and subsequent in their registration process.



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