

## Maa Chandraghanta blesses Prabhat Pheri on day 2



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

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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 Chanderghata 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 parbat 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 Selkire 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, Rammik Sharma, Manoj Sadhout, Ashwini Katoch, Rakesh Sharma, Vimal Kumar Rajesh Gupta, Rattan Chand, Sanjay Tieko, PC Raina and Sanjesh.

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



NSS volunteers and faculty members at Swacchta Pakhwada programme.

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JAMMU: GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Rajesh Gupta and supervision of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan organized swacchta Pakhwada workshop in the adopted village Bhadroe, zone Marh.

The awareness was held in the Govt. Middle School

Bhadroe 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, Swachh Bharat, water management, say no to single use plastic, etc.

Swachhita 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 Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramen) 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.

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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 Pakal Dul, 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.

## Power shutdown

No. 1, Garkhal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 29 from 7 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to Salehar, Old Sarore, Makhanpur, Deoli, Pandoriyan, Lalyana, Seora and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 29 from 9 am to 1 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Premnagar, Thatri, Dhara, Gundoh and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 29 from 9 am to 4 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Vijaypur Town, Kolpur, Bandral and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 29 from 6 am to 11.30 am.

## PSPS Govt PG College for Women hosts poster, painting competitions



Participants posing with faculty members.

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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.

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 competing 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

activity 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.

## Katra Navratri Festival: Celebrity singers to perform on daily basis



Participating singers posing with jury members and organisers at Katra.

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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, Rieha Sharma and Amrinder Bobby on 4th Oct and likewise the dates of Lakhwinder Wadali, Tarun Sagar and other renowned singers are about to be finalized.

He said live telecast of the

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.

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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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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.

The RPF Commissioner also said that contractors executing works under different departments like RDD, PMGSY, R&B, Jal Shakti, KPDCL, 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

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Info Deptt veterans express grief over Mela Ram's demise

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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.



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