

Puran Ahuti, Langar mark culmination of 53rd Shat Chandi Mahayagya at Sidhgoria Temple



Mahant Kuldeep Singh and others serving Bhandara at Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura.

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JAMMU: Chanting of Mantras, Aarti and Bhajans with religious fervour was witnessed on Sunday as Puran Ahuti and Special Langar marked the culmination of 11-day long 53rd Shat Chandi Mahayagya at Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura organised by Mahant Kuldeep Singh Paloura Wale from August 25 to September 4, 2022. The culmination of the

Mahayagya began in the morning with Satsang attended by hundreds of devotees which started at Baba Sidhgoria Temple Paloura led by Mahant Kuldeep Singh amid chanting of religious slogans and Mantras.

The religious activity was followed by special breakfast and Langar where devotees took Prasad and later Sadhu Samaj who were important part of the Mahayagya were

served the Langar with great religious festivity.

The Puran Ahuti was performed at 12 pm after which the Bhagwat Katha by Bal Brahmachari Dr. Mahant Shri Sat Narayan Dass Maharaj was also concluded followed by Chowki. Prominent persons who participated in the shoba yatra and puran ahuti include Team Jammu Chairman Zorawar Singh Jamwal, King C Bharati,

Senior Journalist, Raman Raina, Sr. Photo Journalist, Ex MP Shamsheer Singh Manhas, Shri Mahant Dutt Giri Maharaj, President Shat Darshan Sadhu Samaj (SDSS), J&K and Mahant Jogeshwar Nath Ji Maharaj, Vice President SDSS. The managing committee members include Satish Sharma, Narwal Wale, Atul Sood Shiv Nagar, Saawan Soi Rroop Nagar, Jaipal Palourar, Sh Suresh Kumar, Laswada, Sonu Baba, Paloura, Jyot Baba, Paloura, Pt Kuldeep, Sunderbani, Sh Virender Singh, Badodi, Sh Ashok Singh, Corporator, Sh Kaku Manhas, Paloura and Mohit Gupta, Janipur.

Mahant Kuldeep Singh and the managing committee members expressed their sincere thanks for the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the District Administration for their cooperation to organise the Mahayagya.

Jammu Muslim Federation Youth wing organizes seminar on "Communal Harmony and Brotherhood"

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JAMMU: Jammu Muslim Federation youth wing organized one day seminar on "Communal Harmony and Brotherhood" in Bathindi, here on Sunday.

In this seminar prominent personalities from different sections of society, educationists, lawyers, students and scholars from Jammu University, Cluster University and colleges participated. The speakers highlight the importance of communal harmony and brotherhood especially in Jammu and particularly in the whole UT of J&K.

They stressed upon the youth to become the ambassadors of peace, communal harmony and brotherhood and they should organize interreligious discussions at colleges and university level for better understanding of each other. They said that every religion teaches lessons of humanity, mutual brother-



A dignitary speaking at a seminar in Jammu on Sunday.

hood, peace and tolerance.

The aim of the seminar was making Jammu a symbol of peace, achieving harmony, the steps required and way forward, inter religious conflicts, creating, understanding & reconciliation and achieving the goal of communal harmony, issues and challenges. Those who spoke on the occasion were President Muslim Federation Abdul Majeed, Editor Gojri Section in Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art Culture and Languages Dr Shahnawaz Chowdhary, Cashier of J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu Advocate Aman Singh, Secretary Global

Peace Organization and advocate Altaf Hussain Janjua, Social Activist Pariyat Sharma, Adv Deepak Gupta, Social Activist Gorav Sharma, Advocate Shamas Ud Din Shaaz, Law student Raghav Saini, Advocate Umer Noorani etc.

Proceeding was conducted by law student and Student Activist Ahtsham Ul Haq and Law Student Nayeem Choudhary.

Besides others, Numberdar of Bathindi Ch. Jamat Ali, Retired Engineer Rashid Ahmed Fani, retired SSP, Imam of Mecca Masjid Bathindi Jammu were also present in the seminar.

Balwant Thakur introduces innovative children theatre in Mauritius

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MAURITIUS: Balwant Thakur, the Director of Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture, High Commission of India, Mauritius, introduced innovative children's theatre in Mauritius in a massive way.

Supported by the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Government of the Republic of Mauritius, this initiative of Balwant Thakur is aimed at introducing children theatre in the entire length and breadth of Mauritius.

Under this project, twenty directors of Mauritius are being trained in a production oriented workshop with children at IGCIC under the direction of Balwant Thakur.

These twenty directors after the completion of their training will be allotted twenty different regions of Mauritius and will be assigned to produce independent children productions.

This phase of work will culminate into a mega festival featuring twenty new children's plays incorporating different themes and approaches.

In the final phase of the project, each director will be facilitated to stage 5 shows each of their productions in their respective vicinity thus taking the number of performances to 100 (One hundred).

This project was inaugurated at IGCIC in a public function by the Avinash Teeluch, Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Government of Mauritius who assured all support to this most outstanding initiative aimed at bringing a revolutionary change in the cultural landscape of Mauritius.

LG attends 528th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Udasin Acharya Bhagwan Shri Chandraji Maharaj



LG Manoj Sinha performing puja at Udasin Acharya Bhagwan Shri Chandraji Maharaj Temple in Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday attended the 528th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Udasin Acharya Bhagwan Shri Chandraji Maharaj at Srinagar.

The Lt Governor paid obei-

sance at Udasin Acharya Bhagwan Shri Chandraji Maharaj Temple and prayed for peace, prosperity and happiness for all.

We must follow the high ideals and teachings of Bhagwan Shri Chandraji Maharaj to lead a virtuous life

and dedicate ourselves towards the welfare of the society, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also participated in the ceremonial rituals performed to mark the birth anniversary of Acharya Maharaj.

Mahant Swami Prem Vivekanand Udasin; Swami Anrit Das, Secretary Shri Chandra Chinar Bada Akhara Udasin Trust and members of the Udasin Trust; saints; religious leaders and prominent citizens were present on the occasion.

DC Raina, Member, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Mohd. Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar were also present.

JKPCC leaders take out Mehangai Par Halla Bole protest rally in Delhi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani, former JKPCC Chief GA Mir and JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Sunday led protest march from Kashmir House Delhi to Ram Lila Maidan in New Delhi.

The protest was addressed by Vikar Rasool Wani, GA Mir and Raman Bhalla and joined by Mula Ram, Balbir Singh, Ashok Bhagat, Mamohan Singh, Surinder Singh Channi, Neeraj Kundan, Uday Bhanu Chib, Indu Pawar, Ch. Hussain Ali Waffa, Parnav Sangotra, Hari Singh Chib, Rajveer Singh, Suresh Dogra, Pawan Raina, Sashi Sharma, Satish Sharma, Pankaj Dogra,



JKPCC leaders taking out rally at New Delhi.

Corporate Kamal Singh Dwarika Choudhary, Inderjeet kour; Ritu Choudhary, Pritam Singh, Vijay Sharma Babbi, Babbal Gupta, Rajinder Singh, Vijay Shastri, Jatin Visisht beside others.

JKPCC Chief claimed that our party had made all efforts to hold a debate on price rise in the Parliament and that the government kept avoiding it.

Gandhi family has held any position in the government including being the Prime Minister," added Wani.

Mir slammed the BJP over its 'revdi' remark in which the party recently disparaged the 'freebie' politics.

Bhalla highlighted the plight of people facing lots of hardships due to price rise and unemployment, and said when the opposition tries to raise their voice, the Modi government does not allow it to do so.

Bhalla said the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' is important as the party has to go directly to people and tell them the truth about the country and where the nation is headed. He took a dig at the Centre on the issue of price rise, saying unemployment and inflation were 'two brothers' of the Modi government.

Janjaguriti Srujan Welfare Foundation demands release of Asaram Bapu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jansatyagraha Social Welfare Foundation led by state Convenor Swarn Lata organized a candle march demanding Asaram Bapu early release as it is more than nine year in the prison without any evidence.

Today's Candle March graced by Suman Kumari Member National Executive along with representatives of different social and religious organizations working for the society for the last so many years in Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion Suman Kumari expressed the contributions of a sant towards society and so far as the contribution of Asaram Bapu is concerned we are unable to calculate it on tips.

Asaram Bapu working for the society for the last more than 50 years in the field of Education, Health, Women Empowerment, Social evils, Anti Tobacco Drive, Bal Sanskar Kendras, Yuva Sewa Sangh, Shelter/ Food during Natural Disaster and so many other annual programmes were launched by Asaram Bapu for the betterment of society, she said. Right now whole Sant Samaj still stand with Bapuji and demands immediate release of Bapuji and CBI enquiry to probe Asaram Bapuji innocent.

Others include in the rally Ghanashyam Kumar, Suresh Sharma Vipin Kumar, Sourov Sharma Sanjeev Kumar, Puneet Sharma and Abhilasha Sharma.

J&K is cultural, social capital of India: Prof Sinha

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JAMMU: Terming J&K as the cultural and social capital of India, Prof Rakesh Sinha, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, highlighted the contribution of Kashmiri Pandits to Indian culture and ethos and said that Kashmir had produced world famous scholars of Shastras.

Prof Sinha said this in an impressive and well-attended function organised by Sanjeevani Shardha Kendra (SSK) Anand Nagar, Bohri, to preserve sanctity of religious festivals and protect identity and culture of the community on 'Foundation Day Ceremony' in its premises on Shardha Ashtami, here on Sunday.

Prof Sinha was the Chief Guest on this religious and cultural ceremony, while



Chief Guest Prof Rakesh Sinha releasing magazine on Shardalipi along with other dignitaries at SSK in Jammu on Sunday.

Padmashri Dr KN Pandita and Dr Vikrant were the special guests. Dr MK Bharat, President SSK was also present on the occasion.

While addressing the gathering, Prof Sinha said that they were duty bound to re-establish the ancient Vedic culture and civilization in Kashmir which was the basis of pluralism.

Jagdish Magotra is new President of Magotra Biradari Samiti

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JAMMU: Jagdish Magotra, Senior most of member of Magotra Biradari Samiti, has been nominated as President of Samiti in a meeting held at Kuldev Mandir Chowadhi, here on Sunday.

This consensus was reached by majority of office bearers of Samiti as present term of existing body stands expired today after serving a tenure of one year. The members authorized Jagdish Magotra to constitute core committee (group) to carry out day to day functioning of Samiti as well as successful conduct of annual congregation of Magotra Biradari.

On the occasion, Jagdish Magotra assured the members that he would discharge his duties with devote & dedication with the blessing of Pujya Bua Rani Ji till final election of Magotra Biradari is conducted.

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LEH: Chairman/CEC, Adv. Tashi Gyalson concluded his week-long extensive tour to the Nubra sub-division yesterday. On the final day, CEC Gyalson held public meetings at Turtuk, Diskit and Khardong villages.

He was accompanied by Dy Chairman/Councillor Diskit, Tsering Anchuk, EC Minority/Councillor Turtuk, Ghulam Mehdi, DC Leh, Shrikant Suse, Chairperson BDC Diskit & Turtuk, District officers and sub-divisional officers/officials led by SDM Nubra.

The officials paid visit to PHC Bogdang and Sub-District Hospital at Diskit where they reviewed health infrastructures and also interacted with the healthcare workers.

CEC Gyalson and team also held a civil-army liaison meeting at 102 Infantry Brigade, Partapur. They were received by the Commander, Brigadier Padam Thakur.

Both parties deliberated on the need for promoting tourism at zero border Thang and allowing unrestricted movement of tourists at Siachen

time was ripe to work as a cohesive unit against terrorists and other allied forces in Kashmir to help India prosper.

Showing solidarity and expressing concern over the plight of Kashmiri Hindus in exile who have been hounded out from Valley, Prof Sinha lavished praise on the founders of Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra for taking initiatives with regard to preserving culture and ethos despite sufferings and sorrows.

He said the people like Dr KN Pandita and likes have served as beacon-lights to guide and goad it in this grim atmosphere of banishment.

While lambasting the previous Governments for not taking any concrete steps to mitigate the problems of KPs in exile, Dr KN Pandita said that

KPs are continuing to receive squint-eyed treatment from Central and State/UT Governments.

He advised Kashmiri Pandits to keep three books namely Shrimad. Bhagvat Gita, Rajtarangni and late Sh Jagmohan's 'My Frozen Turbulence in Kashmir' for gaining religious wisdom and getting knowledge about Kashmir; Kashmiri Hindus and Kashmiriyat. Sh Sanjay Pandita, Incharge Shardalipi Section of SSK while speaking on the occasion highlighted the role of SSK in promoting Shardalipi in the Union Territory. He termed the day historic as the day witnessed release of digital magazine on Shardalipi- 'Shardavaani'.

Dr Vikrant Ji appreciated the organisers for establish-

ment of SSK and threw light on the significance of the Kendra in preserving 'Sanskritik', cultural and social values of the society, besides guiding youth not to derail from the mainstream.

Earlier, Dr MK Bharat while welcoming the chief guest and other dignitaries highlighted the programmes and achievements of Sanjeevani Shardha Kendra and also threw light on the life and achievements of Prof Rakesh Sinha.

Late Prakash Ram Bhat (Kulgami) was conferred with prestigious 'Sharda Saman' which was received by Smt Veena and Anil Pandita.

On the occasion, the Chief Guest and other dignitaries released a digital magazine in Shardalipi amid thunderous applause.

CEC concludes week-long extensive tour of Nubra-subdivision



Chairman/CEC, Adv. Tashi Gyalson interacting with officials at Leh.

Base-camp which was opened for tourists last year. Strengthening of Army goodwill schools, uplifting local self-help groups and various issues were discussed.

The officials also paid a visit to the ongoing Kisan Mela at DIHAR's centre in Partapur.

CEC Gyalson inaugurated a 10 KWP Solar Power Plant at BDC's office Diskit Nubra. The project has been executed by LREDA.

At the conference hall of SDM's office Diskit, a comprehensive meeting was held under the chairmanship of CEC Tashi Gyalson which was attended by the Dy Chairman; EC Minority; DC Leh; Councillor Panamik;

Councillor Hunder; Councillor Teger; BDC Diskit, Panamik and Turtuk; ADDC Leh, SE Hydraulic, besides various District officers, and sub-divisional officials led by SDM Nubra.

CEC Gyalson instructed all the executing agencies to exercise way outs to the shortcomings and timely address all the grievances put forth by the people of the Nubra sub-division.

CEC Gyalson also had a meeting with the OC, Project Vijayak, GREF BRO at SDM's office Diskit. Dy Chairman, EC Mehdi, DC Leh, and SDM Nubra were also present during the meeting. Major points were highlighted that came to light dur-

ing the tour of the Nubra sub division viz. widening of Waris-Fastan road, Warila road and putting crash barriers at the vulnerable spots on priority.

DC Leh, Shrikant Suse sought the cooperation of GREF in laying pipelines along the road under JJM given the significance of the project and limited working season. CEC further asked the OC to maintain close liaison with the concerned stakeholders while undertaking road excavation works to avoid inconvenience to the public.

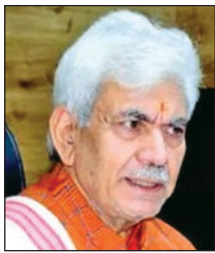
In concluding the tour, CEC and team visited Khardong village and held a meeting to discuss public grievances and to sort out amicable solutions.

LG's greetings on Teachers' Day

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has greeted the teachers across the Union Territory on the eve of Teachers' Day.

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor said, "Teacher is another name of wisdom and in our ancient tradition, teachers are placed at the same platform as God. A teacher is the mind and all the knowledge of new generations and they have made



unparallel contribution in nation building. I am full of gratitude for their invaluable contribution in nurturing power of human mind and inculcating indomitable spirit in the students. I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day".

Teachers' Day is observed on the birthday of great educationist and former President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.