

DSS celebrates birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh as 'Samajik Naye Diwas'

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JAMMU: The Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) on Monday celebrated the birth anniversary of the revered Maharaja Hari Singh as "Samajik Naye Diwas" at the Sabha Bhawan, Dogra Hall, Jammu.

The event was marked by a solemn garlanding ceremony to honor the legacy of Maharaja Hari Singh, who remains a symbol of justice, progress, and social reform for the Dogra community and beyond.

The celebration commenced with a floral tribute to the statue of Maharaja Hari Singh, as prominent members of the Sabha and distinguished guests paid their respects. The garlanding ceremony was led by Gulchain Singh Charak, President of Dogra Sadar



DSS members celebrating birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh in Jammu on Monday.

Sabha, along with members of the Dogra community, civil society, and other dignitaries.

In his address, Charak highlighted the immense contribution of Maharaja Hari Singh, particularly his progressive and enlightened policies that laid the foun-

ation for social reforms and justice for all. He emphasized that Maharaja's vision was not confined to the Dogra community but extended to people from all walks of life, regardless of caste, creed, or religion.

"Maharaja Hari Singh was a visionary ruler whose poli-

cies were ahead of his time. His contributions to social welfare, education, and justice continue to resonate today.

He championed equality, upliftment of the downtrodden, and ensured that his administration served every citizen of the state fairly and justly," Charak said.

Charak further spoke on Maharaja's reforms in education, women's rights, and the establishment of public welfare schemes that transformed Jammu and Kashmir into a progressive state. His famous declaration, "Justice for all, discrimination for none," still serves as a guiding principle for the people of the region.

The event concluded with a pledge by the Dogra Sadar Sabha to carry for-

ward the legacy of Maharaja Hari Singh by continuing to work for the social upliftment and welfare of all sections of society.

The Sabha called upon the youth to draw inspiration from Maharaja Hari Singh's life and to remain committed to the values of justice, fairness, and inclusiveness, which were at the core of his governance.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Brig. (Retd.) MS Jamwal, Ajay Khajuria, (Retd. DC), Jag Mohan Sharma, Prem Sagar Gupta, Amanat Ali Shah, Chander Mohan Sharma, Ravi Singh, Balwinder Singh, Rajinder Gupta, Naresh Sharma, Narinder Paul, Dinesh Gupta. Gopal Gupta and others.

Sahibi-Saftami Hawan solemnised with religious fervour



Trust members and others performing Pooja.

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JAMMU: Kanyaghat Hawan was performed with religious fervour at Mata Shree Roopa Bhawani Temple, Talab Tilloo, here on Monday.

On this occasion, Shri Alakh Sahiba Trust organises Hawan every year in which devotees from all over Jammu and Kashmir took part with enthusiasm and fervour.

An incarnation of Shree Sharika Bhagwati, the Adhishthatri deity of Kashmir has the devotee followings throughout the world.

This day is celebrated to pay reverence to Mata Shree Roopbhawani popularly known as Alakh Sahib / Rup Ded. Mata Shree Roopbhawani, who considered Lal Ded and her father Pt Madhoo Joo Dhar as her Guru enlightened Kashmiri society with her mystic vakhs which showed the path of self realization and moksha from this world.

The celebrations of Hawan started yesterday evening with Kalsh Pooja followed by 1st Suhakar.

The devotees assembled

throughout the night. The whole parisar of Mata Shree reverberated with the singing of Bhajans and Mata Shree Roopbhawani's Aradhana. Simultaneously Hawan's were solemnized at Waskura, Manigam, Lar and Cheshma Sahibi in Kashmir Valley and Noida, Ghaziabad and Faridabad in Delhi NCR.

The devotees present on the occasion recited Mata's Rehas-e-Uppesh. Hawan culminated with Puran Ahuti today which was followed by distribution of Prashad among the devotees.

Our resolution is prosperous J&K: Shiv Sena



President, Shiv Sena (UBT) Manish Sahni during public meeting.

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JAMMU: The public should teach a lesson by voting to those who snatch away the status and privileges of Jammu and Kashmir, stated by Manish Sahni, president, Shiv

Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit.

Today, Shiv Sena (UBT) campaigned in favor of party candidate Meenakshi Chhibber through Jan Chaupal in Qasim Nagar and

Rehari of Jammu West Assembly.

On this occasion, party state chief Sahni, who was present, paid tribute to Maharaja Hari Singh on his birth anniversary and resolved to make Jammu and Kashmir the crown of the country and a prosperous state.

People should help us fulfill our resolution by pressing the 'Mashal' button, he said. On this occasion Party General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Balwant Singh, Rohin President Jammu City were present.

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JAMMU: In light of the upcoming UT Assembly elections, the Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) convened a significant meeting today at its office in Chanakaya Chowk, Parade, Jammu.

The meeting was chaired by DBPS President Ved Prakash Sharma and saw participation from numerous prominent citizens, scholars, and educators from various fields.

During the meeting, Ved Prakash Sharma urged the public to vote wisely in the ongoing assembly polls, empha-

sizing their importance for the future of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the Jammu region.

He praised the high voter turnout in the first phase of the elections, describing it as a testament to the strengthening of nationalist forces in the region.

Sharma encouraged eligible voters, especially the youth, to exercise their democratic right, stressing the necessity of electing honest, well-educated candidates with a spirit of nationalism and a commitment to public welfare.

Representatives from various social and religious organiza-

tions also voiced their concerns during the meeting. They called for the restoration and upkeep of significant historical and religious sites in the Jammu division, along with a rationalization of the reservation policy for all communities living below the poverty line.

Key demands included addressing unemployment in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir; declaring Jammu as a "NashaMukt" (drug free) zone, and establishing a fixed salary for pjaris at a minimum of Rs. 15,000 per month, similar to the model in Andhra

Pradesh. Additional requests made by chairman of DBPS Advocate P.C. Sharma included the constitution of a Brahman Welfare Board, modeled after those in Haryana and Punjab, regularization of daily wagers, contractual and contingent workers, and the improvement of the drainage system across Jammu City to alleviate issues related to flooding and public health.

Several other speakers at the meeting included V.M. Magotra, N.C. Sharma, M.L. Sharma, Satyanand Sharma, Subash Shastri, SomNath

Sharma, Ex. DC B.S. Jamwal, Soujanya Sharma, M.L. Padha, Shiv Ram Sharma, Jagannath Sharma, RitizKhajuria, K.L. Sharma, Brita Ram Sharma, Gurdas Sharma, Sat Pal Sharma, Sunil Sharma, Ramesh Sharma, Rajesh Bargotra, Davinder Sharma (Baboo), Raman Sharma and PremBalotra and others. The meeting highlighted the collective commitment to fostering a better future for Jammu and Kashmir through active civic participation and addressing by socio-economic challenge.

DBPS urges public to vote wisely in assembly polls

Auto and Fruit Vendors Association extends support to Usman Majid

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BANDIPORA: The Auto Association and Fruit Vendors Association, on Monday, announced their decision to support former Minister and MLA Bandipora, Usman Majid, in the upcoming 2024 Assembly Elections, giving a significant boost to his political base. The associations have urged their members, associates, and functionaries to extend full support to Majid.

The associations said that Usman Majid's dedication in recent years demonstrates that he deserves to win and lead effectively. Welcoming the support, Majid expressed his commitment to fulfilling the people's expectations and voiced hope that this backing would further strengthen his electoral prospects in Bandipora.

Representing hundreds of local auto drivers and fruit vendors, the associations

expressed full confidence in Majid's leadership, mission, and vision, highlighting his longstanding commitment to the welfare and development of the Bandipora constituency.

During a meeting held on Monday, the leaders of the Auto and Fruit Vendors Association pledged their support to Majid, citing his relentless efforts to uplift marginalized communities, ensure infrastructural development, and protect

the rights of small traders and workers in the area.

The associations said, "Usman Majid has always stood by the common man. He understands the struggles of small vendors and auto drivers and has consistently worked to address our issues. His leadership has given us hope, and we believe that under his representation, Bandipora will experience equitable development and opportunities for all."

Majid expressed his gratitude and reaffirmed his commitment to working for the betterment of all sections of society, especially those often overlooked. "The support of the Auto and Fruit Vendors Association means a lot to me. They are the backbone of our local economy, and their well-being is essential for the overall growth of Bandipora. My fight has

always been for the common people, and I will continue to ensure that their voices are heard at every level of government," Majid said.

Meanwhile, Majid visited shops throughout the Bandipora market, interacting with shopkeepers and pedestrians as part of his campaign to win over voters. Speaking to media personnel during the campaign, Majid said that the people of Bandipora are responding positively to his ideas and expressed optimism about the outcome.

He also urged the people of Bandipora not to be swayed by the false claims of the INC-NC alliance and to see through their rhetoric. "The INC-NC has repeatedly shown that they care only for their own power and interests, not for the welfare of the people of Bandipora," Majid added.

"Waste-to-Wealth Gallery" display organized by CUJ



Faculty members along with students during the event.

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JAMMU: The "Waste-to-Wealth Gallery" display, organized by the Department of Environmental Sciences at the Central University of Jammu, took place on Monday as part of the nationwide "Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 (SHS-2024)" campaign.

This initiative, under the theme "Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata", highlighted the importance of minimizing waste and following the 4R's principle-Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle-to promote

sustainable living. The gallery showcased innovative and creative products made by students from various recyclable waste materials, including plastic, paper, glass, metals, etc.

The aim was to raise awareness about responsible waste management and the environmental consequences of careless behaviour. The event emphasized adopting sustainable practices like reducing single-use plastics and practicing the 4R's of waste management.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Central University

of Jammu appreciated the students' efforts, commending their ability to create useful materials from waste. The event was convened by Lt Dr. Pankaj Mehta, faculty, Department of Environmental Sciences, and Dr. Kiran, University icon of NSS under the supervision of Prof. Richa Kothari, Nodal Officer for the SHS-2024 campaign. The event was attended by the students, scholars, staff, and NSS volunteers who were inspired to incorporate waste reduction into their daily lives.

35 Sainik School Nagrota cadets crack UPSC NDA written examination



Management along with qualified students.

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NAGROTA: In an exemplary achievement, 21 cadets of the current batch of Class XII and 14 of the previous batches from Sainik School Nagrota have successfully cracked the prestigious UPSC NDA/NA II Written Examination held on September 1, 2024. The results stand as a testament to the school's commitment to excellence and the cadets' unwavering dedication.

The current batch of Class XII cadets demonstrated their mettle and the selected cadets are now focused on clearing the

upcoming SSB interview, which is the next step in their journey to joining the National Defence Academy / Naval Academy.

The success is attributed to the dedicated coaching, individualized mentoring, and rigorous preparation provided by the institution.

Under the leadership of Principal Capt (IN) ShibuDevasia, who took over the command in May this year, Sainik School Nagrota realigned its strategy to achieve the primary objective of nurturing future military leaders. The

school has implemented new measures to enhance academic rigour and personality development, ensuring cadets are well-prepared for the challenges of the NDA.

Principal Capt (IN) ShibuDevasia extended his heartfelt congratulations to the successful cadets and commended the relentless efforts and commitment of the staff and this achievement as a reflection of the teamwork that defines Sainik School Nagrota.

The institution has planned to provide comprehensive training and guidance to help cadets succeed in the forthcoming SSB interviews by roping in Ex-GTOs and Psychologists with vast and varied experience in this field.

CEC Tashi Gyalson partners with Aditya Mehta Foundation to launch Para Sports Center

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LEH: In a groundbreaking initiative aimed at empowering para athletes, Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson has announced a collaboration with Aditya Mehta, founder of the Aditya Mehta Foundation (AMF). Accompanied by D.P. Singh, D.I.G. (Ex-BSP), and Asha Shaikh, a physiotherapist at the Foundation, they visited the Children with Special Needs School to mark the commencement of this transformative project.

The new center will be the world's first high-altitude, high performance para sports facility, strategically leveraging Ladakh's unique geographical advantages. The high altitude is expected to enhance athletes' lung capaci-

ty, providing an ideal training environment in preparation for prestigious global events, including the upcoming 2028 Paralympics. CEC Tashi Gyalson articulated his vision, stating, "Ladakh is poised to nurture world class para athletes and our partnership with the Aditya Mehta Foundation is a vital step towards realizing this dream."

The HCEC further emphasized the inherent abilities of children with special needs, noting that the high performance center will create unparalleled opportunities for athletes from Ladakh to excel in parasports, enabling them to gain dignity and recognition on the global stage. He stated that this initiative would not only foster athletic talent but also serve as a beacon of hope



CEC LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson during visit to Children with Special Needs School.

and inspiration for individuals with disabilities, showcasing their potential.

The facility is designed to benefit children with special needs not only from Ladakh but from across India and beyond. By collaborating with the Aditya Mehta Foundation, which is renowned as Asia's

first para sports academy and rehabilitation center, this initiative aims to empower para-athletes and help them realize their aspirations at international competitions.

While the construction of the center is underway, CEC highlighted the importance of immediate action. He urged

the Aditya Mehta Foundation to begin screening of children earliest possible for potential training opportunities at AMF's esteemed academy in Hyderabad, so that they can be trained well to get an opportunity to represent India in the 2028-29 paralympics as well as in other national and international events.

This initiative reflects a significant commitment to inclusivity in sports and a recognition of the vital role that para sports play in promoting empowerment and dignity for individuals with disabilities. As the project unfolds, it is expected to not only elevate the standard of para-sports in India but also position Ladakh as a global hub for high-altitude athletic training.

DM Srinagar issues prohibitory orders under Sec 163 BNSS

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SRINAGAR: In order to facilitate smooth conduct of electoral process in District Srinagar, to denote the end of campaigning period and start of silence period of campaigning, the District Magistrate (Deputy Commissioner / District Election Officer) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Monday issued prohibitory orders under Section 163 BNSS throughout the District.

According to the order issued from the Office of District Magistrate Srinagar, the restrictions have been imposed in District under Section 163

BNSS from 6:00 pm on September 23, 2024 (Monday) till 6:00pm on September 25, 2024 (Wednesday) in wake of the scheduled Polling in the District and to uphold the sanctity of democratic principles.

The order further reads that there shall be ban on unlawful assembly as per the section 189 of BNS and any procession or rally shall be prohibited to prevent any law and order problem, and no person shall convene, hold, attend, join or address any public meeting or procession in connection with the Elections.

Thermal fogging drive launched in Jammu Municipal areas

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JAMMU: Under the overall supervision of Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Dr. Devansh Yadav and Director Health Services Jammu Dr Rakesh Magotra, an intensified fogging drive was on Monday launched by Joint Venture of Directorate Health Services Jammu and Jammu Municipal Corporation from UMCP office Parade.

4 fogging teams shall be operational in Jammu Municipal Corporation jurisdiction daily. The fogging shall be done in areas where even a single case of Dengue or Chikungunya is diagnosed.

The drive was launched in presence of Dr. D J Raina, State Malariologist, J&K, Dr. Vinod Sharma, Health Officer, Vijay Tiwari,



IEC Consultant and Mohan Lal, AMO in UMCP Parade among others.

On the occasion, the role of various preventive measures was emphasized. The situation of Dengue is well under control and with the coordinated efforts of JMC and Directorate of Health Services Jammu, all possible necessary actions are being taken including vigorous IEC campaign, anti-larval measures, spraying, maintaining the Gambusia fish in the ponds and fogging besides others. Adequate testing facility and designated wards and beds are available in hospitals besides platelet transfusion wherever required. 104 helpline of National Health Mission is being utilized for any issues faced by the community and for addressing their queries.