

Tribute paid to Mahatma Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri on birth anniversary

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JAMMU, Oct 2: Rich tribute were paid to Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and Former Prime Minister of India Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth anniversaries.

JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani and JKPCC Working President Raman Bhatta in an impressive function held today at Satwari Chowk paid rich tributes to the great leader and Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi. The programme was organized by Congress Sewa Dal J&K Chairman Vijay Sharma Babbal. A large number of party workers assembled at Satwari Chowk and garlanded the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and paid floral tributes to Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi and also former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. Similar functions organized at all the district headquarters of J&K. Prominent among those who addressed and paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri included Yogesh Sawhney, Manmohan Singh, Kanta Bhan, Indu Pawar, Hari Singh Chib, Uday Bhanu Chib, Pranav Shagotra, Pawan Raina, etc.

The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) paid floral tribute to Father of the Nation on his birth anniversary. JKPCC also remembered Former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on his birth anniversary. Senior leaders and workers of J&K Pradesh Congress in a meeting presided over by Mohd Anwar Bhat paid floral tributes to father of Nation on his Jayanti, recalling his sacrifices and selfless services to the Nation. Senior Congress Leaders Gulam Nabi Monga, Surinder Singh Channi and Shameema Iqbal also spoke on the occasion.

Former Member-Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Ex State President (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir Shamsher Singh Manhas paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth anniversary at Chinore in Jammu North Assembly Constituency. Manhas said that the UT BJP organised a 15-day Sewa Pakhwada from September 15 to mark the birthday celebration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi till October 2 and underlined it with activities which has reiterated the party's commitment to social service.

J&K BJP remembered and paid warm tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth Anniversary at District, Mandal and Ward levels across Jammu and Kashmir under 'Sewa Pakhwada'. BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul, General Secretary Sunil Sharma, Altaf Thakur and other leaders paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri at Baramullah. Former BJP President Sat Sharma, Mumish Khajuria, Ayodhya Gupta, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Dr. Parmesh Mahajan, Nareesh Singh Jasrotia, Sanjay Banu, Neelam Nagrotta, Sat Paul Karlupia, Suchha Singh, Keshav Chopra, Rajesh Gupta, Karan Sharma, Jaideep Singh Samyali and other party leaders paid tributes to the Mahatma Gandhi and

Lal Bahadur Shastri at Sheila Resorts, Talab Tillo Jammu.

Gandhi Bhawan Committee celebrated birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in which Member of Parliament Lok Sabha Jammu Poonch Jugal Kishore Sharma was the chief guest. Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma started the function with lighting of lamps and by paying tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri. President Gandhi Bhawan Committee Gautam Mengi presided over the function. Suresh Sharma Retd Session Judge Chairman Gandhi Sewa Sadan, Rajesh Kakkad General Secretary Gandhi Bhawan Committee, Bhuvneshwar Gupta Joint Secretary, Senior BJP leader Yudhvir Sethi and Parveen Kemi, Bhagat said that Gandhi's philosophy holds the key to maintain peace and harmony in the world. Bhagat said that the entire world draws lessons from the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and Shastri.

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta appealed to the people to adopt Swadeshi products as far as possible to make the country self-reliant and boost up the local economy. The BJP stalwart leader was speaking at separate functions held to celebrate birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri. Member Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma, Sunil Sethi, Vinay Gupta District President, Pawan Singh, Bharat Bhushan Mandal President and Narinder Gupta Koki also accompanied the former Deputy Chief Minister. In a function held here at Satwari in connection with Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, Kavinder paid rich tributes to the Father of the Nation while asking people to adopt the Swadeshi Products to fortify the local economy which in turn will help the country to become self-reliant and a strong economy.

While paying glowing tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri at Khajuria Palace, Jaganoo, Ranbir Singh Pathania, Former MLA and BJP Spokesperson said that Gandhi ji's teachings are most relevant in today's era where conflict, hatred and technology explosion has posed new threats to the mankind. The programme was organized and addressed by Mandal President Rakesh Sharma, Sarpanch Sehdev Singh, Rama Murti, Susheel Raina, Chain Singh and others.

Former MLC and senior Congress Leader Ravinder Sharma has asked party workers to propagate the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, which is under severe attack in the country today by the communal and divisive forces. Addressing a gathering of party workers at Sunderbani and Nowshera today, Mr Sharma said that the country is facing a severe threat from the forces spreading hate and disharmony amongst the people of different faiths and religions which a direct challenge to the basic philosophy of father of nation Mahatma Gandhi, who preached non violence and harmonious co-existence keeping in view pluralistic population in our country.

Senior leader Democratic Azad Party Thakur Balwan Singh paid rich tributes to Father of

Nation Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister of India Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth anniversaries. Paying his floral tributes, Singh said that the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi is relevant for all times to come and even more relevant today when an atmosphere of conflicts and violence prevails in different parts of the world. Singh also remembered the contributions of Lal Bahadur Shastri and paid rich tributes to him for his outstanding role in the freedom struggle and later in different capacities, especially as Prime Minister.

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Maheshwar Singh Manhas Senior leader and founder member of Democratic Azad Party paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary at Janipur in Jammu North Constituency. The programme was organized by Pawan Kumar (Raju Mahajan)—one of the Founder Member of the Democratic Azad Party.

To pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister of India Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth anniversary, the founder members of Democratic Azad Party organized a function at Dayalacah. Several activists under the leadership of Former MLC Subash Gupta paid rich tributes to the duo leaders of the nation by offering flowers to their portraits.

In order to pay tribute to Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary **Aam Aadmi Party's Jammu and Kashmir unit** organised a program in Jammu which was headed by party's senior leader and Jammu province Incharge of Women Wing, Namrata Sharma alongwith senior leader Deep Singh. A large number of party volunteers and leaders took part in this programme during which floral tributes were paid to Mahatma Gandhi and he was remembered for his role during freedom struggle and nation building. AAP's senior leader Deep Singh also addressed the event.

The University of Jammu in collaboration with Fist fighter Club organised the 2nd edition of the half marathon to commemorate 153rd Gandhi Jayanti. Prof Umesh Rai, the chief guest on the occasion flagged off the marathon rally. To cherish and rejuvenate ideals propounded by Mahatma Gandhi, one of which was emphasis on cleanliness, Prof Umesh Rai launched Swachta Abhiyan on the campus. Prof Prakash Anathal, Dean Students Welfare, University of Jammu, Former Minister RS Chib and SSP Randhir Singh were special guests on the occasion. The Vice-Chancellor in presence of dignitaries also distributed the medals and trophies to the winner and the runner-up of the marathon.

In continuation to celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav', NSS, SKUAST-J, under the guidance of Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu Prof JP Sharma and Dean Student Welfare Prof Rajesh Katoch today

paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary. The programme started with offering of floral tribute to Father of Nation. The programme ended with a Swachhta Rally in the campus in which NSS volunteers were called upon to make aware the society about cleanliness and its importance.

The Hindi Cell and the Board of Cultural Activities of Sri Mata Vaishno Devi University organized several events to celebrate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri. On this occasion, a video depicting the life and contributions of these great personalities was shown. It was followed by a drawing competition and quiz competition to create awareness about the vision and mission of Gandhi Ji and Shastri Ji. Rudransh and Chetna, students of DPS Katra, presented an image of "2047's India of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri" in their speeches.

The NSS Unit of Government College of Education Jammu celebrated Gandhi Jayanti by conducting cleanliness drive in different areas under Swachh Bharat 2.0 campaign. Principal of the College Prof Aketa Gupta and NSS Programme Officer Dr Shubhra Jamwal also participated in the drive. While highlighting the importance of the day, Principal urged the NSS volunteers and students to follow Gandhi Ji's path of truth and non-violence and strengthen Gandhian Philosophy.

In continuation to series of activities pertaining to **Clean India 2.0 campaign, GDC Rammagar** celebrated the birth anniversary of Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi. On this occasion, Principal Dr. Udhay Bhanu, staff and students paid rich floral tributes to the man who was the great follower of truth and non-violence.

GDC Dudu Basantgarh in line with Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, organized symposium on the theme "Truth and non-violence is the Key of Dharma" as well as displayed a documentary on the life and works of Gandhi Ji to pay tributes to the greatest man of all times. Along with the staff, the students were present during the program. On the basis of overall clarity and content of the participants, Sonali Devi of Sem-1st stood first whereas Rimpdy Devi of Sem-1st and Bhushra Akhter of Sem-2nd clinched 2nd and 3rd position, respectively. Principal of the college Dr Bhavnish Chand asked the students to follow the path of truth and non-violence.

To commemorate the relevance of Gandhian thoughts and vision on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a series of activities were organised by Gandhi Jayanti Celebration Committee in collaboration with NSS (Unit 1) and 2 J&K Girls Bn NCC of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu. The celebrations started with cleanliness drive followed by slogan writing competition, poster-making competition, quiz competition, symposium, plantation drive, awareness rally, essay writing, pledge on non-violence and concluded with floral tribute to the Father of Nation. Prof Sujata Slathia, Officiating Principal of the College was also present on the occasion.

NSS Unit 'Sewak', GDC Neeli Nallah Udhamapur organised three day celebrations to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. The event was held under the guidance of Principal of the College, Prof Hans Raj. Prof Hans Raj, Principal of the College paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi along with faculty members.

Ramshit College of Education Basohli organised a symposium to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti in the MP Hall of the college. The students along with faculty members took part in the event. Dr Saifulah Khan Principal of the college shared his views about the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated with large participation by the members of **J&K Intellectual Civil Society New Delhi** led by their Chairman SS Sodhi who paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, amidst rendering of favourite 'Gandhi' bhajans on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, Chairman Sodhi recalled that Gandhi Ji's timeless teachings of Truth and Non-Violence had the power to shake the world out of its slumber and now it is time for us especially the youth to translate the vision and dreams of Mahatma Gandhi into reality for progressive Bharat.

To commemorate birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized a cleanliness drive at Bahu Fort Jammu. BJP leader Rajeev Charak, Kuldeep Raj Gupta Chairman Mohallah Welfare Committee, Harshesh Khokhar, Satpal Sharma, Ashok Manhas, Narendar Singh Charak and many others were present on the occasion.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, a cleanliness drive was organised at Sub District Hospital Mendhar and all peripheral institutions of Health Block Mendhar under the supervision of Block Medical Officer Mendhar Dr Parvaiz Ahmed Khan.

Dulhasti Power Station celebrated birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and organized a Plog Run. On this occasion, MK Kashyap, Group General Manager (In-charge), Dulhasti Power Station paid floral tributes to the Mahatma Gandhi and lead the Plog run with the Officers and employees of the Power Station. Dr. Nisha Sharma, General Manager (Medical Services), Shri Mithlesh Prasad Dinkar, General Manager (Electrical), Shri S.K Mishra, General Manager (Electrical), Shri Sharad Jaikar, General Manager (Civil), Dr. Raghawendra Pratap Singh Group Dy. General Manager (HR) and all senior officials also paid floral tributes to the Father of the Nation.

The month-long Gandhi Mahotsav to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi concluded at Teacher Bhawan with the arrival of Shanti Yatra which was received by Director School Education Jammu Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma. The yatra was flagged off by Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor. The Shanti

Yatra covered a distance of more than 1000 kilometers over 10 districts of Jammu Division taking a halt at 502 different Government Schools and inspired many on their way back to Teacher Bhawan. The Directorate of School Education Jammu organized Divisional Level Competitions in Painting, Essay Writing, Slogan Writing, Speech/Declaration and Poem Recitation on the theme of truth, peace, non-violence, swachhata and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of Gandhi Mahotsav. Fifteen winners from Jammu Division further participated in the UT level competition at Srinagar on September 30, 2022. Nirbhika from GHS Nonial Jammu got the first position in the Essay writing competition in UT level competition, Prachi from GHSS Kerian (Kathua) got the first position in the Slogan writing competition, Damjanpreet from GGHS Shastri Nagar Jammu got the second position in the Painting competition, Sahil Kumar from GHSS Muthi, Jammu got the second position in Seminar competition, Sonia Sharma from GGHS Doda got the third position in the Poem recitation competition, Shipriya Chopra from HSS Chak Jammu got the third position in Slogan Writing Competition. The grand UT level concluding function on Gandhi Mahotsav was held at SKICC, Srinagar which was streamed live at Teacher Bhawan Jammu and in various schools of Jammu Division.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, a program followed by a meeting was organized by the Social Organization Jiyo Aur Jeene Do, in which President Tariq Shah and members paid floral tribute to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and the great son of India Shastri ji on their birth anniversary.

Bicycle For Change Club Kathua celebrated Gandhi Jayanti. More than 170 cyclists including young children took part in the cycling rally with a motive to create awareness among public against hazards of using single use plastic. The cycle rally is supported by JK Private School Association Kathua Unit and was flagged off by ACR Kathua Sandeep Seinotra. Sunil Sharma, President BFCC and Amit Khajuria emphasised on eradicating the single use plastic from this society. Maninder Paul Singh, Media Secretary, BFCC, Sat Paul Sharma President JK Private School Association Kathua, Er Nareesh General Secretary, Rahul Sharma, Narendar Singh and many others participated in the event.

Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sanshan (BLSKS) celebrated birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri in close coordination with Sangam Tru Art Production and National Computer Institute by presenting musical play "Sabarmati Ka Sant" at Auditorium, Durga Bhawan Janipur, Jammu. The play was inaugurated by the chief guest VK Magotra, Former Regional Director, Directorate of Field Publicity, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India in presence of

Shaheen tours remote villages in Khari tehsil

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BANIHAL, Oct 2: National Conference leader and District president Ramban, Mir Sajjad Shaheen today conducted extensive tour to Village Kawna, Ahma, Kumbala, Arimarg, Bawah, Mahu in Khari tehsil and took stock of the problems faced by the people on day today basis.

He was accompanied by local DDC Counselor and other party functionaries of the block. During his visit to these villages, the locals apprised him about erratic power supply, scarcity of drinking water, shortage of staff in educational institutions and health care centers besides dilapidated condition of roads in far-off areas of the tehsil.

Shaheen said the road connectivity to Khari -Mahu and Banihal -Mangri roads is in bad shape and the delay in improvement and upgradation work has badly impacted the mobility and added to the miseries of the people.

He urged the District Administration to take immediate cognizance of these serious public issues as these are of utmost importance for the large number of local population living in the entire Khari tehsil.

Shaheen also drew attention of the LG administration towards deficiencies in Education and

Health sectors and sought immediate filling up of vacant posts as also stocking of adequate quantity of medicines in the Health institutions. Shaheen said same complaints have also been received from Pugal-Paristan, Neel, Sumar, Sarachi, Sumar, Chaknarwa-Chamalwas, Bajmasta, Chaka, Sarbagni, Amkote, Thachi, Bingara, Sarachi, Kumbala, Maligan, Arimarg, Buzla Senabati, Tanika and Gool villages.

Shaheen urged upon the administration to review stock and supply position of essential commodities and ensure advance dumping of ration, cooking gas and Kerosene oil in all snow bound areas of district Ramban and Gool including Mahu-Mangit, Trigam, Sarachi, Chaka, Sarbagni, Neel, Sumar, Pugal-Paristan, Hijnhal, Nowgam, Amkote-Thachi, Chaknarwa, Chamalwas and other higher reaches of other districts before the onslaught of winter as most of these areas remain cut off for months during the winter.

Later, Shaheen also went to the residence of Late Gulam Mohd Surakh of Hijwah, Khari who died after a brief illness and offered condolences to his family and relatives. DDC Counselor Khari Gulshan Parveen, Block president Khari Mohamed Ashraf Naik, and others accompanied the leader.

SSH frames Laswara Unit

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BISHNAH, Oct 2: Shiv Sena Hindustan (SSH) here today framed its Laswara Unit.

On this occasion, Mohinder Pal was appointed as SSH president; Rajinder Kumar, vice president; Hardeep Kumar, chairman; Kuldeep Kumar, general secretary; Surinder Kumar, secretary and Pankaj Sharma cashier. Prominent among those present on the occasion were Kala Ram,

Sahil, Kuldeep Raj, State vice president, Balbir Kumar; chairman, Shishpal Salathia; Anju Devi and others.

Welcoming new entrants into SSH, its J&K president, Rajesh Kesri said that Bishnah constituency has been neglected for so many years in terms of development.

He claimed that there is no proper and planned development in Bishnah.

guest of honour Dr Tara Singh Charak, Former Deputy Director, Health Department J&K Government. RP Amla, assisted the event. Earlier welcome address was presented by Dr ML Dogra, Chairman BLSKS.

National Council for Development of Urdu Language, Ministry of Education, Government of India organized a programme to pay tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary. On the occasion, Director National Council for Development of Urdu Language Prof Skeikh Aqel, Senior Advocate Aqel Ahmed, Anil Nauwla, Raju Chandel, Prof Ibne Kanwal, Prof Shahzaz Anjum, Kamal Singh, Shama Kausar Yazdani and many others expressed their views on the occasion.

Remembering the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at SCOPE Convention Centre New Delhi. Atul Sobti Director General SCOPE garlanded the statue of Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion.

Government Higher Secondary School Kandji, Rajouri organized a symposium on the topic "Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in Present Era" to celebrate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The programme was inaugurated by Principal Roop Lal. Nine students of the school spoke on the topic and threw light on the importance of teachings of Gandhiji.

Er Rishi Kaul Kilam, prominent

social and political activist along with other activists paid tributes and homage to the father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi. Meanwhile, Mashqur Ahmad Bhat said that Gandhi ji's ideas and teachings are relevant even today and we must follow his teachings to live a peaceful life. Neha Samsal, Sunaal Kakkar and many others were present on the occasion.

Cambridge Public School Paloura celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with patriotic fervor. On the occasion, the students enthralled the audience with colourful performances. Principal of the institution Baljit Singh Manhas in his speech threw light on the importance of the day.

To commemorate birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, an essay reciting competition was organized in the premises of NILET Higher Secondary School Udhampur under the patronage of Principal Ajay Gupta.

In connection with Gandhi Jayanti, Regional Office of National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), a fully owned company of Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH), is observing Swachhta Campaign from today under the chairmanship of Executive Director (Projects), Col Sandeep Sudhera (Retd). On the occasion, staff of the Regional Office Jammu cleaned the approach road of the office premises located in Channi Himmat, Jammu and took part to keep their environment clean and surroundings hygienic.

Aseem Gupta calls on Goyal

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JAMMU, Oct 2: BJP, vice president, Aseem Gupta today called on Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Minister of Textiles, Food and Public Distribution, Piyush Goyal at New Delhi regarding various industrial issues in Jammu and Kashmir.

Gupta stressed on boosting industrial sector in J&K to overcome the unemployment. He informed Minister that boosting industrial sector in the UT can be a boon for the people and it can address the unemployment problem to a great extent. He also appreciated the Government's initiative on Startups which could not get pace in J&K during last some years and said that with Government organising a two-days expo in Jammu on startups it is hoped that the youth of J&K will take full advantage of the same.

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Kohli appointed Additional AG

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JAMMU, Oct 2: Monica Kohli, Senior Advocate J&K and Lada kh High Court has been appointed Additional Advocate General in the Jammu Wing of High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

The order to this effect was issued by UT Government here today.

A practicing lawyer for last 23 years Monica Kohli has appeared in and handled numerous matters in various courts including Supreme Court of India and High Courts of various States and UTs as well as District Consumer

Protection Tribunals.

She practiced as an advocate on Panel of Advocate General of J&K High Court in Public Service Commission (PSC) and Finance Department Government of J&K.

She is also Retainer Council of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) since 2015 and was appointed as Penal Advocate for Food Corporation of India (FCI), State Bank of India (SBI) and Jammu Development Authority, (JDA). She was also empanelled pro bono lawyer for rendering free legal aid and advice to the marginalized sections of the society and has also worked as pro bono lawyer with DLSA.

Monika Kohli was also appointed as Amicus Curiae for J&K High Court as per the directions of Supreme Court of India by J&K and Ladakh High Court during Covid pandemic.

ADC Jammu interacts with SKUAST-J students

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JAMMU, Oct 2: NAHEP-IDP SKUAST Jammu and Counselling and Placement Cell organized a lecture on guidance for civil services examination.

On the occasion, Harvinder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu, interacted with the students and shared his experiences about preparation for

mended books for general studies papers. After the lecture there was a healthy interaction during which the ADC replied to the queries of students.

The lecture was attended by more than sixty students from different faculties.

The motivational speaker series is a part of the expert lecture initiative of the Counselling and Placement Cell & NAHEP-IDP SKUAST Jammu, being conducted under the guidance of Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor. As part of the series, civil service examination.



ADC Harvinder Singh posing for a group photograph after interaction with SKUAST-J students.

He discussed different aspects of the civil services exam with the students and emphasized that consistency in preparation, clarity, and confidence are essential for success.

While recommending different preparation tools, he emphasized the value of offline and internet material and placed special focus on reading magazines and newspapers like Vision IAS, Indian Express, and Economic Times, among others.

In addition, he also recom-



IAS Suchiter Sharma interacting with civil services aspirants at SR College of Competitions on Sunday.

SR College holds interaction with IAS Suchiter Sharma

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JAMMU, Oct 2: Besides organizing free workshops on General Studies and various Options for the Civil Services aspirants, the SR College of Competitions (SRCC) held an interaction with IAS Suchiter Sharma in the college premises at Gandhi Nagar, here today.

Suchiter Sharma, who qualified 2021 Civil Services examination, interacted with the aspirants preparing for Civil Services. He dealt with the nature and structure of the exam comprehensively. All the aspects including the scheme and pattern of the exam, approach for Prelims and Mains, sources of material and the books required, use of online resources and the relevance of newspaper reading in preparing the current affairs and writing test series for both prelims and mains were covered thoroughly and to the satisfaction of the students. He took up lot of questions from the aspirants and answered the same in detail.

Separate workshops were organised for Zoology, Political Science, Public Administration and Philosophy Optionals in which the entire syllabus, the focus areas and the previous years' questions papers were also

discussed. Aspirants were also guided about the CSAT and Essay papers.

Aspirants raised queries regarding factors to be kept in mind while choosing a right and suitable Optional. Further, aspirants asked about the ethics, integrity and aptitude papers and the approach to handle the theory and the case studies part.

Aspirants were also suggested to at least attend one comprehensive test series for both Prelim and Mains examinations. The College has already started a test series for General Studies Mains and Optionals test series is going to start from Wednesday.

The response was overwhelming and the attendees appreciated the initiative taken by the SR College. The attendees included the aspirants preparing for IAS 2023 and JKAS 2022 and also undergraduates who will be eligible in a couple of years. "SR College has planned a series of free workshops and interactions with the IAS officers, KAS toppers and various subject experts for the benefit of Civil Services aspirants of Jammu and Kashmir and this workshop was one in the series," informed Office Coordinator, Shikha Sharma.

Provide reservation to PoK refugees in Assembly: SUF

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JAMMU, Oct 2: Sikh United Front (SUF) has urged the visiting Union Home Minister, Amit Shah to provide reservation in J&K Assembly to the refugees of 1947 from Pak occupied Kashmir.

Addressing a joint press conference under the banner of Sikh

Government for development of Jammu and Kashmir remains mere hollow slogan. It is also demanded that out of 24 reserved seats of 1947 refugees of PoK, eight seats of assembly and two seats of Parliament be allotted to refugees settled in Kashmir and Jammu province.

Singh further demanded that out of eight assemblies and two parliament seats, four seats of assembly and one seat of Parliament be allotted to Kashmir and four assemblies and one seat of Parliament be allotted to Jammu province. He further demanded that Punjabi language be given the status of official language in Jammu and Kashmir and Sikh Anand Karaj Act be implemented in J&K. A Sikh representative/Advisor must be appointed in J&K. It was also demanded that the quota for recruitment be fixed to provide jobs to educated unemployed who belong to Sikh minority community. The representation to a Sikh is given in the Public Service Commission Member and Service Selection Board.

Moreover, remaining amount of Rs 24.50 lacs of PM's Package be released in favour of DPs from PoK.

Prominent among those present included Mohinder Singh, Darbinder Singh, Rajinder Singh, Raja Singh, Ravinder Singh, Kulwant Singh and others.



SUF chairman S S Wazir addressing a press conference in Jammu on Sunday.

United Front J&K, an amalgam of various Sikh organizations, Sudarshan Singh Wazir (Chairman SUF), demanded that Home Minister Amit Shah during his tour of Jammu and Kashmir from Monday should announce reservation for refugees of PoK (1947) on the pattern of reservation to Pahari people, restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and early conduct of assembly elections in J&K.

It was stressed upon the Union Home Minister that statehood be returned to Jammu and Kashmir as the Government has demoted State of Jammu and Kashmir by abrogation of article 370 and 35A. The claim of Indian