

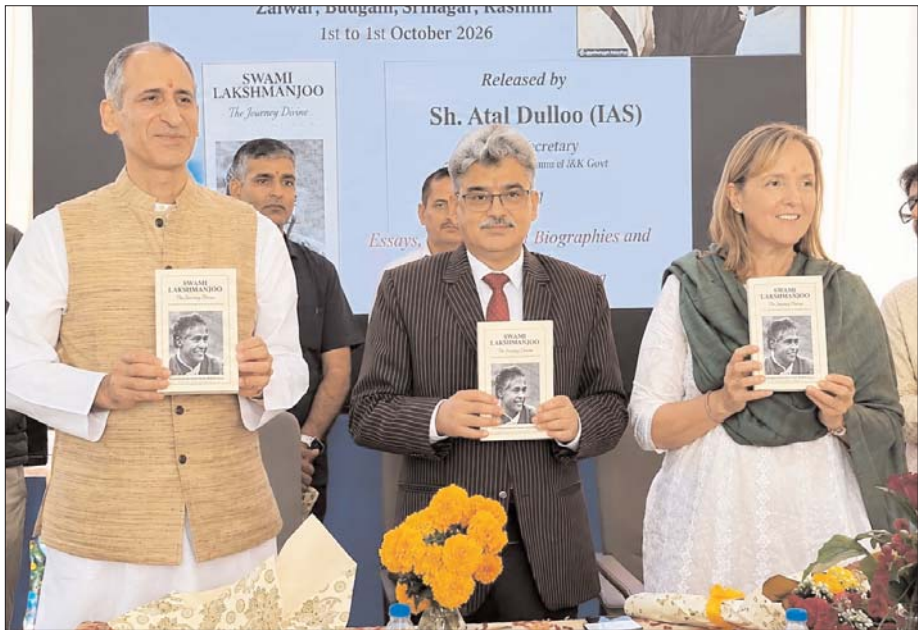
CS Dulloo releases book on Swami Lakshmanjoo at historic Ishwar Ashram

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today visited the historic Ishwar Ashram at Ishber, Nishat and released a book chronicling the life, times and enduring legacy of renowned twentieth-century master of Kashmir Shaivism, Swami Lakshmanjoo (1907–1991).

On the occasion, the Chief Secretary paid tribute to the profound contribution of Swami Lakshmanjoo towards preserving and propagating the rich philosophical heritage of Kashmir, particularly the traditions of Kashmir Shaivism.

He observed that the life and teachings of such eminent spiritual scholars constitute an important part of Kashmir's composite intellectual and cultural heritage and deserve to be documented and made accessible to succeeding generations.



The Chief Secretary appreciated the efforts behind bringing out the book, describing such works as valuable in documenting the life and contributions of personalities who have enriched the cultural and philosophical landscape of Jammu and

Kashmir. During his visit, the Chief Secretary also took a tour of the Ashram and was apprised of its historical significance and activities associated with the preservation of the teachings of Swami Lakshmanjoo.

The visit highlighted the importance of preserving

Jammu and Kashmir's diverse heritage and documenting the contributions of its eminent spiritual, literary and intellectual figures for posterity.

Those who were present includes Shanna Huges and Dr. Anusheel Munshi who are the disciples of the saint.

ADDC Jammu reviews implementation of Youth Empowerment Program

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Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Jammu Sher Singh today chaired a meeting at his office to review the implementation of the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP).

During the meeting, the ADDC took stock of the status of youth-centric initiatives being implemented across departments and asked the officers to present department-wise progress.

He stressed that the District-Level YEP Cell must function as the coordination, implementation and monitoring unit for youth empowerment activities in the district. He directed the officers to complete youth mapping and prepare a comprehensive database covering students, unemployed youth, youth clubs, volun-



teers, entrepreneurs and sportspersons.

The ADDC called for intensified awareness and outreach in schools, colleges and villages, and for wider mobilisation of youth through educational institutions, NYKS/NSS, youth clubs and Panchayats. He also directed that skill workshops, career counseling, placement and entrepreneurship camps be organised on a regular basis, with strong linkages to employment exchanges, skill institutions and

banks.

Emphasising convergence of schemes, he asked the departments to coordinate effectively to avoid duplication and ensure that benefits reach the intended youth.

He also asked them to maintain authentic data and submit monthly progress reports on youth reached, registered, trained and linked with opportunities.

The ADDC further directed the officers to collect feedback from participating youth and to

address implementation gaps promptly.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Ajaypal Singh, Deputy Director Employment Sunaina Saini, Deputy Director (PR) Moksha Dogra, District Health Officer Sophia Jan, AD Fisheries Munish Kumar besides Nodal Principal of Colleges, GCW Parade, and district officers of the concerned departments such as Skill Development, Education, Agriculture and Social Welfare.

DC leads One-Hour Shramdaan under “Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Sath” Campaign

Mega cleanliness drive held at historic Chowgan Grounds Kishtwar

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As part of the “Swachhata Hi Seva – 2026” campaign, the District Administration Kishtwar today organized a mega one-hour cleanliness drive (Shramdaan) here at the historic Chowgan Grounds under the banner “Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Sath”.

The cleanliness drive was led by Deputy Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma with attendance from all District and Sectoral Officers, their staff and Safai Karamcharis.

The event was organized with the objective of reinforcing the message of cleanliness, civic responsibility and behavioural change through Jan Bhagidari, while encouraging collective ownership of public spaces.

The Deputy Commissioner administered the Swachhta Pledge to all participants. He appreciated the enthusiasm and wholehearted participation of all officers, officials, sanitation workers and the general public.

He emphasized that cleanliness is a collective responsibility and called for sustained public participation, behavioural change and active community engagement to maintain clean and hygienic public spaces. He urged everyone to carry forward the spirit of Shramdaan beyond the



campaign and make cleanliness a regular collective practice.

The collective Shramdaan at Chowgan Ground reflected the spirit of “Swachhata Hi Seva”, emphasizing that sustained cleanliness requires active participation and shared responsibility among government institutions, elected representatives and citizens.

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Lone; CPO Akhil Thakur; ACD Manoj Kumar; ACP Neeraj Sharma; EO MC Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal; AD Handicrafts Pardeep Shan; BDO Ravi Parihar; BDO Hqrs. Chandan Manhas; CMO Dr. Sanjay Bhat; DYSSO Jaffer Haider Sheikh; BDO Nagseni Subhash Thakur; BDO Bounjwah Aijaz Ahmed, besides other officers and officials were present on the occasion.

Dengue Surveillance intensified in Doda

Health Department conducts field inspection of identified hotspots

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As part of the ongoing efforts to contain dengue and strengthen vector-control measures in the district, the Dengue Surveillance Team of the Health Department Doda conducted a comprehensive field inspection of identified hotspots.

The field team, led by Dy Medical Superintendent AH GMC Doda Dr. Irfan Tasaduq Kelam, revisited the identified hotspots to assess the prevailing situation and undertake a detailed inspection of areas having potential for mosquito breeding.

Special attention was given to stagnant water and other possible breeding sites, with the team checking for the presence of mosquito larvae and conditions conducive to mosquito proliferation.

During the visit, the team also surveyed the surrounding areas and identified locations requiring immediate preventive intervention. Em-



phasis was laid on the timely removal of stagnant water, elimination of potential breeding sources, proper sanitation and regular surveillance to minimize the risk of

mosquito breeding and further transmission of dengue.

The inspection forms part of the Health Department's continued strategy to strengthen field-level

surveillance, ensure early identification and source reduction of mosquito breeding sites and maintain close monitoring of dengue-prone areas across the district.

JMC completes Rainwater Harvesting Project at Govt Girls High School Gandhi Nagar

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Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today completed and inaugurated a rainwater harvesting project at Government Girls High School, Gandhi Nagar. The project, initiated around two months ago, was inaugurated by Commissioner JMC Dr. Devansh Yadav as part of the Corporation's ongoing efforts towards water conservation, groundwater recharge and sustainable environmental management.

The programme was organised as part of the Seva Parv activities. A water conservation pledge was also administered on the occasion, in which students, teachers and JMC officials pledged to save water, prevent its wastage and use this precious natural resource judiciously. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Yadav stressed the importance of involving students in water conservation and encouraging them to adopt responsible water-



saving practices in their daily lives and spread awareness among their families and communities.

Dr. Yadav said that the JMC is undertaking several initiatives under the “Clean Jammu, Green Jammu” campaign to mark Gandhi Jayanti. He said that under the “Catch the Rain” campaign, similar rainwater harvesting projects will be implemented in more than 1,000 government schools. The initiative, he said, will not only help conserve rainwater and facilitate groundwater

recharge but also create greater awareness among the younger generation about the importance of saving water.

The Commissioner also visited a park in Gandhi Nagar where a rainwater harvesting system has been installed and reviewed the facility. He said that similar systems are being developed in approximately 26 parks across Jammu city to capture rainwater and facilitate its recharge into the ground. Such interventions, he added, will help reduce the loss of rainwater through surface runoff

and contribute towards replenishing groundwater resources, while strengthening the city's efforts towards sustainable water management.

Joint Commissioner (Health and Sanitation) Abdul Sattar, Health Officer Dr. Shahid Hussain, Assistant Floriculture Officer Dr. Rabia Khan, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon Dr. Divya Sharma, School Principal Anjanmin Jabeen, Executive Engineer Yasir Bashir Kitchloo along with other JMC officers, officials, teachers and students were present on the occasion.

DLSA Samba observes Int'l Day of Older Persons

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The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Samba today observed the International Day of Older Persons under the theme “The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives.” The objective was to generate awareness about the rights, dignity, health, safety and well-being of senior citizens.

The programme was inaugurated by Chairman (Principal District & Sessions Judge) District Legal Services Authority Ashwani Kumar Sharma in presence of Additional District & Sessions Judge Arvind Sharma, Secretary DLSA, Shafeeq Ahmed and Block Medical Officer Dr. Richa Arora.

On the occasion, the



DLSA organised a Health Check-up Programme for older persons, wherein senior citizens were provided medical consultation and basic health check-up facilities. Eye consultation, Ortho consultation, Blood Pressure check – up and on spot Blood Sugar check – up was done. Along this, the

necessary medication was also provided to the beneficiaries as per requirement. The programme aimed at encouraging preventive healthcare and ensuring that older persons receive proper attention, care and support.

The DLSA Samba reiterated its commitment towards extending legal

awareness, assistance and support to senior citizens, particularly those who are vulnerable or in need of legal intervention.

The programme was attended by judicial officers, officials of DLSA, Bar Members, Medical professionals, Para Legal Volunteers, Litigants and Senior Citizens.