

Congress pays tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister of Science

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Congress celebrated the birth anniversary of father of nation Mahatma Gandhi alongwith Former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri at PCC HQ Rajiv Bhawan Jammu.

Working President Shri Raman Bhalla Presided over the function while senior leaders and activists attended in large numbers.

Prominent amongst them included Former ministers Mula Ram ,Yogesh Sawhney, District President Jammu Urban, GM Saroori, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Ex Legislators Th Balbir Singh, Indu Pawar, Naresh Gupta,,Senior leaders Manmohan Singh, Vinod Sharma,Kanta Bhan ,Shashi Sharma, Suresh Dogra, Satish Sharma, Amrit Bali, Ex Corporators Dwarka Choudhary, Mohd. Iqbal Dar, Prof Ashok Bhagat, Seva Dal Chief Vijay Sharma, Sanjeev Panda, Neeraj Gupta, Kapil Singh, Rajiv Saraf, Adv Bhavishya Sudan, Adv Gagandeep Singh, Sohlt Sharma ,Mangal Bral , Pritam Singh. Varinder Manhas , Rajvir Singh, Vijayant Pathania, Latish Sharma, Prem Lal Sharma, Kewal Kishan Jogi, Sanjeev Dogra, Suman Wazir, Pardeep Bhalla, Rakesh Sharma,



Gurmeet Singh, Ram Mangotra,Shallu Dutta, Ashu Mehra, Neelam Lata, Harsh Kour, Sanjeev Vaid, Sushil Kumar, Anuradha Sharma, Monika Bhat, Manmeet Kour and others.

Rich tributes were paid to the father of nation on the occasion, recalling his great contributions to the freedom of the country.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Raman Bhalla remembered the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi who united the diverse nation under one umbrella of Indian National Congress to fight the mighty British Raj on the principle of Ahimsa(Nonviolence) and truth.

He gave the strongest weapon of Satyagrah to fight the mighty power and adopted the path of non violence to defeat the designs of the mighty ruler and to

achieve the goal of freedom. His companions and followers like Jawahar Lal, Sardar Patel, Moulana Azad, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Netaji Subash Chander Boase, Dr Rajinder Prashad and the other stalwarts stood against the divisive designs and opportunist forces , to keep the country united with multiple diversities and finally succeeded in the mission but certain divisive and opportunists played into the hands of Britishers and divided the country on communal and religious lines.

Bhalla said that those communal and opportunist forces are still trying to create wedge between Hindus and Muslims in order to stay in power and weakening the delicate secular fabric of this nation which is weakness and strengthen

both.

Congress and other like minded secular forces have to guard the interests of the country and keep it united at all costs and defeat the designs of communal and divisive forces who are posing threat to the very existence and unity of this country for their power politics.

He cautioned the party workers about the threat to secularism and unity by the opportunist politics of BJP-RSS.

Several others paid floral tributes and took pledge to follow the philosophy and principles of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, remembering his popular slogan of Jai Jawan Jai Kissan,which gave new strength to our nation and defeated Pakistan in 1965.

Congress seva Dal holds Satyagreh " Save Democracy "



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J & K Congress Seva Dal held Satyagreh for " Save Democracy " on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi jyanti at Shaheedi Chowk Jammu in which several senior leaders including former ministers, former legislators and party functionaries participated.

Led by J&K Congress Seva Dal Chairman Shri Vijay Sharma, large number of Congress seva Dal activists participated in the Satyagreh as part of nationwide call of AICC Congress Seva Dal for Save Democracy campaign in the country.

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Kour and several other leaders participated. Several senior leaders of Congress Seva Dal took part in the Satyagreh

Shri Raman Bhalla while addressing the gathering at Satygreh ,lashed out at BJP for hijacking the democracy and electoral system in the country by vote chori,which is quite evident and established now. Threat to democracy is writ large in the country and the freedom will become meaningless without free and fair elections and right to vote to every eligible voter in the country.

He said that Congress party has launched " Save Democracy " campaign in the country and all like minded democratic parties and other forces ,individuals are invited to join the fight to save

democracy.

Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma lauded the congress leadership especially LOP Shri Rahul Gandhi for exposing the large scale manipulations illegalities and irregularities being committed by the Ruling party through CEC Gyanesh Kumar Gupta,who should be removed immediately and prosecuted.

Former minister Yogesh Sawhney hit out at CEC and BJP for vote chori and asked people to join the movement for saving Democracy in the country.

Former ministers Mula Ram,GM Saroori, Ex Legislators, Senior PCC leaders also addressed the gathering and appealed people to join the struggle to save democracy.

J&K Seva Dal paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri and welcomed the participants. He said that Congress party and its frontal wings especially Seva Dal shall be on forefront for the sake of democracy and check Vote Chori in the BJP regime.

Participants raised slogans against Modi government and CEC Gyanesh Kumar GUPTA seeking his immediate removal.

Governor Kavinder inaugurates Natural Therapy Centre at Madhav Srishti Parisar, Solan

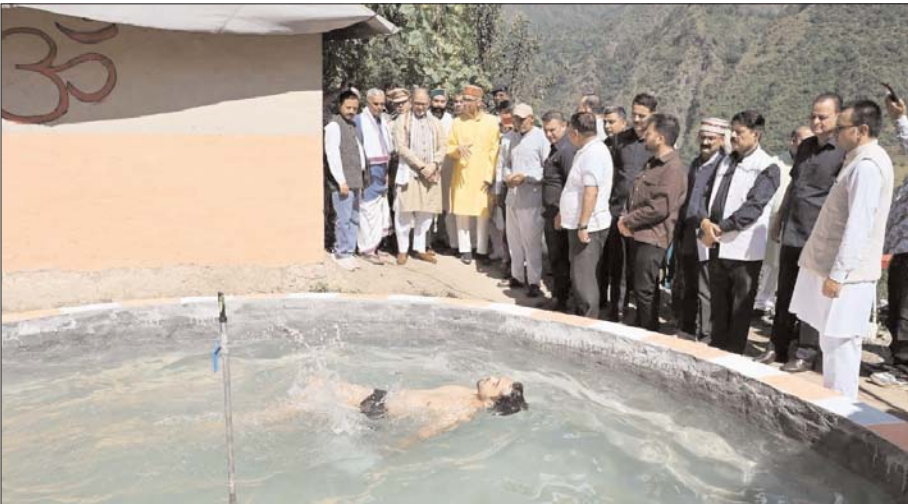
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Governor Shri Kavinder Gupta today inaugurated the Natural Therapy Centre at Madhav Srishti Bahu-Aayami Shikshan Sansthan, run by Vidya Bharati Himachal, at Gan Ki Ser in Solan district.

Congratulating Himachal Shiksha Samiti, Vidya Bharati and all associated workers, the Governor said that the occasion, coinciding with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, provided an opportunity to recall his ideals of truth, non-violence, cleanliness, self-reliance and service to the last person. He said that for Gandhi Ji, service was not merely an activity undertaken on special occasions but a way of life. Referring to Gandhi Ji's special association with Himachal Pradesh, he appreciated the efforts of Shri Vinod Bhardwaj for researching and documenting important historical aspects of his visits to the State.

The Governor also honoured Shri Vinod Bhardwaj, author of Gandhi in Shimla, for his contribution towards documenting this important part of Himachal's history.

The Governor said that education should go beyond knowledge and employment and should develop character, discipline, self-confidence, national consciousness and a spirit of service among children.



He said that 178 Saraswati Vidya Mandirs were being run in Himachal Pradesh by Himachal Shiksha Samiti under the guidance of Vidya Bharati, providing an important service to society.

Appreciating Madhav Srishti Parisar for bringing education, health, yoga, cow conservation, medicinal plants and skill development together, he said that Madhav Gaushala was contributing towards the conservation and promotion of indigenous breeds of cattle, while cow-based products could also support self-reliance and the rural economy.

Referring to Madhav Yog Ashram, the Governor said that yoga represented India's rich tradition of promoting a healthy and balanced way of life. He appreciated the efforts of Shri Srinivas Murthy, founder of Yoga Bharati Himachal Pradesh, and said that yoga, pranayama and meditation had become in-

creasingly important in today's stressful lifestyle. He also appreciated Madhav Vanaspati Vihar as an initiative aimed at preserving traditional knowledge of medicinal plants.

Governor said that the new initiative would further strengthen the service-oriented activities of Madhav Srishti Parisar and that the success of such projects should ultimately be measured by the extent to which their benefits reached people and brought positive change to the local community. He urged the youth to make yoga and sports an integral part of their lives along with education, stressing that a healthy body, a healthy mind and strong character were the foundations of a strong society. He said that Madhav Srishti Parisar would fulfil its larger purpose when it developed not merely as an institution but as a vibrant centre of service, values, health and self-reliance.

Earlier, Vidya Bharati Akhil Bharatiya Mahamantri Shri Desh Raj welcomed the Governor and said that Vidya Bharati was providing quality education through Saraswati Vidya Mandirs while focusing on moral education and the spirit of national service along with modern education. Founder of Yoga Bharati Himachal Pradesh Shri Srinivas Murthy highlighted the importance of yoga in daily life and gave details of the Natural Therapy Centre.

Himachal Shiksha Samiti President Shri Mohan Keshta presented the vote of thanks.

Former Health Minister Dr Rajiv Saizal, Solan Municipal Corporation Mayor Smt Sushma Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Solan Shri Manmohan Sharma, Superintendent of Police Shri T. Sai Dattatreya and other prominent people were also present on the occasion.

Jigar Institute of Education celebrates Gandhi Jayanti

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Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated with devotion and social commitment at the Jigar Institute of Education, Training and Rehabilitation, Gangyal, Jammu, where a special programme was organised by the Institute's Founder, Sandhya Dhar, to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi Ji.

J&K BJP General Secretary and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, attended the programme and paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi Ji. Remembering his timeless ideals of truth, non-violence, cleanliness, service and humanity, Billawaria said that Gandhi Ji's thoughts continue to inspire generations and remain deeply relevant in building a compassionate, responsible and inclusive society.

Addressing the gathering, Billawaria said that Mahatma Gandhi Ji regarded cleanliness and service as more than individual responsibilities—they were, in his vision, essential components of social transformation. He said that under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the spirit of cleanliness, public participation and service has been strengthened across



the country, further advancing the vision of a clean, healthy and empowered India.

Billawaria particularly appreciated the dedicated efforts of Sandhya Dhar and the Jigar Institute for their continued service towards children with special needs and persons with disabilities. He said that providing education, specialized training, rehabilitation and opportunities for self-reliance is not only a meaningful social service but also an important step towards creating an inclusive society where every child gets an opportunity to learn, grow and realize their potential.

Appreciating the Institute's work, Billawaria said that its efforts are bringing hope, confidence and dig-

nity into the lives of children with special needs and their families. He emphasized that supporting and empowering specially-abled and vulnerable sections of society is a collective responsibility, requiring compassion, sensitivity and active participation from all sections of society.

He also lauded the staff and volunteers of the Institute for their dedication and commitment, and expressed his best wishes for the continued growth and success of the organization.

Speaking on the occasion, Sandhya Dhar, Founder of Jigar Institute, said that the Institute is committed to providing children with special needs with quality education, training and rehabilitation

facilities so that they can become more confident, self-reliant and active participants in mainstream society.

She reaffirmed that the Institute would continue its efforts with the same spirit of service, compassion and dedication, working towards creating better opportunities and a brighter future for children with special needs and their families.

The programme witnessed the participation of the Institute's staff members, children, parents and other prominent members of society, who joined together in paying tribute to Mahatma Gandhi Ji and reaffirming the importance of service, cleanliness, compassion and social responsibility.

POONCH: 02 OCT

2026: The Indian Army successfully concluded the Transit Facility established at Dharawali, Loran, Poonch for the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities after remaining operational from 18 September to 02 October 2026.

The facility was established to provide essential support and a safe, comfortable transit environment to nomadic families and their livestock during seasonal migration. Over the 15-day period, the Indian Army provided temporary accommodation, hot meals, safe drinking water, medical assistance, veterinary care for livestock and round-the-



clock security to ensure the welfare and safety of the travelling families.

Approximately 124 gents, 60 ladies and 65 children along with nearly 1,380 livestock, availed themselves of the facilities during the period.

Medical and veterinary support also helped address immediate health requirements during transit. The initiative reflected the Indian Army's continued commitment towards humanitarian assistance, community wel-

fare and support to nomadic populations in remote areas. The successful conduct of the facility further strengthened the enduring bond between the Indian Army and the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities of the region.

MC Poonch launches Ward-Wise, Mohalla-Wise Safayi Abhiyan on Gandhi Jayanti

POONCH, OCTOBER 02:

To commemorate Gandhi Jayanti, the Municipal Council Poonch today kick-started a comprehensive Ward-Wise, Mohalla-Wise Safayi Abhiyan, beginning from Mohallah Sarain and Mohallah Qasaban.

The campaign covered all 17 wards of the Municipal Council, with sanitation teams undertaking focused cleanliness activities across designated mohallas.

Earlier in the morning, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to all Safai Karamcharis in recognition of their dedicated ser-

vices and contribution towards keeping the town clean.

Thereafter, the entire sanitation staff proceeded to the designated mohallas and carried out the Safayi Abhiyan. Various religious places, including a bowli, were also cleaned as part of the drive. The entire staff of Municipal Council Poonch remained present during the launch.

A desilting plan is also being prepared and will be taken up subsequently as part of the cleanliness drive.

The initiative witnessed encouraging participation from locals, for-

mer councillors, members of civil society and media representatives, who joined and assisted in the campaign and appreciated the efforts of the Municipal Council. Their participation highlighted the importance of collective responsibility and public cooperation in keeping Poonch clean.

The CEO Municipal Council Khalil A. Bandy appealed to the people not to throw garbage in the open and focus on source segregation of waste and extend their cooperation to the municipal sanitation teams.