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J&K Govt dedicated...

carpets which will inspire and motivate other young entrepreneurs, the Lt Governor said.

He appreciated Sanchaita Pradhan Khajuria and Mansi Gupta for their endeavours to strengthen the unique cultural and artistic heritage of J&K. Sanchaita is promoting Basohli and Bina art through her company 'Shilpkari Bazar Business'. She is an immense source of inspiration and motivation to all women, he said.

Mansi Gupta is an agent of change and inspiring other women to become architects of their own destiny. Her company, MG Design Studio is making dedicated efforts to revive the Calico painting art of Samba, the Lt Governor added.

HAUSLA programme is one of the key initiatives of the UT Administration which are helping the women entrepreneurs to rise and excel. It helped many women like Zareefa Hamid, Shivani Sharma and Sanyokta Bhagat to learn the value of the e-commerce market and build upon their business ideas, the Lt Governor said.

The support and assistance extended to Zareefa Hamid have enabled her company Misal Embroidery manufacturing Pashmina Shawl to get global clientele. Shivani Sharma now manages the operations of her pre-school digitally. With innovative ideas, she is redefining the business and operating models, he said.

Sanyokta Bhagat from RS Pura with her indomitable courage overcame many challenges to find her place in the garment sector, he added.

The Lt Governor made a special mention of the Khushi cluster federation from block Ghordi, Udhampur which is planning to go global with the launch of pine handcraft on e-commerce platforms. He said, this will ensure better remunerative marketing linkages for the products of the highly talented artisans, craftsmen and small enterprises of Udhampur.

He commended Zeenat Mushtaq for her pivotal contribution to J&K's business ecosystem. Zeenat now aims to participate in national and international expos so that the marketing experience and business values she has gained can be imparted to the next generation.

The Lt Governor voiced the valuable suggestions received from Srinagar's Sheikh Mohammad Saleem, Sankarshan from Samba and Mushtaq Ahmed Lone from Budgam to promote cooperative societies, efficiency of Cooperative Consumer Federation and Primary Agriculture credit societies and making the Swachh Abhiyan a Jan Abhiyan.

He also shared the inputs of Arnab Khajuria from Jammu, Rajouri's Mohammad Aslam, Abhinav Bhatti from Samba and Jammu's Rhythm Sharma pertaining to the promotion of Khadi, empowerment and mainstreaming of the street vendors, and directed the concerned departments and officers to take necessary action on the valuable suggestions received.

The Lt Governor urged the citizens to buy local products and support Self-Help Groups, potters, small manufacturers and sellers during festival season.

Amid festivity, CS...

stage techniques, creating a captivating experience.

During his inaugural address, the Chief Guest of the occasion, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta emphasized the Administration's commitment to providing high-quality services to tourists visiting Katra. He extended his heartfelt congratulations to the local community on the auspicious occasion of Navratras and conveyed warm greetings. He further emphasized that truth always triumphs, and the epic Ramayana beautifully illustrates this timeless lesson.

The Divisional Commissioner Jammu expressed his appreciation for the collective efforts of the Tourism Department, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, District Administration Reasi, Central Bureau of Communication, and all other agencies that contributed to the successful organization of the festival.

Anshul Garg, CEO of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, extended a warm welcome to the guests, emphasizing that Navratras signify the dawn of fresh beginnings and spiritual rejuvenation.

The Navratra Festival, which was initiated in 1996, has evolved into an event of grand proportions. Thousands of people congregate not only to pay their respects to Maa Vaishno Devi Ji but also to partake in the grand festivities. During these Navratras, Katra and Jammu come alive with bright lights, colorful drapes, and the melodious tunes of folk and devotional music.

The main highlights of the nine-day event taking place in Katra from the 15th to the 23rd of October, 2023, include Ramlala, All India Devotional Song Competition, Bhagwat Katha, Prabhat Pheri, Shobha Yatra, Mata Ki Kahani, Laser Show narrating Mata Ki Kahani, Wrestling Competition, Hassaya Vyang and Devotional dances, Kavi Sammelan, Program by Specially abled children among others.

Furthermore, a cultural program and multimedia exhibition organized by the Central Bureau of Communication will be held at Higher Secondary School, Katra, where artists from across India will showcase their diverse art forms.

Beyond Katra, this year the celebrations will extend to Jammu, Udhampur, Samba, and Kathua. Attendees can immerse themselves in the sacred mystique of Mata Ka Jagran, partake in Folk Festivals and witness the grandeur of the Basohli Utsav, a stunning showcase of Ramlala, Art, Culture and Traditions. Don't miss the chance to marvel at exquisite Basohli paintings and luxuriate in the splendour of Pashmina shawls.

The vote of thanks was presented by Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism, Jammu, who expressed his gratitude and appreciation to all the stakeholders for their unwavering commitment and overwhelming support.

In addition, the event was graced by esteemed guests, including Rani Jyoti Slatia, ADDC Reasi, Abdul Satar, ADC Reasi, Deepak Dubey, SDM Katra, Vipin Chandran, SP Katra, Dr. Umesh Shan, Deputy Director Tourism, Ajay Salan, Dy.CEO SMVDSB Katra, Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Director Tourism Publicity, and Arif Lone, ADT Katra, as well as Sugandhi Banotra, AD Tourism Jammu and

PRIs representatives among other notable dignitaries.

Those seeking to...

necessary. "In the world, the weak have to be protected from the cruel, then weapon is to be taken in the hands" he said.

In this regard, it is essential to contemplate the safety and security of all within the nation, he said.

Dr Bhagwat said that the basic values and rituals of Sanatan Dharma have been prevalent since ancient times. Sanatan is the culture of India. The universe rests on the first line of the Prithvi Sukta in which balanced behaviour and collective order is the method of Sanskar, he added.

"We are only trustees on this earth. Property belongs only to God. We only have values with which we can make everyone prosperous. It is needed today. The rise of Sanatan Dharma is the rise of India. Religion connects everyone, religion creates balance, all Indian traditions are based on religion", he said, adding that we have to become worthy for the country, the world respects the one who has power.

The RSS chief also paid floral tributes to Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookherjee at Kathua chowk and offered prayers at a temple.

He visited Jakhbud in the outskirts of the town and unveiled a statue of Bharat Mata. While interacting with the villagers, he urged them to create a village full of village development, ideals and values.

On this occasion, Regional Sanghchalak Sita Ram, State Sanghchalak Dr. Gautam Maingi and Kathua department Sanghchalak Vidya Ratan were also present. A large number of women were also present in the gathering to listen to the address of Sarsanghchalak. Physical display, exercise and slogan display were also done by the volunteers in the gathering.

After this, Sarsanghchalak Dr. Mohan Bhagwat ji also went to pay obeisance at the Radha Krishna temple located in Ward 6 of the city.

Earlier, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief offered prayers at the Bawe Wali temple here on the first day of Navratra.

The RSS chief arrived at the temple dedicated to goddess Kali in the Bahu Fort area in the morning amid tight security and paid obeisance at the shrine. He congratulated the people of Jammu on the occasion of Navratra.

Two drug peddlers...

police said. The truck, arriving from Kashmir, was intercepted and checked at Jakhani along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, a police spokesperson said.

He said 239 kilogrammes of poppy straw was seized from the vehicle, following which the driver and the co-passenger, both residents of Budgam, were arrested.

A case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act has been registered and an investigation is underway, the spokesperson said.

CRIME REPORT

5 miscreants arrested for manhandling Panch, contractor

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Police has arrested five miscreants for manhandling a Panch and a Contractor in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba.

The arrested miscreants have been identified as Pankaj Kumar of Ramgarh, Keshav Sharma of Vijaypur, Amrik Singh of Sunjwan, Dheeraj and Ajay Kumar of border area Samba.

Two separate cases--- case FIR No.245/2023 and case FIR No.243/2023 have been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation is underway.

Three miscreants namely Keshav, Pankaj and Amrik have been arrested for manhandling Panch of GarhMandiGurhaSalathianPanchayat of block Vijaypur, whereas two miscreants namely Dheeraj and Ajay have been arrested for mishandling a local Contractor.

The miscreants have been arrested by Police teams headed by SHO PS Samba Daljit Singh and PSI Devinder Singh under the supervision of DySP Garu Ram.

17 vehicles seized, 4 drivers arrested for illegal mining

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: Acting tough against the illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police on Sunday seized 04 tractors and arrested their drivers at Juhama Baramulla.

As per details, a police party under the supervision of DySP Hgrs Baramulla Altaf Ahmad, assisted by IC PP Delina seized 4 tractors & arrested 04 drivers namely Kamran Ashraf Sofi son of Mohd Ashraf, Abdul Rashid Sofi son of Ghulam Mohd, Suhail Ahmad Dar son of Ghulam Nabi & Zahoor Ahmad Sofi son of Abdul Aziz, all residents of Juhama Baramulla for their involvement in illegal extraction/transportation of minerals at Juhama Baramulla.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Baramulla and investigation has been initiated.

In a quest to stem the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of Police Stations Nagrota, Arnia, Police Posts Sidhra and Chatha acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 13 vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicles 4 Vehicles i.e 03 Tipper bearing Registration No. JK02CM-3776, JK02CU-3765, One without Registration no and One Tractor Trolley without Registration, by Nagrota Police; One Tipper bearing Registration No JK02CE-6474, by Arnia Police; 6 vehicles i.e 04 Dumpers bearing Registration Nos JK02CT-5778, JK14G-4085, JK02CU-7560, JK02CX-7769 and 02 Tractor Trolleys bearing Chassis No W7TA31419121293 and MBNAK48ACMTG36420, by Sidhra Police and 2 vehicles i.e One Tractor Trolley bearing Registration No JK02BF-1349 and one Tipper bearing Registration No JK02CU-2590, by Chatha Police.

The recoveries were made by SHO Nagrota Inspr Vishav Partap Singh, SHO Arnia Inspr Deepak Katoch, In-Charge Police Posts Sidhra PSI Arun Kumar and Chatha-PSI Harjinder Paul Singh their respective jurisdiction.

4 missing persons traced, reunited with families

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Police on Sunday traced 4 missing persons and reunited them with their families.

Four different missing cases solved by Jammu Police in the areas under the jurisdiction of Police Stations Miran Sahib, Khour, Police Post Belicharana and Chinore.

A written complaint was lodged at Police Station Miran Sahib by the legal heirs of a boy stating that he went missing from his home. In this regard case FIR No.149/2023 under section 363 IPC was registered and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Miran Sahib Inspr Bopinder Singh did strenuous efforts and finally traced the missing boy.

Similarly another missing complaint was lodged at Police Station Khour regarding missing of a person. In this regard a missing report was registered and investigation started.

After this, a team of Police Station Khour under the supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Sharma assisted by SHO PS Khour Inspr Rahul Mahajan did strenuous efforts and with the help of CCTV footages of the area finally traced the missing person.

Also another missing report was lodged at Police Post Belicharana regarding missing of a lady who got missing from her home. In this regard, missing report was registered on October 10, 2023 at Police Post Belicharana and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Post Belicharana led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by SHO Police Station Satwari Inspr Sumeet Sharma and In-Charge Police Post Belicharana SI Sugreev Kumar did strenuous efforts and with the help of CCTV footages of the area finally recovered the missing person.

And another missing report was lodged at Police Post Chinore regarding missing of a woman who got missing from her home. In this regard missing report, vide on June 19, 2022 was registered at Police Post Chinore and investigation started.

After this, a team of Police Post Chinore led by SDPO Domana Vishal Shoor assisted by SHO Domana Inspr Kunal Singh Jamwal assisted by In-Charge Police Post Chinore PSI Rajesh Kumar did strenuous efforts and finally traced the missing lady.

Subsequently family of all the missing persons were informed and all the traced persons were handed over to their respective family members after completing all the legal formalities.

Mentally disturbed person reunited with family

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MIRAN SAHIB: Police on Sunday reunited a mentally disturbed person with his family.

As per details, an information was received at Police Station Miran Sahib regarding one person roaming unnecessarily at Ring road Miran Sahib in the area. On this, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib went at the said place and brought the said person to police station and offered him meals.

After this, police teams of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Miran Sahib Inspr Bopinder Singh did strenuous efforts and finally contacted the family of the said person who told that the said person namely Romesh Kumar, son of Dina Nath, resident of Chani Mansar, Samba is mentally disturbed and is undergoing treatment. Subsequently the said person was handed over to his family members after completing all the legal formalities.

Two narco smugglers nabbed with 5.2 grams heroin, two sharp edged weapons

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police achieved major success by recovering 5.2 grams of Heroin along with two Sharp edged weapons from two accused persons who were coming in a vehicle bearing Registration No JK02CG-7732 which was on its way from Toghana Tibba towards Satriayan, while on Naka duty near Shamshan Ghat, Satriayan road.

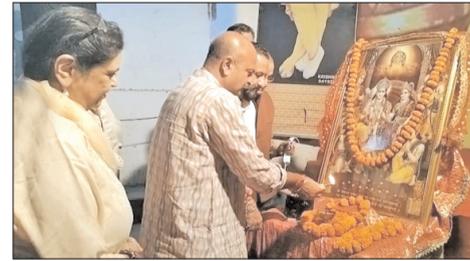
As per details, a team of PS R.S Pura led by SDPO R.S Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO PS R.S Pura Inspr Pawan Kumar and PSI Aziz Tariq while on naka duty rounded up two suspects namely Deepak Gupta alias Monu, son of Vijay Gupta, resident of W.No 05 R.S Pura Tehsil R.S Pura District Jammu, caught with 03 grams of heroin and one sharp edged weapon and Rakesh Gupta alias Rocky, son of Jameet Raj, resident of W.Nk 13 R.S Pura District Jammu, caught with 2.2 grams of heroin and one sharp edged weapon. In total, 5.2 grams of heroin and two sharp edged weapons were recovered from them.

Duo was arrested and FIR No 153/2023 under sections 8/21/22/25/29 NDPS Act, 4/25 Arms Act was registered against them at PS R.S Pura.

Ram Leela begins at Dewan Mandir Yudhvir appeals people to be part of this 160 year old legacy

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Continuing a rich cultural legacy that spans over 160 years, the iconic Ram Leela tradition commenced at the ancient Dewan Mandir with a grand and spectacular opening.

On this significant occasion, Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of J&K BJP and Chairman of Shree Sanatan Dharam Natak Samaj, Dewan Mandir Club, was joined by Anil Masoom, Club President, and General Secretary, along with the Director Sat Paul Sharma, gracing their presence on the first day of Ram Leela.



Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of J&K BJP lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Yudhvir Sethi emphasized that Ram Leela is an age-old tradition that showcases our culture in a dramatized form, and it is essential to preserve it in all its authenticity. He mentioned that artists of all religions perform together.

He pointed out that Ram

Leela has been a cherished tradition, captivating audiences for more than 160 years from the same stage. He asserted that the Ram Leela Club has witnessed performances by renowned Bollywood actors like Om Parkash, Om Puri, and PrithviRaj Chouhan. This year, the Ram Leela promises to introduce new artists and scenes, refreshing the experience for attendees.

Sethi appealed to people to participate enthusiastically along with their children, fostering the spirit of cultural unity and celebration for generations to come.

Zorawar inaugurates multi brand two-wheeler Pik-Part Smart Garage chain

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Superintendent of Police (SP), Rural, Rahul Charak along with Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal on Sunday inaugurated Pik-Part Smart Garage, Patoli Brahmana, near Akhnoor Road, here.

A young entrepreneur and owner of Pik-Part Smart Garage, Jammu, Kannu Sharma informed that Pik Part Smart Garage is chain all over India leading 020-based multi-brand garage network, which is eyeing expansion into more geographies across country and the opening of its first branch

here in Jammu is Company's in new endeavour.

He said that Multi brand 2- Wheeler Smart Garage functions Phygitally where customers can have end to end repair service, its digital platform is equipped with customised features for booking, tracking and also with the special feature of live streaming of running repair on demand. Additionally, customer can alive of service such as roadside assistance, at home service, Piek and drop facility, and the expertise of experienced and skilled technicians.

While congratulating

young entrepreneur in opening a new outlet after a lot of hard work, SP Rural, Rahul Charak said that "It is nice to see that young entrepreneurs like Kannu Sharma is coming up with such nice initiatives. Competition in any shape is healthy and when young generation comes up with such projects the competition becomes healthier."

Zorawar Singh said that unemployment is the biggest challenge and the government too have limited resources to provide government jobs to entire youth but the "Atamirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan" i.e. Self-reliant India campaign, which is the

vision of new India envisaged by Prime Minister Narinder Bhai Modi is yielding fruitful results with youth becoming job providers.

Reiterating his stand for drug free Jammu Province, Zorawar appreciated all budding entrepreneurs and said, "If we want a drug free society youth should indulge in creating avenues that makes them job providers rather than job seekers".

SDPO, Domana, DySP, Vishal Shoor, SHO, Domana, Inspector Kunal Singh, Ashok Sharma, Anu Sharma, Surinder Sharma and Ram Khajuria were among others present on the occasion.

Only Azad has solution to problems of J&K: Saroori

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BUDGAM: Democratic Progressive Azad Party senior leader, Vice chairman DPAP G.M. Saroori on Sunday said that his party is aiming for equitable and inclusive development of Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking to a party workers at Harkmulla, Budgam, Saroori said that only Ghulam Nabi Azad can bring positive change in the UT where everyone has an opportunity to grow and prosper.

"JK needs to be developed. We need infrastructural growth, sustainable economy and enough job opportunities for our youth," said Saroori.

He said such things are only possible when you have a visionary leadership who conceive and execute things in a proper and fastest manner.

"Only Azad can do. So people need to ensure DPAP is provided full majority to come to power in upcoming elections whenever they take place," he said.

Saroori said that in the present times, the people of both Jammu and Kashmir regions face huge difficulties economically and his party assures them that if they are elected to power, all miseries shall be removed.

He also urged government to ensure the proper electricity to con-

sumers in Kashmir since prolonged power cuts have made their lives difficult with the onset of winter. General Secretary KP Shafiq Shabnum advised the party functionaries to coordinate at grass-roots.

While speaking on the occasion Peer Bilal President Central Kashmir Zone said, "The Democratic Progressive Azad Party remains dedicated to its mission of promoting democracy, inclusivity, and progress in Jammu and Kashmir. We are confident that the outcomes of this meeting will con-

tribute significantly to strengthening our party's roots in Budgam and throughout the region."

Provincial VP Kashmir Haaji Musadiq Hussian emphasized upon the workers of Budgam to strengthen the party at the grassroots.

Senior DPAP leaders from Budgam Javid Iqbal, Firdous Nabi, GN Parwana, Er Nazir Ahmad Itoo, Bilal Ahmad Khan, Mushtaq Lodhi, Master Mohammad Shafi Shama, Latief Raina, Mushtaq Sogami also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the demands of Budgam district.

ZNS NIST Academy organises fashion show

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: ZNS Fashion Fusion Runway 2023, fashion show organised by ZNS NIST Academy Jammu, here on Sunday.

Over 45 models participated for grand fashion event. All dresses and makeup for models was managed by ZNS NIST Academy students.

This event is whole amalgamation of talent of Jammu & Kashmir in which aspiring models, designer & makeup artists showcased their talents.

Sargam Koushal (Mrs. World 2023) emphasised that first time she watched this kind of fashion show in J&K. She inspired the students of ZNS NIST to achieve their goals with dedication and discipline. She witnessed the event to empower the peoples of Jammu specially female of different sectors.

They specially thanked organiser Shabir Malik and Nusrat Malik.

MD of ZNS NIST Academy, Shabir Malik said that this kind of event is organise to have the best platform to the budding designers & makeup artists of the academy. One of parents said, "We are very happy to see our child growing and participating in this kind of fashion show. We specially came from Udhampur to witness the event." ZNS Fashion Fusion Runways 2023 in association Film City Jammu and Photography partner - RP Films & Show Director - Irfan Choudhary.