

# Tourism boom, G20 Summit increased demand of J&K’s handicraft, handloom products: LG

## Pashmina cultural identity of J&K

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the boom in the tourism sector and the successful conduct of the G20 Summit has increased the demand of Jammu and Kashmir's handicraft and handloom products.

"We are extending necessary support and assistance to the artisans in terms of infrastructure, technology, capacity building and finances for the growth of this sector", the Lt Governor said while felicitating the recipients of Pashmina Exporters Manufacturers Association Awards at Srinagar.

J&K Administration will also ensure increased number of stalls and shops during exhibition at Pragati Maidan to provide the artisans enhanced marketing opportunity and access to the global market as well, he added.

Sinha said the PM Vishwakarma Scheme will transform lives of the artisans and crafts persons of Jammu and Kashmir engaged in 18 identified trades. He exhorted the associations and stakeholders associated with the sector for connecting eligible artisans with the scheme.

The Lt Governor congratulated the award winners on receiving the prestigious award. He also



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha speaking during felicitation of the recipients of Pashmina Exporters Manufacturers Association Awards at Srinagar.

commended the Pashmina Exporters Manufacturers Association for its immense contribution in promotion of Pashmina products.

He reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration for the revival of Pashmina industry.

Pashmina is an expression of our cultural heritage. It also contributes in J&K's economy and empowers large section of weavers and artisans. Kashmir is known as the Pashmina Capital of the world due to its traditional expertise in producing high quality Pashmina products," the Lt Governor said.

He said the centre has granted a

Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Pashmina products. This legal recognition helps protect the authenticity of pashmina items and ensures that only products made in specific regions, like Kashmir, can bear the name "Pashmina to discourage imitation products and counterfeits.

"Efforts are also being made to conserve and improve the population of Changthangi goats, which are the source of Pashmina wool. These efforts include breeding programs, improved animal husbandry practices, and creating sustainable grazing areas for the goats," the Lt Governor said.

It is pertinent to mention that the

government and other organizations are engaged in campaigns to raise awareness about genuine Pashmina products. The promotions highlight the cultural and economic significance of Pashmina and the importance of buying authentic items.

The Lt Governor said that the Pashmina is not just a textile. "It is a symbol of Kashmiri culture and heritage. It is deeply woven into the cultural fabric of Jammu Kashmir. Its importance extends beyond the economic sphere to encompass cultural, social, and environmental aspects, making it a cherished and integral part of the Jammu Kashmir's identity and way of life."

Artisans from the Union Territory were awarded with appreciation certificates and cash rewards in Master and Young Artisans in Sozni Craft and Kani Shawl categories. Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred to Gulam Hasan Shera posthumously.

Dr Hina Shafi Bhat, Vice Chairperson, J&K KVIB; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce; Tariq Dar, President, Pashmina Exporters Manufacturers Association, senior officers of UT Administration, Artisans and Craftspeople were present.



## National Seminar on General Zorawar Singh begins at JU

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JAMMU: A two-days national seminar on "General Zorawar Singh: Revisiting his Life, Legacy and Legendary Conquests of the Himalayan Territories" was organized by the Department of History, University of Jammu (JU) in collaboration with the Maharaja Gulab Singh Research Centre, Jammu, here on Friday at the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium of University.

The programme started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp along with the recitation of Manglacharan by the students of Sanskrit Department which was followed by a welcome address by Prof. Suman Janwal, HoD History.

She also introduced the dignitaries, including Dr. Karan Singh, Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu; Dr. Kuldeep C. Agnihotri, former VC, Central University Himachal Pradesh, who spoke about Jammu and Kashmir being an integral part of India and its strategic importance and how General Zorawar Singh and his army reclaimed the cultural frontiers of India. He emphasized the necessity of situating the history of this region in the larger perspective.

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The keynote address was presented by Dr. Kuldeep C. Agnihotri, Former VC, Central University Himachal Pradesh, who spoke about Jammu and Kashmir being an integral part of India and its strategic importance and how General Zorawar Singh and his army reclaimed the cultural frontiers of India. He emphasized the necessity of situating the history of this region in the larger perspective.

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contributions unfortunately have remained a matter of marginal concern in the existing historiography on him.

Major General Gaurav Gautam & Major General Vikram Singh Sekhon were the Guests of Honour. In their address they underlined the fact that the greatest warrior General Zorawar is remembered across all the Army sections from all directions.

The presidential remarks were presented by Prof. Umesh Rai, VC, JU. He said that the need of the hour is to review our curriculum and recognize where General Zorawar's contributions can be added in the syllabus of schools and higher institutions. He further recommended that this must also be added to the syllabus of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and State Public Service Commission (PSC).

The Basohli paintings that recently got the GI tag recognition were presented as mementos to all the dignitaries by Prof Umesh Rai.

The seminar was attended by academicians, journalists and eminent members of the civil society, historians, students and scholars of various departments from University of Jammu, Central University, IIT, IIMC and other universities from the North.

The inaugural session was conducted by Dr. Jasleen Kour and Dr. Madhulika Singh presented the vote of thanks.

## JMC all prepared to illuminate all 75 Wards before Diwali

# Mayor forms teams, issues strict instructions, inspect dark areas of city

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JAMMU: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) is all prepared to illuminate all of its 75 Wards much before the festivals of Diwali and the Mayor Rajinder Sharma on Friday has pulled his sleeves in this regard while chairing an important meeting of officers concerned.

Addressing in the meeting, the Mayor strictly instructed the officers of JMC,



Mayor Jammu Rajinder Sharma chairing a meeting on Friday.

EESL and JKPDCL lighting of entire Jammu authorities to ensure proper before Diwali.

"Get all the damaged street lights, high mast lights and other lightening work completed within shortest possible time and install lights wherever the same have not been fixed so far so that people of Jammu may enjoy the festival of lights to their full contentment," he asked his officers.

After chairing the meeting the Mayor also released roosters for the works in this regard.

The Mayor revealed that 40 teams of EESL will work with 20 teams of JMC in close coordination to illuminate the city within shortest possible time under his directions to clear the backlog and other shortcomings in this regard.

He said that it was a tri-partite agreement between EESL, JMC and JKPDCL under which the phase wire was to be laid by JKPDCL along with erection of electric poles while EESL was supposed to fix lights over these poles.

"So far we have installed 93,000 street lights in the city from the year 2018 when the urban local body was elected after 13 long years. Only in last one year 30,000 street lights were installed in the left out areas of the city," Rajinder Sharma maintained.

Joint Commissioner Works, JMC; Rajesh Sumbria, SE, JPDCL; Karam Chand, XEN Div 2 JPDCL, Gandhinagar; Ashok Chibber, XEN Electrical, JMC; Arun Gupta, EESL Head, J&K, Rahul Singh and others were also present in the meeting.

After meeting the Mayor went out in the city and physically checked non-functional street lights and pinpointed certain spots where special illumination was needed.

## Advisor Bhatnagar reviews functioning of School Education Deptt



Advisor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar chairing a meeting.

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SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Friday chaired a meeting to review the performance and functioning of School education department as well as progress on implementation of Project Samagra Shiksha across Jammu and Kashmir at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Education, Alok Kumar; Director School Education Kashmir, Tassaduq Hussain Mir; Director School Education Jammu, Ashok Kumar Sharma; Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Deep Raj; Special Secretary, SED, Naseer Ahmad; Chairman JKBOSE, Parikshat Singh; Chief Education Officers of all districts and other concerned officers both in person and through video conferencing.

During the meeting, an extensive evaluation of performance and functioning of both the directorates was held to ensure that the quality of education is maintained as well as to identify the strengths and areas requiring improvement for enhancing educational outcomes across J&K.

While reviewing the implementation of Project Samagra Shiksha, Advisor Bhatnagar maintained that this flagship initiative was designed to improve the quality of education across the country. He highlighted that the various elements of project like infrastructure development, teacher training and curriculum enhancement, plays a crucial role in shaping future of education in

Jammu and Kashmir with much impact on development of students and educators across the region.

The Advisor called upon the officers for timely completion of the infrastructure including the Girl's hostel buildings and timely handover of the same. He also asked them for immediate operationalisation of girl's hostels and deployment of required staff at these places. He advised them to devise a mechanism of enrolling girl students of any institution of the catchment areas in these hostels so that they can take due advantage of this infrastructure.

While reviewing the teacher training initiatives of Project Samagra Shiksha, Advisor Bhatnagar impressed upon the officers to prepare a through plan for training of teachers so that the required outcomes can be achieved. He also stressed on them to prepare a framework for assessing the competency of the teachers based on the achievement of learning outcomes by the students during the year so that the required capacity building of teachers can be done.

Meanwhile, the Advisor also reviewed the performance and functioning of Directorates of Jammu as well as Kashmir.

The Advisor asked both the Directors to prepare a long term plan for increasing the literacy rate in educationally backward blocks. He also asked them to submit a detailed report on the present percentage of literacy of each educationally backward block within fifteen days. Advisor Bhatnagar further asked the directors to ration-

alize Pupil-Teacher ratio, besides conducting regular capacity building of teachers in order to abreast them with modern educational tools required for improving quality of education and enhancing learning outcomes. He stressed on the officers to focus on competency-based learning so that students can develop better understanding of concepts that can be implemented in real situations.

While reviewing the steps taken for increasing Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER), the Advisor asked the officers to involve PRI representatives of the concerned areas in enhancing the GER of those areas where it is low. He also impressed upon the officers to involve PRI representatives in monitoring of schools.

While reviewing SAMIK-SHA, NIPUN BHARAT, ICT & Digital Initiatives, Vocational Education, Aaghaaz Labs (Astro Physics labs) and other initiatives, the Advisor delved upon concerned officers to take due diligence while implementing these initiatives on ground as they will transform the educational landscape here.

Regarding the SAMIK-SHA feedback mechanism, the Advisor asked both the Directors to act on responses received from the students. He advised them to use this feedback for taking focused improvement measures. During the meeting, both the Directors and Project Director Samagra Shiksha gave a detailed presentation about their respective sectors.

## LG inaugurates Dr Archana Choudhary’s iconic painting exhibition ‘Sangam’



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha after inaugurating visits 'Sangam', an iconic painting exhibition by Dr. Archana Jha Choudhary at SKICC Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday inaugurated 'Sangam', an iconic painting exhibition by Dr. Archana Jha Choudhary, at Srinagar.

The Lt Governor complimented Dr. Archana Jha Choudhary for her incredible work of art. The exhibition is confluence of Basohli miniature and Madhubani painting, showcasing the depth, richness and diversity of Indian art on canvas, he said.

He also took the round of the paintings which included two distinct art forms of Madhubani and Basohli. Miniature Painting symbolizing unity

in diversity of art, culture and traditions of the country.

The creativity and unique artistic style of the artist was enhanced by the grandeur and elegance of venue (SKICC). Her pieces, a splendid fusion of traditional and contemporary elements left a lasting impressing on the audience.

The presence of Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha not only added sense of prestige and importance to the event but also demonstrated his recognition of the significance of art in society and support for the artists.

A number of eminent artists from both Kashmir and Jammu divisions also

graced the occasion making it a memorable event.

In view the popular response the exhibition has been extended and would be open on 21st Oct-2023 also for viewing by the art loving public from 1100 hrs to 1400 hrs.

Other dignitaries visiting the exhibition included Dr. R.R Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt. Governor J&K, Satish Chandra, Chairman JKPS, A.K Mehta, Chief Secretary J&K, R.K Goyal, ACS (Home), ADGPs S.J.M Gillani, M.K.Sinha, Alok Kumar, Vijay Kumar,

Commissioner Secretaries Vikramjit Singh, Rashmi Singh and Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah Secretary Culture and others.

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1. The applicant above-named has made an application before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for determination of Transmission Tariff from DOCO to 31-03-2024 for **Petition-1:** Transmission Asset: 500MVA, 400/220kV ICT-8 along with associated 400kV and 220kV bays at Bhadla Substation under "Implementation of the 1x500MVA, 400/220kV ICT (8th) at Bhadla Pooling Distribution Scheme in Northern Region" and **Petition-2:** Asset-1: 400kV D/C Mohindergarh-Bhiwani TL along with communication equipment at both ends and OPGW in place of one earth wire under "Northern region System Strengthening Scheme (NRSSS-XXXX) scheme in Northern Region and Asset-II: 02 Nos. 400kV Line bays at Bhiwani (POWERGRID) sub-station under "Construction of two Nos. 400kV Line bays at Bhiwani (POWERGRID) sub-station" scheme in Northern Region

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S.No	Particulars	Petition-1	Petition-2
1	Approved apportioned capital cost of the project. (Rs. In Cr)	56.30	Asset-1:123.91 Asset-2: 8.47
2	Authority which has approved the Capital Cost	Board of Directors	Board of Directors
3	Scheduled date of commercial operation	October' 2022	Asset-1: Aug'18 Asset-2: Jan'15
4	Date of commercial operation	Asset-1: 31.03.2023	Asset-1:24.03.2023 Asset-2: 24.03.2023 (Original:30.11.2014)
5	Capital cost on DOCO (Rs. In Crs)	21.54	Asset-1: 97.97 Asset-2: 10.49

3. Details of tariff: (Rs. In lakhs)

Project	Asset	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Petition-1	Asset-1	-	-	-	1.70	751.44
Petition-2	Asset-1	-	-	-	36.33	1698.64
	Asset-2	-	-	-	5.57	255.22

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at [www.powergrid.in](http://www.powergrid.in)

5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd and 4th Floor, Chandlerok Bhawan, 36, Janpath, New Delhi -110001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

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