

PIB Hyderabad organises 14-member J&K journalists' visit to Ramoji Film City

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HYDERABAD: A group of 14 prominent journalists from Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, who are on tour to Hyderabad being organized by Press Information Bureau (PIB) Srinagar in collaboration with PIB Hyderabad Srinagar, on Friday embarked on an exclusive tour of the iconic Ramoji Film City in Hyderabad, the world's largest film studio complex and a premier destination for filmmakers, tourists, and media professionals alike.

Organized by PIB Hyderabad, the tour offered a unique behind-the-scenes experience of the sprawling 1,666-acre complex, showcasing its world-class facilities, immersive film sets, and the creative marvel that has made it a hub for Indian and international cinema.

The journey began with a warm welcome by the Ramoji guide, who provided a historical overview of the studio complex, established by media mogul Ramoji Rao in 1999. Ramoji Film City's expansive campus includes a mix of natural and man-made attractions, ranging from lush gardens, grand architecture, and elaborate movie sets to cutting-edge production facilities. Journalists were first taken to the vintage sets, where classic Bollywood films were once shot, allowing them to immerse themselves in the stories of Indian cinema's golden era. A guided tour took the journalists through the various



Delegation members during visit to Ramoji Film city.

theme-based sets that replicate cities, palaces, streets, and cultural sites from around the world. The journalists were especially fascinated by the "London Street" set, where detailed facades mirror the essence of British architecture, and the "Japanese Garden," where Asian aesthetics come to life with cherry blossom trees and peaceful ponds. From ancient forts to modern cityscapes, the studio provides a versatile canvas for diverse storytelling needs. These sets were explained in detail by experienced guides, who shared anecdotes of past film shoots, adding an engaging narrative that captured the attention of the press group. One of the highlights of the tour was a live demonstration of film production techniques, including lighting, camera operation, and green-screen effects. Journalists were able to witness how visual effects (VFX) are incorporated into

film, giving ordinary scenes a magical, cinematic quality. This interactive session shed light on the technical artistry that brings movies to life, allowing the journalists to understand the multifaceted process of filmmaking from script to screen. The journalists were then treated to the adrenaline-filled "Action Studio," where they observed the staging of stunt scenes and learned how action sequences are choreographed and executed. The high-energy demonstrations illustrated the precision and skill required to perform and capture complex stunts safely. Following the studio tour, the journalists visited Eureka, Ramoji Film City's entertainment zone, which combines theme-park attractions with cultural exhibits. The journalists enjoyed cultural performances, including dance shows and musical acts, reflecting India's diverse cultural her-

itage. One of the major highlights is the Baahubali movie set, where scenes from the iconic Indian film Baahubali were shot. This set gives visitors a chance to explore the grandeur of the fictional Mahishmati Kingdom with its towering statues, temples, and battlefields, creating an immersive experience for fans. Inspired by the architecture of Jaipur's Hawa Mahal, this structure within the film city recreates the elegance and intricate designs reminiscent of Rajasthan's iconic landmark. It's a great spot for photography and for experiencing royal architectural styles up close. Ramoji Film City also features beautifully curated gardens, including areas inspired by Japanese aesthetics. These often include Japanese-style landscapes, koi ponds, and

sculptures, providing a tranquil experience. Additionally, birds have frequently made appearances in the news, especially rare and exotic species featured within such displays, whether in natural reserves or aviaries. Ramoji's film city also has an aviary where visitors can see colorful and exotic bird species, making it an excellent attraction for bird lovers. Visiting Ramoji Film City is like stepping into the worlds of these films and architectural wonders, offering entertainment and insights into various cultures and creative sets. The tour concluded with a visit to the Ramoji Film City Museum, where journalists viewed memorabilia from notable Indian films shot at the studio and learned about the studio's journey over the years. Reflecting on their experience, several journalists expressed admiration for the infrastructure and visionary ambition behind Ramoji Film City, acknowledging its status as a cinematic landmark. The tour not only provided an educational experience for the journalists but also highlighted Ramoji Film City's contribution to India's cinematic and cultural legacy. As they departed, the journalists expressed gratitude, leaving with a deeper understanding of the artistry, creativity, and hard work that fuel the world of filmmaking.

Kashmir based transport bodies offer support to Karan Singh Wazir



Chairman of J&K Transport Welfare Association Karan Singh and others during press briefing at Srinagar on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Kashmir based transport bodies including transport Owners Associations, unions of drivers and cleaners have expressed their satisfaction upon Karan Singh Wazir, the newly designated Chairman of J&K Transport Welfare Association. Transporters from all districts of Kashmir division facilitated Karan Singh Wazir and his team during their visit to Srinagar. Transporters from Kashmir and Jammu jointly held a press conference and informed the media

persons that transport sector in the UT is going through a very crucial time and genuine demands of the transporters remained unheard for a very long and it is high time that all the transport bodies of both the regions under the leadership of J & K Transport Welfare Association led by Chairman Karan Singh Wazir play their role in easing out the difficulties faced by the trade. In interaction with the media Karan said "Now democratically elected government is in place and we have high hopes on it that the CM Omar

Abudallh and his young Transport minister would do justice with the transporters of J & K". Assuring to continue dedication and legacy of his late father TS Wazir, the former legislator and founding Chairman of J & K Transport Welfare Association, Karan assured the transporters that his prime focus is welfare of every persons associated with the transport trade. The prominent transporters and union leaders who remained present during the meeting and attended the media interaction include.

Sapana Kotwal visits boys Pahari hostel Anantnag



Secretary J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People, Sapna Kotwal during visit to Pahari Hostel.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
ANANTNAG: Secretary J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People, Sapna Kotwal undertook an intensive tour of Anantnag to review the functioning of Boys Pahari Hostel. During the tour, the Secretary expressed her satisfaction with the hostel operation which she said are being administered and monitored properly. The staff there provided a detailed insight into the hostel's functioning. Students

are receiving healthy nutrition and have access to various recreational facilities provided by the J&K PSP Board. Secretary noted that the students were not only intellectually capable but also well-versed in basic education, benefiting from a healthy and conducive environment. She encouraged the adoption of innovative methods to make the students more dynamic. The Secretary distributed blankets among the students of Hostel. it was found that students were very happy there,

and thankful to the Government for providing such facilities. The students received blankets distributed by the Secretary J&K PSP Board. The students and staffs of the hostel interacted with Sapna Kotwal and expressed gratitude with the arrangement/ facilities being provided by the J&K PSP Board. She said students are quite brainy and well equipped with basics of education, and are being provided a healthy environment for their overall development. Sapna Kotwal also suggested/directed all the concerned wardens to use innovative methods to make the students more dynamic. Further Secretary J&K PSP committed to fulfill some demands of inmates and staff working in these hostels and assured them that the matter will be taken up with the Administrative Department on priority basis.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Sarveshwar Smile Foundation, a J&K based (Section 8) Company engaged in social activities in across J & K started satellite centres for Stiching & Salaie training at Seora, Distt Jammu wherein around 40 women Participated. This was 6th satellite centres for Stiching & Salaie in which more than 200 ladies got training N empowerment ,with active involvement of experts & Trainer . Pooja Gupta chairperson of Sarveshwar Smiles Foundation, a Leading entrepreneur & social worker inaugurated & informed the audience that how these training helps in empowerment & income generation. Mrs. Pooja Gupta also highlighted how Sarveshwar Smile Foundation actively involved in propagating awareness among Farming community about organic farming, financial literacy & income generation activity. She also informed about plantation



Foundation members along with trainee women posing for photograph.

drive concluded with plantation of more than 1000 ecofriendly tress across various geography Dr Rakesh Gupta Project Director of Sarveshwar Smiles Foundation in his address informed how this NGO was created by two thoughtful ladies Pooja Gupta & Nidhi Sharma and this foundation is quite active across the UT of J&K in spreading awareness about empowerment of women for their better livelihood.

He also gave tips about safe banking & informed how Sarveshwar Smiles Foundation also involved in skilling rural women through our satellite centres for Stiching & Salaie training programmes conducted at around Village Chulana, Meer ,Saddal in Pancheri area & Suchetgarh in border area of Jammu besides a just concluded a programme at chakk sadha in border area of Samba district . These skill trainings, not only

empowers the trainee but also gives an opportunity to support their family in income generation. Dr Gupta also informed the gathering that how Sarveshwar Smile Foundation propagate all its development ventures through its various satellite facilitation Centres. He informed that Sarveshwar Smile Foundation works on the concept of "Rebuilding and Inspiring Lives. By ensuring Optimal services to women community

Promoting Organic farming, & Promoting financial literacy to farmers & their families Dr Gaytri Head Organic in Sarveshwer group also shared her views on importance of plantation to our Eco system . She also shared her thoughts on organic farmings & its impact on our health. She also informed the press how Sarveshwar Smile Foundation actively involved in propagating awareness among Farming community about organic farming, financial literacy & income generation activity. The programme was also graced by Sarpanch Jagjeet singh & panh Gurunam Singh who also thanked team of Sarveshwar Smiles Foundation for organising such useful programme in their village & assured all their support to trainee n trainee. Mr Koushal field coordinator of Sarveshwar Smiles Foundation while conveying thanks to all dignitaries for supporting & sparing time for this event.

Number of MBBS seats doubled in UP: CM Yogi

■ SHAHZAD AKHTAR
LUCKNOW/MAHARAJGANJ: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said that medical education in the state is being strengthened with the addition of 17 new medical colleges this year. Additionally, the number of MBBS seats in the state has doubled. Addressing a gathering during the inauguration program of KMC Medical College in Maharajganj, the Chief Minister said, "Since independence, the Terai districts have faced continuous neglect, often overlooked by previous governments. Today, however, Maharajganj is no longer sidelined, as the district has received development projects valued at Rs 940 crore, representing a major stride forward." CM Yogi emphasized the remarkable transformation in healthcare in Uttar Pradesh, recalling how the BRD Medical



UP CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurating program of KMC Medical College in Maharajganj.

College in Gorakhpur, once in a weakened state, now gives healthy competition prestigious AIIMS Gorakhpur. He mentioned that when he took office in 2017, the state lacked sufficient funds even for salaries, yet through teamwork and collective support, significant progress has been achieved. The Chief Minister highlighted the expansion of medical education, noting that the state has grown from only 18 med-

ical colleges to institutions now in 64 districts. These colleges, he said, not only boost healthcare facilities but also generate employment and self-employment opportunities. "Ensuring good connectivity to these new medical colleges is a top priority for the government. Additionally, nursing and paramedical colleges are being developed across the state to strengthen the healthcare workforce," he said. The Chief

Minister said that Maharajganj will soon see the opening of Uttar Pradesh's first public-private partnership (PPP) medical college, a significant milestone ahead of Lord Dhanvantari Jayanti on October 30. He extended gratitude to Shanti Foundation President and KMC Medical College founder Vinay Kumar Srivastava and his team for their role in this achievement, noting that 150 students have already enrolled in the new medical college. Reflecting on the Terai region's history of neglect, the Chief Minister recalled poor conditions like inadequate electricity, deteriorated roads, closed sugar mills, and endemic diseases such as encephalitis and malaria. However, he emphasized that such challenges are now in the past, and Maharajganj, along with other parts of eastern UP, has overcome issues like

encephalitis, providing safer conditions for its youth. The CM highlighted the expansion of medical education and healthcare in eastern UP, noting that AIIMS in Gorakhpur and new medical colleges in Kushinagar, Deoria, Basti, Siddharthnagar, Gonda, Bahraich, Sultanpur, Ambedkarnagar, Ayodhya, and Pratapgarh are bringing top-tier health services closer to the people. Previously, Gorakhpur's BRD Medical College was the only facility in the region, and it was under-resourced. Now, BRD Medical College stands strong, even competing with Gorakhpur AIIMS in providing quality healthcare. "UP has gone from having just 18 medical colleges to now having medical institutions in 64 districts, with plans to build more in the remaining areas to meet the 'One District, One Medical College' goal," he said.

Yudhvir conducts surprise inspection of ongoing works at Gumat Step Market Stresses for restoring pristine glory of Dogra Heritage

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, MLA Jammu East on Friday conducted a surprise inspection of the ongoing construction work at the Gumat Step Market, a significant project under the Smart City initiative aimed at revitalizing this historic site. During his visit, Yudhvir Sethi reviewed the progress and held discussions with key officials of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), including Executive Engineer Janak Singh and Assistant Executive Engineer Amit Kumar at the site, urging them to expedite the construction of shops and ensure timely completion. S. Harvinder Singh Sonu, President of the Gumat Step Market Association, apprised MLA



MLA Yudhvir Sethi during visit to Gumat Step Market.

Yudhvir Sethi of the various challenges faced by shopkeepers during the reconstruction. Responding to their concerns, Sethi assured the shopkeepers

that all necessary measures are being taken to accelerate the project and that the market will be ready for business soon. Yudhvir Sethi emphasized the importance of the Gumat Step Market as a heritage site, underscoring its role in preserving and showcasing the rich Dogra culture. "The Gumat Step Market is not just a commercial space; it is a heritage point that reflects the glory of Dogra heritage. The ongoing reconstruction is a step towards restoring this legacy and making it a focal point under the Smart City project," Sethi stated. He also commended the efforts of JMC officials and the Gumat Step Market Association for their cooperation and dedication to the project, reiterating the commitment of JMC officials in completing the market expeditiously and providing a vibrant, heritage-rich environment for both shopkeepers and visitors.

Police-Public interaction at Raipur Satwari Fosters stronger ties, vigilance

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a powerful outreach initiative to bolster trust, transparency, and accountability, an engaging Police-Public meeting unfolded today, 24th October 2024, at Raipur Satwari under the jurisdiction of Police Station Satwari, Jammu. Chaired by SP South Jammu, this gathering brought together an impressive array of police officials, including SHO Satwari, ICPP Belieharana, ICPP Gadigarh, as well as esteemed citizens and energetic youth leaders, all sharing a keen resolve to enhance community-police partnership. SP South Jammu underscored the crucial role of Police-Public coop-



SP South Jammu interacting with locals.

eration in safeguarding peace, stability, and the common good. With a firm commitment to "leave no stone unturned," the SP outlined ongoing police

efforts to tackle drug-related crimes and other societal concerns, calling on citizens to "stand shoulder to shoulder" with law enforcement to foster

a safer community. The session offered participants a "golden opportunity" to voice concerns spanning policing challenges and issues

requiring civil administration attention. Community members expressed enthusiasm for youth-focused programs, requesting that Jammu & Kashmir Police organize engagement and counseling initiatives aimed at steering the younger generation onto a positive path. In response, SP South Jammu reassured participants that all genuine grievances under police purview would be addressed "without delay," while civil matters would be promptly referred to the appropriate quarters. The SP urged the community to become "eyes and ears" for law enforcement, assisting in identifying anti-social elements like

drug peddlers, bootleggers, and others who pose a threat to public safety. Acknowledging the crucial role of parents in nurturing a healthy community, the Police advised them to "keep a close eye" on the routines and activities of their children, alerting them to intervene if anything seems amiss. The Police reaffirmed its commitment to supporting families affected by substance abuse, offering treatment and assistance through the Police Drug De-addiction Centre in Channi, Jammu. Regarding traffic safety, attendees were strongly reminded to "play by the rules," including avoiding the

transfer of vehicles to minors or unfamiliar individuals, always using seat belts, wearing helmets on two-wheelers, and steering clear of reckless driving. In conclusion, SP South Jammu expressed the Police's unwavering commitment to "put their best foot forward" in addressing community concerns, while actively collaborating with the civil administration. The event ended on a high note, with community members expressing sincere appreciation for this chance to engage directly with law enforcement, eager to "put their best foot forward" in a shared vision for a vigilant, harmonious community.