

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates World Heritage Day



Students and faculty members of JK Public School Panjtirthi during celebration of World Heritage Day.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: World Heritage Day was celebrated at JK Public School Panjtirthi where students were told

about the true meaning of heritage, its importance and the need of its preservation. A beautiful skit was exhibited on seven incredible and

famous heritage of the world by the Jakians of class 7th. Jakians put up an informative and entertaining presentation highlighting that

heritage refers to practices that are passed down through the years, from one generation to the next which includes culture, tradition,

clothing, flora, fauna and also historical monuments. They also depicted the richness and vulnerability of Indian Heritage through slo-

gans, recitations and beautiful banners. Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah said, "Heritage is our legacy,

what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Our natural and cultural heritage are both irreplaceable and the same

are our inspiration Our heritage is our prized possession. We are proud of Indian heritage."

CEC reviews development of Geothermal Energy in Leh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
LEH: The Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson reviewed the progress on Geothermal projects and explore the feasibility of other potential sites in the district with the concerned stakeholders. The Officials apprised CEC of the progress done in developing geothermal energy in the areas of Leh district.

In an effort to harness clean energy, the meeting deliberated on various ways of exploring potential sites of geothermal energy and developing clean and renewable energy resources. CEC Gyalson directed the concerned officials to submit a



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson chairing a meeting.

study report on the geophysical study and feasibility of potential sites in Leh. The meeting was attended by Executive Councillor for

Agriculture, Stanzin Choshpel; Executive Councillor for RDD, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; Executive Councillor for industries,

Ghulam Mehdi Ashoor; ADC, Leh, Sonam Chosjor; Superintendent Engineer (SE), PDD, Tsewang Paljor; Geothermal Consultant, Kunzes Dolma; Officials from ONGC and NHPC; and concerned officials.

the developmental progress of the Mega Plantation Drive at Chushul.

CEC emphasised the importance of the event as a part of the Go Green Project initiated by H.H. Skyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche in respect of environmental challenges and the goal to make Ladakh completely organic. He directed the District officials for the successful preparation for the event by taking note of the convenience of guest visitors and participants.

The meeting was attended by Executive Councillor for RDD, Tashi Namgyal Yakzee; Executive Councillor for Agriculture, Stanzin Choshpel; Executive Councillor for Horticulture, Ghulam Mehdi Ashoor; Nominated Councillor, Ven Konechok Tsephel; District Officers and officials from the Agriculture, Forest, Horticulture, Health, RDD, I&FC, Command Area Development, R&B, PDD and PHE Department Leh, Representatives from DIHAR and organising committee of Go Green Project.

J&K Govt inks MoU with NHLML Ltd for development of ropeway networks

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Saturday inked an MoU with National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) for the development of ropeway networks, as alternate solution of mobility, to improve connectivity to remote habitations on higher reaches. The MoU was signed between Rohin Gupta, Regional Officer, NHAI, J&K and Manzoor Hussain, Development Commissioner (Works), PWD(R&B) J&K, at Raj Bhavan, in presence of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary J&K, and Giridhar Aramane, Secretary (Road Transport & Highways), GoI were also present.

Terming this much-awaited project as a potential solution to the existing mobility problem besides promoting tourism, the Lt Governor said that in the long run, this sustainable and environment friendly transport system, will play a significant role in decongesting the urban spaces.

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to Prime Minister and Minister of Road



Regional Officer, NHAI, J&K, Rohin Gupta and DC (Works), PWD(R&B) J&K, Manzoor Hussain signing MoU in presence of LG Manoj Sinha.

Transport and Highways, and said that as future mobility medium, the proposed ropeway project will bring economic prosperity to inaccessible hilly areas.

"It is a significant step in the direction of developing a comprehensive ropeway network to benefit all sections of the population living in remote and difficult geographical conditions of Jammu and Kashmir", he added.

Terming connectivity as top priority to increase production, trade and to improve the quality of life of citizens, the Lt Governor reiterated the unwavering commitment of the UT Administration towards the rapid socio-economic development of the citizens living in

the remote areas of Jammu Kashmir.

The Lt Governor said that J&K is witnessing massive up gradation of road networks. He observed that the ongoing infrastructural projects worth Rs 1 lakh crore will enable the unlocking of the true growth potential of Jammu Kashmir.

The Lt Governor assured full cooperation of the UT administration to National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) at every step for completing the projects in a time bound manner.

Principal Secretary PWD, J&K; Chairperson NHAI; Member, NHAI; CEO NHLML were also present during the signing of MoU.

FCS&CA seals 8 shops in Rajpora for over pricing

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
PULWAMA: In order to prevent profiteering and black marketing by business establishments operating in the Pulwama district, the Special Market Checking team on Saturday intensified market checking at Rajpora to ensure all essential commodities are sold at Government approved rates with sufficient availability of consumables.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary, an intense market checking was carried out by the Enforcement Wing of the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs in Rajpora area.

Taking strong note of the complaints of over-pricing, the team lead by Sheikh

Inayatullah, Assistant Director, FCS&CA along with Naib Tehsildar and SHO Rajpora conducted a massive inspection drive in the area to curb over pricing and take immediate action against instances of violations. On the occasion, the AD warned the erring shopkeepers to desist from indulging in any unlawful trading practice. He also directed all shopkeepers and business establishments to keep the rate list visible.

On the occasion, the team also realised a fine of Rs 5000 from erring shopkeepers. Sheikh Inayatullah stressed on the traders to avoid over-pricing and other illegal and unethical practices and urged them to follow the rules in letter and spirit. He said the drive will

continue on a regular basis across the district markets to keep a check on traders and shopkeepers for indulging in overpricing and other unethical activities. He AD directed all the concerned to ensure regular inspections of markets falling within their respective jurisdiction and take strict action against those indulging in overpricing and other malpractices.

Meanwhile, Tashi Gyalson also reviewed preparations for the Mega Plantation Drive at Chushul to be held on the World Environment Day, 5th June 2022.

CEC Gyalson reviewed various developmental progress from the respective departments for the mega plantation drive. The district officers from various district departments apprised CEC regarding

Libraries Deptt organises exhibitions, awareness programmes to promote book reading

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: A series of events were organised by the Department of Libraries & Research in its Public Libraries on Saturday to commemorate the World Book Day-2022.

April 23 has been declared the World Book and Copyright Day by UNESCO as it marks the day in 1616 when both playwright/poet William Shakespeare and novelist Miguel de Cervantes died. On World Book day various events are organised across the globe to recognise the scope of books - a link between the past and the future, a bridge between generations and across cultures. "Indeed, books are vital vehicles to access, transmit and promote education, science, culture and information worldwide," said Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, in her message on the occasion of World Book Day-2022.

As a part of the World Book Day celebrations, each year a World Book Capital is selected based on a city's commitment to promote freedom of expression through books. For 2022, the book capital is Guadalajara, Mexico, chosen for its plan to use books to foster social change and build a more peaceful culture.


To mark the World Book Day-2022 celebrations in UT of J&K, the main event of the day was organised by the Department of Libraries & Research at SPS Central

Library Srinagar. It was a day-long exhibition of historic Manuscripts, Rare Books and Miniature Paintings jointly organized by the SPS Library and Oriental Research Library at SPS Library Complex here.

The main attractions of the exhibition included the oldest manuscripts like Qarabai-Din, Sadh Pand Luqman and Shahnama Firdous. Some of the rare books including Rajtarangani by Kalhana, Tareekh-e-Rasheed, Gazetteer of India and Kashmir - a history of Kashmir were also displayed at the exhibition. The Oriental Research Library (ORL) Srinagar established in 1904, is a repository of around 6000 centuries old rare manuscripts in 17 languages encompassing varied fields.

Various programmes were also organised by the District, Tehsil and Block Libraries to mark the day and create awareness about books and cultivate reading habits and promote the enjoyment of books and reading.

The Department presently has a network of around 72 public libraries in Kashmir division spread from Karnah to Qazigund. These libraries have a rich repository of around 13 lakh books including 5000 rare books and 6000 manuscripts in different languages. The number of registered members in the Public Libraries is around 1 Lakh and the annual footfall of users is around 2.80 lakh.



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