

Temples inseparable part of Jammu's rich heritage, need to be preserved for safeguarding identity: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir has urged the people of Jammu to play a proactive role in preservation of the temples in Jammu as these are essential part of our rich cultural heritage so much so that Jammu is famous across the nation and globe as the 'City of Temples'.

The senior BJP leader stated this while commencing the renovation and reconstruction of the ancient Pipleshwar Temple near the Bus Stand here on Wednesday.

The protection and preservation project of this temple commenced with the ritualistic performance of the Yagnya (Havan) in presence of the Temple Management



Vice President BJP J&K, Yudhvir Sethi commencing reconstruction of ancient Pipleshwar Temple.

Committee and the people of the area.

While addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said that the Pipleshwar Mandir is one of the ancient temples of Jammu where people visited not only to pay obeisance but also to get cured of various ailments.

He said that the people of

the area have staunch faith in this temple Deity and it was their long pending demand to start the work on its renovation and upgradation.

He congratulated the people for commencement of the project work in response to their demand.

The senior BJP leader assured the people that on

behalf of the BJP as well as individually he will contribute whatever would be required for the work.

He said that while the Temple management will also make the contribution, the people should also come forward proactively participate in this sacred endeavour.

Yudhvir Sethi asserted that Temples are the identity of Jammu and in order to safeguard one's identity it is necessary for the people to remain connected to their roots. Temples and spiritual pursuits being inseparable part of our culture, therefore I appeal to the people of Jammu to visit the temples and temple related functions in large numbers to preserve and promote the rich heritage and culture of the City of Temples.

DSEJ uplinks website with title 'Atmanirbhar Jammu' on public domain



Director of School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma uplinking 'Atmanirbhar Jammu' website on public domain.

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JAMMU: The Director of School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, has uplinked a website with the title "Atmanirbhar Jammu" on the public domain on Wednesday.

The website has been

coded, developed and designed independently by Jayendra Singh Jasrotia, an eleven-year-old student of Jodhmal Public School, Jammu by using HTML, CSS and JAVA SCRIPT.

The Director of School Education eruditely browsed the website and

encouraged the student with the words that the work done by him is excellent of his age and to keep on doing such good techno-academic work for the students of school education in particular and the people of Jammu and Kashmir UT in general.

Jayendra Singh Jasrotia, a 6th class student, illustrated the infographics of the website and explained that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary concept of Atmanirbhar Bharat was the igniting force behind the compilation and reflection of the self-reliant image of Jammu province of JK UT of India.

This website will popularise our local products and go a long way in ensuring the economic self-reliance of the local population of these districts of Jammu Province.

Disclosure of details of tenants made mandatory in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: With the aim of ensuring public safety and keep a check on social crime as an imminent apprehended danger to public security that warrants immediate preventive measures, the District Magistrate

Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Wednesday has issued an order under Sections of Cr.P.C, that all landlords, owners of properties, attorney holders, persons in charge of premises in any capacity (hereafter called as building owners) located in the entire jurisdiction of District Srinagar to comply strictly with the following directions. The order of the District Magistrate(DM) Srinagar reads as "All Building Owners shall after the issuance of this order and within ten days of letting/ sub-letting / renting out his/her house or part thereof to any tenant(s), submit without fail the detailed particulars of the tenant(s) to be

signed by both the owner and the tenant(s) to the concerned Police Station, either in person or by registered post addressed to the concerned Station House Officer".

The order further reads, "The Building Owners who have already let/sub-let/rented out their house(s) or part(s) thereof to any tenant on any date prior to issuance of this order, shall within ten days after the issuance of this order submit without fail the detailed particulars of 'the tenants to the concerned police station and All arrangements of letting or sub-letting the property like "paying Guest" tenants etc, shall be covered by this order".

In addition, "Every SHO in Srinagar District shall maintain a separate register for such purpose", the order reads. The order further cited that "This order shall come into force with immediate effect and it shall remain in

force for a period of 60 days, unless withdrawn earlier and Any violation of this order shall invite punitive action under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code 1860 and other relevant sections of the Cr.P.C".

The order also stated that "the Senior Superintendent of Police, Srinagar will implement the order. The order has also mentioned other communication references read as "Whereas, Senior Superintendent of Police, Srinagar vide his letter No. 1-23/12741-42 dated:03-4-2023 and No. CS/01-23/12910-12, dated:04-04-2023 as reported that Srinagar being a capital city, a good number of people from other places are putting up in the District Srinagar in the rented accommodation. Whereas, investigation in multiple incidents of social crime including theft / burglary has revealed that the persons involved in such activities have been staying

as tenants in Srinagar city which poses a danger to the ordinary Citizens. The references in order also stated that "Whereas, on April, 3rd, 2023 an incident of immoral trafficking came to the fore in the Bagh-i-Mehtab area of Srinagar city falling within the jurisdiction P/S Channapora. During the preliminary investigations it has been divulged that accused persons hail from outside of District Srinagar and had hired a private house in the said area. Further, the house-owner, where the illicit racket was busted, had not conducted tenant verification and whereas, the surfacing of the racket has evoked outrage among the public circles having a tendency to become a law and order issue thus necessitating putting in place measures for stopping such illicit / immoral activities".

Moreover, "Whereas, time and again it has also been brought to the notice of undersigned that few inci-

Dr Meenakshi makes staff aware about medical facilities being provided at Police Hospital

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JAMMU: Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal, Medical Superintendent Police Hospital-Jammu along with team of doctors visited Police IRP 15th Ladies Battalion, Gulshan Ground Jammu to make aware all the ladies/other staff of the battalion regarding medical facilities being provided at Police Hospital Jammu.

The other members of the team were Mubassir Latiffi, JKPS Commandant IRP 15th Bn. DPL Jammu, Dr. Shalini Dogra, Gynecologist, Dr. Shaista Tabassum, Dental Surgeon, Dr. Shagufta Choudhary, Medical Officer IRP 15th Bn. & Physiotherapist Kriti Gupta.

Medical Superintendent also stressed upon all the staff of the battalion to avail the facilities which are being



Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal, Medical Superintendent Police Hospital-Jammu speaking at a programme.

provided at Police Hospital, Jammu and also to inform their parents to avail the same that too free of cost.

Mubassir Latiffi, JKPS CO IRP 15th Bn. Gulshan Ground Jammu expressed his gratitude and thanks to Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal, Medical Superintendent Police Hospital Jammu for organizing such a useful and informative session for better health and well-being of

police jawans and their families.

The visiting doctors who accompanied MS PIJ also delivered lectures on their respective specializations to the participants and gave clarion call to them to disseminate useful health information provided by the visit-

ing doctors at battalion headquarters.

Furthermore, Medical Superintendent said that in the coming days she would chalk out a programme to check the Jawans who need any medical help.

She requested CO IRP 15th Bn. to send their staff in a phased manner to Police Hospital Jammu so that they could be screened and thoroughly checked-up so that they can easily identify the symptoms, problems (Physical or psychological) being faced by the Jawans to get treated well in time.

The programme ended with the vote of thanks by DySP Usha Kher of IRP 15th Bn. Gulshan Ground Jammu Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

IIT Jammu presents Technunctus'23

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JAMMU: Technunctus'23, the highly anticipated technical fest of IIT Jammu, is set to ignite the tech revolution from April 7 to 9, 2023.

With footfalls of over three thousand every year, Technunctus'23 is expected to be bigger and better than ever before, featuring a series of tech competitions, workshops, and talk shows by world-renowned experts.

This year, the festival promises to be even more exciting with a range of new events added to the lineup.

Visitors can experience magic shows, dance and groove with DJ Ravator, and enjoy the soulful notes of the one and only Manindar Buttar (voice behind the all-time favorite songs Sakhiyan and Ek Tera).

The evening events promise to entertain the audience with celebrity nights and performances by well-known artists.

The festival will witness the participation of tech enthusiasts, innovators, and entrepreneurs from across the country.

The tech competitions will test the skills and knowledge of participants in various fields, and the workshops will provide a platform for partic-

ipants to learn from experts and gain practical experience.

The festival will also host talk shows by world-renowned founder GFG- Sandeep Jain, freelancer Saheli Chatterjee, Shark Tank fame, and FVP founder Arth Choudhary, and many more. These sessions will inspire and motivate participants to think and create innovative solutions to real-world problems.

"We are excited to present Technunctus '23 and offer an opportunity for tech enthusiasts to showcase their talent, learn from experts and network with like-minded individuals," said the event organizers.

"We are thrilled to include a range of new events this year to provide a complete package of learning and entertainment to the visitors. With celebrity nights, magic shows, dance, and music, we hope to provide an unforgettable experience to all our visitors," they added.

The tickets for the event are available on the official website of Technunctus '23 [https://technunctus.in]. Visitors can scan the QR code or visit the website to book their passes and be a part of the most awaited technical fest of IIT Jammu.

PIL seeking cleaning of industrial area: DB grants two-week time to SMC for filing affidavit

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JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation filed by inhabitants of Hillview Colony alleging that on account of establishment of an industrial area they are facing health hazards due to discharge of effluents from units as there is no proper arrangement for treatment of waste and effluents, the Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Puneet Gupta granted two-weeks time to Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) to file affidavit in terms of order dated May 31, 2022.

It is worthwhile to mention here that on May 31, 2022, Division Bench observed that on letter dated September 2, 2020 by inhabitants of the area addressed to the Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir, the PIL was registered in context with cleaning of the industrial area. Regional Director J&K Pollution Control Board, District Officer PCB, Budgam, had also pointed three deficiencies and had recommended that the CETP (Common Effluent Treatment Plant) needs to be made operational and the treated water needs to be channelized for irrigation purposes; the drains in the industrial estate are required to be cleaned and cleared regularly to ward off blockage/choking; and solid waste generated within the industrial estate should be channelized to some municipal body for scientific disposal. All the aforesaid jobs have to be taken care of by Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

Ravinder Pandita receives Jyotirmutt Mayukh award

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JAMMU: Founder Save Sharda Committee Kashmir (SSCK) Ravinder Pandita was awarded Jyotirmutt Mayukh award during a function held at Rudraksh Convention Hall, Varanasi.

The Shankracharya of Jyotirmutt presented coveted award to Pandita. S w a m i Aviktamukteshwaranand praised efforts of Save Sharda Committee in rebuilding lost heritage referring to Sharda temple at LoC Teetwal Kashmir, which was inaugurated on March 22 by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. A citation and shawl was presented to Ravinder Pandita on this occasion.

DHSK organises workshop for implementation of NTCP, COTPA

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SRINAGAR: The Directorate of Health Services of Kashmir on Wednesday conducted a Divisional Level Workshop of various key stakeholders for implementation of National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) and Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, (COTPA)- 2003 at Banquet Hall, Srinagar.

The Workshop was inaugurated by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri and was attended by DIG, Central Kashmir, Dir Health Services Kashmir, Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, Dir Colleges, Dir School Education, RTO Kashmir, Deputy Director Information Kashmir, officers from SMC, State Taxes Deptt, Drug & Food Control, ULB, RDD, National Health Mission, Health Department and members of NGOs Voluntary Health Kashmir &

Health Association Kashmir.

Speaking on the occasion, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir underlined the need to ensure a ban on smoking at public places including schools, colleges, hotels, buses, markets and stressed on spot imposition of fine on the smokers.

He said teachers should sensitize students about the harmful impact of smoking on the health and mind of youth and the ill-effect on society.

Meanwhile, he said that substance use has taken a dangerous situation in Kashmir and maintained there shall be no mercy for those involved in drug peddling. He also showed concern that if the drug nexus is not curbed effectively then it would have dangerous repercussions.

Div Com said that an intensive campaign has been run on social media and



Div Com Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri speaking at a workshop.

mainstream media against drug menace.

He directed for organising gainful activities to keep youth away from negativity.

Dir HSK Mushtaq Ahmad while welcoming guests said that the aim of the workshop is to bring key stakeholders on a single platform and to sensitize them for effective implementation of NTCP & COTPA-2003 and to chalk out a comprehensive policy for prohibition of smoking.

He said J&K was the 5th state to impose a ban on e-

cigarette and also stated that Shri Amarnath Yatra was declared Tobacco free from 2019.

Besides, he said a circular for complete ban on smoking in and around educational institutions has to be enforced to make them tobacco free.

He said that utmost importance shall be given to ban on tobacco to save precious lives and future generations.

During the workshop, State Nodal Officer, NTCP, Dr Mir Mushtaq gave a pres-

entation on Overview of National Tobacco Control Programme COTPA 2023 and TOFEI, while Nodal Officer Mental Health, Dr Majid Shafi presented on Health Hazards of Tobacco and Drug De-addiction.

National Speaker for Tobacco Cessation, President Rajasthan Cancer Foundation Dr Rajesh Gupta gave a detailed presentation on Tobacco Cessation.

The speakers gave data of the active smokers, age group involved, reasons of smoking, number of substance users, urge to quit smoking, lessons for treatment, motivational advice, NDC, ATF centres offering help in districts, fatalities, hazards, economic impact, cascading plan action, sustained awareness and education.

Dr Muhammad Naser, SPC, J&K presented vote of thanks to all the officers who participated in the workshop.