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

JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President Bharatiya Janata Party 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 ail-

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 upgrada-

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 endeav-

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.

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

JAMMU: Dr. Meenakshi Medical Kotwal. Superintendent 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, Shaista Tabassum, Dr. Surgeon, Shagufta Choudhary, Medical Officer IRP 15th Bn. & Physiotherapist Kriti

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

Department is the biggest

scam but the LG adminis-

tration is not admitting the

same despite proofs of irreg-

ularities provided to them

"We are victims of injus-

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tice by the Fire and

Department. We applied for

the posts in 2012 but it was

found that there was a

'scam'. Then we applied

again in 2018 and again a

'scam' was found. Last year

again another 'scam' was

found," one of the protesters

said. They said the adminis-

tration had formed a three-

member panel headed by

Additional Chief Secretary

Home R K Goyal to probe

the alleged irregularities in

December last year but the

report has not come till

They said the deserving

youth are being made to suf-

fer under the present dispen-

sation as in last few years, a

number of recruitment scams

have come to fore in Jammu

date.

several times.

Emergency

police jawans and their fami-

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

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

STATE TIMES NEWS

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 worldrenowned 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 alltime 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

The tech competitions will test the skills and knowledge of participants in various fields, and the workshops will provide a platform for participants 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 FPV founder Arth Choudhary, and many more. These sessions will inspire and motivate participants to think and create innovative solutions to realworld 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 organ-

"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

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.

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.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Director of School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, has uplinked a website $_{
m the}$ title "Atmanirbhar Jammu" on the public domain on

developed and designed independently by Javendra Singh Jasrotia, an eleven-year-old student of Jodhmal Public School, Jammu by using HTML,

CSS and JAVA SCRIPT. The Director of School Education

encouraged the student with the words that the work done by him is excellent of his age and to keep on doing such good technoacademic 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 Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary concept of Atmanirbhar Bharat was the igniting force behind the compilation and reflection of the self-reliant image 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 dis-

Aspirants of F&ES Deptt demand CBI enquiry in recruitment scam



Job aspirants of Fire and Emergency Services addressing a press conference in Jammu on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Job aspirants, who had applied for various posts in the Fire and Emergency Services, on Wednesday demanded from Jammu and Kashmir administration to make public the report of the inquiry committee formed to probe alleged irregularities in the recruitment Talking process. reporters here, the aspirants urged upon the concerned authorities to make the panel report public and

conduct a CBI probe into the recruitment in Fire and Emergency Department.

They said, "We are on hunger strike in front of the main gate of Maharaja Hari Singh Park for last many weeks, demanding the and Kashmir Jammu administration to make public the report of the inquiry committee formed to probe alleged irregularities in the recruitment

They said that recruit-

Ravinder Pandita receives Jyotirmutt Mayukh award

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Founder Save Committee Sharda (SSCK) Kashmir Ravinder Pandita was Mayukh award during a function held at Rudraksh Convention

The Shankracharya of Jvotirmutt presented coveted award to Pandita. 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.

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

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 twoweeks 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.

force for a period of 60 days, as tenants in Srinagar city dents of acid attack / evesigned by both the owner and SRINAGAR: With the aim of the tenant(s) to the conunless withdrawn earlier and which poses a danger to the cerned Police Station, either ordinary Citizens. The refer-

STATE TIMES NEWS 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 Srinagar, Magistrate Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Wednesday has issued an order under Sections of Cr.P.C, that all landlords, ney holders, persons incharge 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 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

in person or by registered post addressed to the con-Station House cerned 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

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 Any violation of this order shall invite punitive action under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code 1860 and other relevant sections of the

Disclosure of details of tenants made mandatory in Srinagar

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

ences 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 jurisdiction 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 houseowner, 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 inciteasing have occurred in the recent past in the District which are in turn damaging the social fabric of society thus calling for putting the deterrence measures in place" the order also reads. The DMs order has also

made a mention of reference which reads as "Whereas, SSP, Srinagar vide above mentioned communication/s has requested that there is an imminent need to conduct verification of tenants staying in rented accommodations in various parts of the city as there have been instances of social crimes and illicit activities, besides, it is necessary that some steps are taken to make the landlords, property owners accountable before renting out or making available their premises to tenants, so that such the criminals / anti-social /anti-national elements in the guise of tenants do not succeed in Commission of crime in the Community

DHSK organises workshop for implementation of NTCP, COTPA

Delegation from Phyang & Kupwara ranks 30 in **AIR** in Aspirational Director NISR call on LG Mishra Distt Programme

STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: A delegation from Phyang village comprising Councillor, Phyang, Tundup Nurboo along with Sarpanch and Nambardar. Phyang; venerable monks from Phyang Monastery and members of women's association called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), at Raj Niwas.

Tundup apprised LG of the construction of a museum at Phyang monastery to preserve and put centuries-old statues and sacred artefacts on display for visitors. He informed that the museum will also honour the memories of Bravehearts who fought against the Kabali attack in 1948. He also informed that Phyang monastery belongs to Drikung Kagyud, which is one of the oldest Buddhist

undup along with the members of the women's association from Phyang raised the issue of the acquisition of land by the government and the need to resolve the conflict among the villagers on the land-related issue. LG assured to look into the matter.

Director, National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (NISR), Padma Gyurmet, called on the LG at Raj Niwas.

Padma informed LG that Sowa Rigpa is one of the recognised systems of medicine by the Ministry of Ayush and one of the oldest medical traditions in the world. He also informed that Sowa Rigpa is the Science of Healing. He informed about the book being com-

piled by NISR on the medicinal plants of Ladakh. Padma informed LG about the development of a herbal garden spread over 200 kanals of land. He also informed that around 50% of public healthcare is covered by the traditional medicine system.

LG commended the National Institute of Sowa Rigpa for pro-

moting the traditional medicine system

STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: Kupwara district has registered significant improvement in All India Ranking (AIR) of Aspirational Districts released by Niti Aayog for the month of February, 2023 and staying at 30th position. This depicts that Kupwara's rank is consistently improving in the ranking of Niti Aayog. As per data, six months ago Kupwara stood at 84th rank while three months ago its rank was 39th and now in February 2023 it was at 30th level. Details show that the improvement has been registered in the Health and Nutrition sector from a score of 85 to 86.5 (14th Delta Rank). Likewise, Water Agriculture and Resources, the score has swelled up from 24.1 in January, 23 to 24.8 in

February, 2023, (16th Delta

Rank).

STATE TIMES NEWS

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

The Workshop was inaugurated by Divisional Kashmir. Commissioner Vijay Kumar Bidhuri and 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 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 reper-

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 &

for prohibition of smoking. He said J&K was the 5th state to impose a ban on e-

COTPA-2003 and to chalk

out a comprehensive policy

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

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-

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.