

Participation of local community significant for protection of biodiversity, wildlife conservation: LG

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that participation of local community is significant for the protection of biodiversity, wildlife conservation in an effective manner, promotion of nature tourism & wildlife tourism which provides employment and livelihood opportunities to local people.

The Lieutenant Governor said this while chairing the third meeting of Wildlife Board for the UT of J&K, here at Raj Bhawan.

Various issues related to strengthening of measures to protect wildlife and rich ecological diversity were discussed at length, and key decisions were taken.

The meeting was attended by Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dulloo, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Agriculture Production Department; Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Dr. Mohit Gera, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF); Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary to the Government, Tribal Affairs



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha chairing a meeting of Wildlife Board of J&K.

Department; Brig. V Yadav, Dy GoC, 31 Sub Area Srinagar; Suresh Gupta, PCCF/ Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K; Syed F Hamid, MD JKTDC; Dr Khurshid Ahmed, Head, Division of Wildlife Sciences, SKUAST; Nazir Benazir, President National Society on Water Resources, Wetland and Forests, J&K and other Board members, in person and through video conferencing.

The meeting deliberated on important development proposals, issues related to human-wildlife conflict and the need for better coordination and effective actions to ensure that not even a single life is lost.

Directions were passed to the

Wildlife department to make a comprehensive strategy and increase awareness, especially amongst the population vulnerable to human-wildlife conflict.

Government's prime objective is to protect Mother Nature and strike a balance between development & protection of precious civilisational legacy, said the Lt Governor.

While reviewing the implementation of Forest Rights Act, the Lt Governor directed the concerned functionaries to complete the process of granting Forest Rights, especially at the Individual level in a time bound manner.

The Lt Governor also enquired about the status of High Altitude National Park at Kishtwar and the functioning of Control Rooms, and directed the Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K to make on ground assessment of the status of the ongoing work of Jambu Zoo.

The Board members gave their valuable suggestions for conservation of wildlife and the measures to protect endangered species, promoting trekking routes, rationalizing the staff, digitization of services, fire prevention efforts & sensitization of local population.

A Pictorial Guide on Herpetofauna of Jammu Region compiled by Amit Sharma, ACF-Wildlife was also released on the occasion.

DGPC Election: Half day paid leave for voters JAMMU: In view of the polling of District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Election 2022 scheduled on June 27, the District Administration Jammu has advised the authorities to grant half day paid leave to the Sikh Community employees working in Central/State departments/PSUs to enable them to cast their vote. The Private employers have also been advised to grant leave to their employees.



Most illegal drugs can have adverse cardiovascular effects: Dr Sushil



Dr Sushil Sharma posing for a photograph with senior citizens and others in a camp.

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also can lead to cardiovascular problems, such as collapsed veins and bacterial infections of the blood vessels and heart valves. Even so-called recreational cocaine users may have higher blood pressure, stiffer arteries and thicker heart muscle walls than non-users, all of which can cause a heart attack. Researchers while presenting a study at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions called cocaine "the perfect heart attack drug" and showed how users had higher rates of multiple factors associated with higher risks of heart attack and stroke viz., 30 percent to 35 percent increase in aortic stiffening; 8 mm Hg higher systolic blood pressure, and 18 percent greater thickness of the heart's left ventricle wall.

More than 300 patients were examined, evaluated and advised during the camp. ECG, Blood Sugar, HbA1C and Lipid profile was conducted and medicines were also given as per the requirements.

Management Committee of the T R Gupta Public Charitable Trust T R Gupta, Rajinder Motial, Yashpal Gupta, Kailash Langer, Madan Mohan Gupta, Ajay Sabharwal, K B Jandial appreciated Dr Sushil and his team for conducting Cardiac awareness cum health check up camp.

Others who were part of this camp include Dr Ashok Gupta (Former HOD Paediatrics), Dr Dhaneshwar Kapoor, Dr Akhil Gupta, Dr T R Gupta, Dr S S Padha, Dr Zubair Lone, Dr Tanvir Bhat, Dr Anita koul, Dr Shivani, Dr Priney, Dr Ayleen Kour, Dr Tohira.

Paramedics and Volunteers include Kamal Sharma, Raj Kumar, Ranjeet Singh, Maqsood Ahmed, Raghav Rajput, Gourav Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Akshay Kumar, Vijay Sharma, Abhimanyu and Mukesh.

Advisor Bhatnagar visits Chandanwari, Nunwan; reviews arrangements for Amarnathji Yatra

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PAHALGAM: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Sunday toured the Pahalgam Axis of Yatra route and reviewed the preparedness and arrangements for the smooth conduct of upcoming Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY-2022) scheduled to commence from 30th of this month.

During the visit to Chandanwari Base Camp, Advisor Bhatnagar conducted on-site inspection of facilities on the route and chaired a review meeting at the base camp to review the security lodging, health care, communication network, sanitation, water supply, emergency response, fire safety and all other basic necessities for the smooth conduct of yatra.

At the end of deliberations, the Conference will adopt, by consensus, a brief, concise, action-oriented and inter-governmentally agreed declaration focusing on, and highlighting, the science-based and innovative areas of action to support the implementation of Goal 14 and a report containing the co-chairs' summaries of the interactive dialogues.

The leaders will also reaffirm the declaration entitled "Our ocean, our future: call for action", adopted by the high-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, held from 5 to 9 June 2017.

off. He also instructed them to deploy all disaster response equipments well in advance along the track as well as at the Base Camp.

At Chandanwari Base Camp, Advisor Bhatnagar also reviewed the medical care facilities of DRDO hospital established for providing quality healthcare services to Shri Amarnath Ji Yatris. He directed the concerned officers to work in mission mode and establish all the required facilities before the onset of yatra.

He asked the officers of health department to deploy adequate number of doctors and other paramedical staff to the hospital to cater to the needs of holy devotees.

Earlier, Advisor Bhatnagar also visited Nunwan Base Camp at Pahalgam and took stock of the preparations and arrangements for the ensuing Shri Amarnathji Yatra. The Advisor conducted a tour of the base camp and inspected the facilities including drinking water, health-care, toilets, sanitation, entry

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BARAMULLA: Addressing a large gathering at Baramulla town of North Kashmir, J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina said with a absolute majority BJP to form next govt in J&K.

Raina, who is in Kashmir valley, addressed series of BJP rallies in North Kashmir on Sunday addressed a large gathering at Baramulla which was also attended by BJP General Secretary Sunil Sharma, Secretary Dr. Farida Khan, senior leader Anwar Khan, MM War and District President Mir Mushtaq at Dak Banglow Baramulla.

Addressing the rally, BJP

President Ravinder Raina reiterated that BJP will cross the magic figure of 50 plus in upcoming assembly election and will form its own government in J&K.

He said the various schemes launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has benefited the common man in J&K. He said the Ayushman Bharat scheme, Kisan Samman Nidhi, PMAY various social welfare schemes, free ration, free Covid-19 vaccine, various scholarship scheme for the students and the mega development projects have benefited the common masses in J&K and the common man is being given justice ion Modi Govt. under "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, Sabka

Vishwas".

Raina further said in Modi government everybody is feeling happy with the care being taken by the PM Modi. He said we need a double engine government in J&K as people wants development, peace and harmony and only Modi govt. can fulfil the dreams of common masses especially the younger generation.

Raina thanked the people of Baramulla and Kupwara district for their wholehearted support to BJP and said he is quite sure that with Jammu region BJP will also win the assembly seats in Kashmir valley and will form its own government with Chief Minister from BJP.

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Dr. Farida Khan, Anwar Khan, MM War and District President Mir Mushtaq also address the rally.

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Excise Range Central Kashmir organises anti-drug inter departmental event

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BUDGAM: Excise Range Central Kashmir on Sunday organised anti-drug inter departmental event, as a mark of observation of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mohotsav, at Model Higher

Secondary School, Chadoora, here.

The event was held under the guidance of Pankaj Sharma Excise Commissioner and the supervision of Tahir Ajaz, Deputy Excise Commissioner (Exe) Kashmir.

The participants highlighted the abuse and effects of drugs on society.

School children highlighted the menace at their level and experts put the medical and educational perspective and religious scholars elaborated about every religion has forbidden the usage of any sedative substance.

Local police described the punitive punishments.

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