

LG lauds efforts to conserve, protect precious wildlife of J&K

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday lauded the efforts to conserve and protect precious wildlife of Jammu and Kashmir UT and called for proper utilization of natural resources, promotion of trekking routes, and strategy for effective and efficient mitigation of human-wildlife conflict.

Chairing the 4th meeting of Wildlife Board for the UT of J&K, on Saturday at Civil Secretariat, the Lt Governor congratulated the officers and other stakeholders on the declaration of Shalabugh and Hygam as Ramsar Sites. With this development, the Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir ranks 4th in the country in terms of largest network of wetlands, he added.



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha chairing 4th meeting of Wildlife Board for the UT of J&K.

The meeting was attended by Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary, Forest Department; A.K. Choudhary, Special DG (Crime) and Roshan Jaggi, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

The Lt Governor directed for taking proactive steps to protect wildlife and its

habitat.

Greater coordination among the stakeholders must be ensured to dismantle the nexus of poachers, he added.

"Integrated development of wildlife habitats should be our top priority. Our efforts must focus on strengthening ecological integrity, and conservation of priceless resources through people's

participation," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also appraised the action taken on the directions passed in the previous meeting.

Suresh Gupta, PCCF/Chief Wildlife Warden gave a detailed overview of the significant achievements made in protection and conservation of wildlife and their habi-

tats.

The Board also discussed the development of city forests in Jammu and Srinagar, and accorded approvals to several agenda points including developing amenities for travelers along Mughal road.

A publication on "Hangul Population Monitoring Exercise, 2023" was also released on the occasion.

Dr. Parag Nigam; Dr. Avtar Kaur and Dr. Kumar Ambrish - Representatives of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun; Zoological Survey of India; Botanical Survey of India; Nazir Benazir, President National Society on Water Resources, Wetland and Forests, J&K, besides Eminent Conservationists, Ecologists, Environmentalists, and other board members also attended the meeting.

Vedic culture a dynamic and living tradition holds eternal spiritual truths: Jagadguru Shankaracharya



Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri 1008 Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati Maharaj addressing devotees at residence of JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla.

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JAMMU: About 6000 years ago, there was only one religion in the whole world, whose name was Sanatana Dharma and also called Vedic Religion. The simple meaning of Sanatan Vedic religion was to live life in the manner described in the Vedas.

Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri 1008 Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati Ji Maharaj said these things on Tuesday while addressing the devotees at residence of JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla before leaving for

Katra to pay obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine today where he was warmly received by top priests of temple.

Addressing the devotees, Jagadguru Shankaracharya said that our culture has survived our tradition so far, the only reason for it is our very sacred Guru-Shishya tradition.

Jagadguru Shankaracharya observed that since Truth, in its manifestation is ever moving towards new formulations and ground of experience, the Sanatana Dharma admits progress and evolution in our

inner and outer life spear-headed by lineage of saints, sages, seers, yogis, vibhitis and Avatars.

Jagadguru Shankaracharya said it is up to the parents, teachers and gurus to find the ways in which the youth of today can understand and learn about the customs and history of the Vedic tradition in a way that makes sense to them.

Jagadguru Shankaracharya said youth of today cannot be pushed or forced into something but they need to be introduced to the Vedic tradition through methods that involve their own interests, whether it is technology and computers, or whether it is through ways of self-expression like music, dance, art, or even martial arts.

All of these avenues have strong roots in the Vedic tradition and were used in ways of discipline that would also lead one to higher awareness and refined realizations.

Dr Karan pays obeisance at Kheer Bhawani, Gadadhar Temples; prays for peace, prosperity of J&K



Chairman Trustee of JKDT Dr Karan Singh speaking at Kheer Bhawani and Gadadhar ji Temples.

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SRINAGAR: Chairman Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, Dr Karan Singh today paid obeisance at the Kheer Bhawani and Gadadhar ji Temples in Srinagar and prayed for the peace, progress and prosperity of the Union Territory.

During his visit, Dr Karan Singh performed Pooja at both the temples and went through the temples'

Complexes to enquire about the facilities being provided to the devotees. He expressed satisfaction over the facilities and gave necessary instructions on the spot.

The Chairman Trustee asked senior functionaries of the Trust to work with more zeal and dedication and make all possible efforts in providing adequate facilities to the visiting pilgrims.

Two month long Amarnath Yatra reflects Govt's confidence, people's enthusiasm: Dr Jitendra

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MANIPURI: Union Minister; Dr. Jitendra Singh on Tuesday said, two month long Amarnath Yatra, planned for this year, reflects government's confidence and people's enthusiasm.

Addressing a gathering of prominent citizens here to mark the completion of 9 years of the government headed by PM Narendra Modi, as chief guest, Dr Jitendra said, Jammu & Kashmir and North-East present a befitting example of deft handling of the menace of terrorism and extremism under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi.

He added that in tune with vote-bank politics, Congress and its allied political parties had developed a vested interest in allowing Article 370 to continue even though, in the constitution, it was noted and mentioned as a "temporary provi-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, as Chief Guest, addressing a gathering at Mainpuri.

sion". Prime Minister Narendra Modi has walked the talk, so far, his clarion call of zero-tolerance for terrorism is concerned, the Minister said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, due to overall peaceful atmosphere and confidence of the Government and enthusiasm of the common man, for the first time after many years, the holy Amarnath Yatra in Jammu & Kashmir starting from 1st July will be of 2 month long duration, which were earlier sometimes restricted to even 15-20 days due to security and other

considerations.

He said, for the first time, nearly 50,000 people are having Darshan per day at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, not to speak of the record number of 1 crore, 70 lakh tourists visiting the State in last season.

Dr Jitendra pointed out that the recent most successful G20 event in Jammu & Kashmir inclusive of official deliberations, Shikara rides, Golf, shopping in busy markets, cultural events and participation by all sections of society is a refreshing moment, setting a bench-

mark for future big events.

The Minister said, the youth of J&K is highly aspirational and does not want to miss the bus. The youth is keen to move on and be led by Modi, he added.

Dr Jitendra said, it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who gave Jammu and Kashmir the real 'self-rule' by ensuring successful conduct of regular Panchayat elections and the first-ever District Development Council (DDC) polls in seven decades in November 2020.

On the question of conduct of Assembly polls, the Minister said, the call has to be taken by Election Commission of India by consulting with other agencies. But he added that his party, BJP is always ready for it as they work 24x7x365 on the ground.

He said that the Modi government has created a milieu where the outlets are available for expression of aspiration by the youth. He also mentioned how the security scenario has undergone a change in the UT where there are no more stone-pelting incidents. He said that credit for all this goes to Prime Minister Modi.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Channi Himmat, Bathindi, Malik Market, Upper Chowadi, Matto Colony and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 07 from 6 am to 8 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Yatri Niwas, Bhawani nagar, Gole Gujral, Talab Tillo, Trilokpur, Panjpeer, Niteo Lane, Vikas Nagar, Sari Rakhwal, Pounichak, Kharote, Janglote, AIR, Hospital, Indira Colony, Krishna Colony, Shaheedi chowk, Nagri Adda, Chak Desa, Changran, Sherpur, Badala, Padyari, Palli, Logate Morh, Logate, Baswain Morh, Industrial Area, Saidpur, Nagri, Jarmal, Airwan, Jakhbar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 10 from 6 am to 10 am.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Keerian Gandiyal shall remain affected on June 07 from 7 am to 9 am.

Similarly, the power supply Near Police Post shall remain affected on June 07 from 8 am to 10 am.

Narcotics Control Bureau busts major DarkNet-based LSD smuggling syndicate



CCI members meet Union Minister Puri, discusses issues

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JAMMU: The office bearers and Senior Members of Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) under the Presidentship of Arun Gupta met Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Arun Gupta requested the Union Minister to take up the issues pertaining to the local Housing and Urban Development Department with the concerned higher authorities for their early redressal.

Arun briefed the Union Minister that there is urgent need to develop the commercial sites and residential colonies as since last 3 decades no such sites or colonies have been developed by the J&K Housing Board and JDA.

Arun Gupta also pointed out that in spite of depositing the prescribed fee the lease deeds in respect of shops at Shiv Market Railway Station have not been executed by JDA since last 15 years. These lease deeds should be executed without any further delay.

Arun Gupta also said that the lease deeds of allottees of Sabzi Mandi and Fruit Mandi Narwal, which have expired be renewed at the earliest after charging mini-



CCI members and others during meeting with Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister at Jammu.

mum possible premium.

Arun Gupta also appraised the Union Minister that JDA is proposing to build a multi storey complex in old bus stand area without framing any rehabilitation policy for the present business outlets who are working there since the bus stand came into existence.

Before proceeding further in the matter, JDA should frame a rehabilitation policy in consultation with the stakeholders.

Arun Gupta also briefed the Union Minister that Gandhi Nagar Housing Colony was established in the year 1995 to decongest the old city area and since then there is manifold increase in the family members of the allottees.

Hardeep Singh Puri said that the focus of the Prime Minister of India and the BJP government his overall development of Jammu and

Kashmir and we are on the job to achieve the goal.

Further he said that the issues raised in the meeting pertain to the local housing and urban development department and he assured that these issues shall be taken up with the local higher authorities for their early redressal.

Among others present in the meeting include Jugal Kishore Sharma MP, Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President CCI, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President CCI, Manish Gupta, Secretary General CCI, Rajesh Gupta, Secretary CCI, Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer CCI, Romesh Chander Gupta, Ex-President CCI, Sham Lal Sharma, former Minister J&K, Shiv Partap Gupta, Jagdish Langer, Rahul, Corporator, Neeraj Lucky Puri, Vinay Gupta, Subash Gupta and Vijay Gupta.

Anantnag Press Club will be coming up soon: Darakhshan



Chairperson JKWB Dr Darakhshan Andrabi speaking at a meeting.

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ANANTNAG: Minister of State for J&K and Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi announced that the Press Club at Anantnag will come up soon. She was interacting with Media persons & social Media influencers of South Kashmir today which was convened by BJP in commemoration of completion of nine years of Modi government at the Centre.

She was accompanied by MP Rajya Sabha G A Khatana & other local party representatives.

In her interaction with the media representatives,

Dr Andrabi thanked the media for their support in helping us reach out to the people.

"Media has played a very significant role in informing about the constitutional & political changes in J&K which has led to the era of peace and development."

I, with great reverence, salute the media for their role", said Dr Andrabi.

She said that as soon as the environment of fear and suppression vanished in J&K with the Prime Minister's bold initiatives, the media came out in support of the restoration of peace and spread the true stories of develop-

ment of Kashmir to the world.

She thanked the media for their historical role during the G20 international event at Srinagar which has sent our positive stories to the whole world.

"Media is the fourth pillar of our democracy and we need to further strengthen the genuine media platforms. Keeping in view the long pending demand of the press fraternity of South Kashmir, we have decided to provide a piece of land for the Press Club at Anantnag", said Dr Darakhshan Andrabi. She stressed upon the media persons to put in extra efforts to tell the stories of the development & growth of J&K after a long dark spell of destruction in Kashmir.

"J&K is now on the path of peace & progress and under the LG's able administration, J&K is leading in developmental index at the national level in different sectors", said Waqf Board Chairperson.

ADGP Jammu adhere new rank to newly promoted Inspector



ADGP Jammu Zone, Jammu, Mukesh Singh decorating newly promoted Inspector Sunil Dutt.

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JAMMU: Addl. Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Jammu,

Mukesh Singh on Tuesday decorated newly promoted Inspector by pinning new rank on his promotion in a simple

function held at ZPHQ Jammu.

The officer who was decorated is Sunil Dutt posted at Samba district of Jammu Zone.

While felicitating the Inspector urged the officer to work with zeal and zest to make the department proud. He expressed his hope that the promotion would bring new spirit of public service among the officer.

The other Police officers who were present on the occasion are Janardhan Singh Sathia DySP (S) Private Secy. to ADGP Jammu Zone and other staff of ZPHQ.