

Shri Amarnathji Yatra

Div Com, ADGP meet members of Civil Society Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and Additional Director General of Police, Jammu, Anand Jain on Friday convened a meeting with members of Civil Society Jammu regarding smooth conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra and countering misinformation regarding the prevailing situation in Jammu region.
 DIG JSK range, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, SSP Jammu, ADM Jammu, religious leaders, heads of social, religious, organizations, Transporters, Business community and other prominent citizens were present.
 At the outset of the meeting, the Div Com Jammu invited suggestions from the Civil Society for better conduct of the Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2024. He impressed on the crucial role of civil society and the general public in the



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting on Friday.

smooth and successful conduct of Shri Amarnathji Yatra. A number of prominent citizens including heads of religious organizations, charitable trusts, business and transporter associations spoke on the occasion. They put forth valuable suggestions for ensuring best facilities for the pilgrims of SANJY-2024 and increasing tourist footfall at tourist destinations of Jammu region.
 All the members of the civil society Jammu expressed commitment for full cooperation and assistance towards serving the pilgrims during the annual holy Yatra. Suggestions were given regarding decongestion in the city, ample parking spaces, CCTV surveillance, proper lighting, drinking water and other amenities for pilgrims and tourists.
 The meeting also discussed measures to counter misinformation regarding the prevailing situation in Jammu region with the help of the general public. The participants presented their views and expressed concern over the rumors that spread on Social media during sensitive times.
 The ADGP Jammu while interacting with the members of the civil society appealed to the Civil Society members and general public to not pay any attention or believe on any information unless it is confirmed and provided on authorized platforms. People should refrain from forwarding misleading and unconfirmed information on social media platforms and whatsapp groups as this could create a panic and unnecessary

problems, he added.
 The Div Com Jammu urged all the participants to act as informed citizens for providing continuous cooperation to the administration for the greater good and safety of the general public of Jammu. He asked for increasing the Police Public meetings and making it a regular feature of the working of police in rural and sparse areas.
 DIG JSK range and Deputy Commissioner Jammu also advised the people to keep a close vigil in their areas and inform the authorities about any suspected activities in their areas.
 SSP Jammu said that all the significant points voiced during the meeting have been noted for appropriate action. Business owners and heads of religions and charitable institutions were asked to install CCTV cameras around their shops and establishments.



ANTF, NCB organise awareness programme on drug abuse



ANTF and NCB officers at awareness programme on drug abuse in Wave Mall, Jammu.

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JAMMU: Under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, an awareness program on drug abuse was organized on Friday at Wave Mall Jammu by the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) in collaboration with Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Jammu.
 The event witnessed active participation from a large number of customers and shopkeepers.
 The programme focused on various aspects of drug abuse, with insightful sessions conducted by SSP ANTF Raj Kumar, DySP ANTF Jammu Tanvir Geelani, and officers of NCB Jammu.
 The primary objective of the programme was to educate the public about the perils of drug abuse and to combat the growing menace within society.
 The people in the Mall were encouraged to play an active role in spreading awareness about drug abuse, particularly among children, as a preventive measure.
 Emphasizing the importance of community involvement, participants were urged to share any information they may have about drug peddlers and smugglers with law enforcement agencies for necessary legal action.
 By engaging with the public in a bustling setting like Wave Mall, the awareness program aimed to reach a wider audience and instill a sense of responsibility towards combating drug abuse.
 The collaborative efforts of ANTF and NCB underscored the commitment towards creating a drug-free society and safeguarding the well-being of future generations. Initiatives like these play a crucial role in raising awareness, fostering community participation, and ultimately curbing the menace of drug abuse.

Collaborative efforts are needed for conservation of our glorious heritage: Darakhshan

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SRINAGAR: Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, the Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board on Friday attended the Exhibition of art demonstrations and artifacts related to the Sufi-Spiritual Heritage of Kashmir at Srinagar. Varied artifacts and historically significant demonstrative frames of art and crafts were displayed in the exhibition.
 The theme of the exhibition was suffi- spiritual tradition of Kashmir.
PM Vishwakarma guidelines translated in Urdu
STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: MSME DFO Jammu, Field office of Union Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and activities for the benefit of MSMEs of Jammu & Kashmir.
 The PM Vishwakarma scheme is implemented by the Union Ministry of MSME with the active support of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir. The guidelines of PM Vishwakarma are being read by all the stakeholders, prospective & present beneficiaries of J&K. For benefit of Urdu readers the PM Vishwakarma Guidelines are translated by MSME DFO Jammu in URDU and uploaded in www.msmedi-jammu.gov.in
 MSME DFO Jammu is recommending all the applications received under PM Vishwakarma at Stage 3 on a daily basis from 20 districts of Jammu & Kashmir. All the queries received by email are also pursued timely. This has been made possible with directions of G. Velladurai IEDS Joint Director.
Registering Authority orders closure of drug de-addiction centre in Jammu
STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: District Registering Authority for Clinical Establishments has ordered the immediate closure of the Parivartan Foundation Drug De-addiction Centre, situated at village Garhi, Domana Jammu. During a surprise inspection of the institution, severe irregularities and significant operational deficiencies were observed while the unprofessional management of the centre was also noted and taken into consideration. To ensure the protection of the inmates from future inconvenience and mistreatment, Convenor, District Registering Authority, has issued an order for immediate closure of the Parivartan Foundation Drug De-addiction Centre. Arrangements have been made to transfer the inmates to alternative government institutions for their care and rehabilitation. Concurrently, a show cause notice has been served to Mashwara Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts, Purkhoo, due to revelation of certain discrepancies in their facility during a similar surprise inspection and its response has been sought within two days.



Chairperson JKWB, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi visiting exhibition of artifacts related to Sufi-Spiritual heritage of Kashmir.

The exhibition was organised by INTAC J&K in collaboration with some volunteers. Dr Andrabi prayed the organisers for this very significant display.
 "I am highly thankful to the team of organisers, especially Salem Beg Sahib, the famed art conservator, former DG Tourism J&K & INTAC J&K Convener for such a great initiative. Our young generation needs to be shown the magnificent heritage proofs we own and apprise them of the importance of conservation and continuance of this glorious tradition", said Dr Darakhshan.
 She said that she would like to devise a plan for the large scale conservation of this heritage by roping in different private patterns and searching the broader possibilities of collaborative efforts in this connection.

Kashmiri Pandit Sabha celebrates Zeshta Ashtami

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JAMMU: Zeshta Ashtami was celebrated on Friday at Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS), Ambphalla where Puja Arhana was performed in which large numbers of devotees participated and Prasad was distributed among the devotees.
 The Puja was performed in traditional manner in which the devotees prayed for the well being of the people of the



J&K UT and in particular the Kashmiri Pandits.
 The executive members present on the occasion were K. K Khosa President, Deepak Dhar Senior Vice-President, Ashwani Koul Vice-President, G. J. Kampassi Secretary, Ashok Kher, Subhash Dhar, Dr. Usha Tickoo, Prof. R. K. Ganjoo, Dr. Sujata Sathoo, Bharat Bushan Gosani and T. N. Bhat.

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