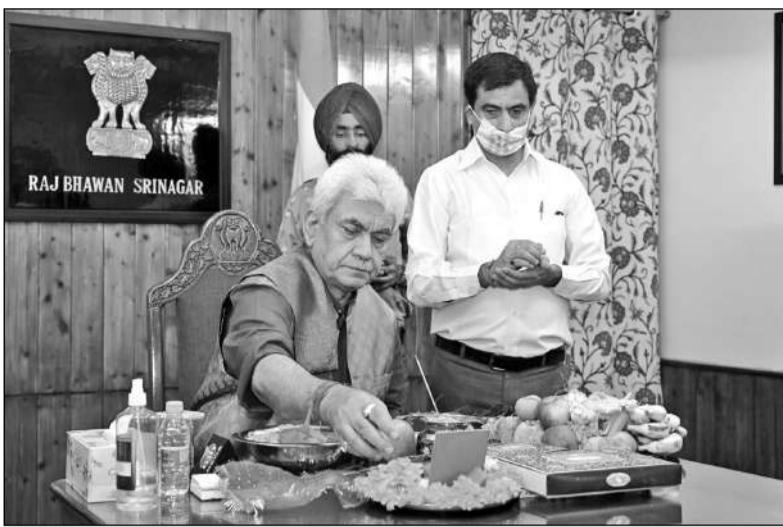


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The Lt Governor asked the Administrative Secretaries, DCs, SSPs, HoDs to lead the campaign and directed for organizing programmes of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign at prominent and iconic places, tourist spots, border villages, and illuminating the most conspicuous buildings and spots all over the UT in tricolor.

He also instructed for identifying houses and families of freedom fighters, and conducting Prabhat Pheris involving students, NCC cadets and NSS volunteers, besides integrating Covid precautionary dose with the campaign.

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### Jammu's Manjawallas-Down...

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The Manja of those times was not considered harmful or hazardous to life, except for inflicting cuts on the fingers of the users, which too could be averted by taking safety measures like covering fingers. However, for the last few years, the traditional Manja makers are not seen anywhere, notwithstanding the fact that they used to be most sought after. Ostensibly, absence of the traditional Manja makers paved way for Chinese strings to take over the Jammu business, rendering skilled and unskilled workforce jobless, who otherwise used to work for the local and Punjab Manja makers, directly or indirectly.

Initially, the changing trend in the trade did not catch the imagination of the administration but in the wake of the dangerous and hazardous fall out of the Chinese Manja, blanket ban was imposed on its sale and use. The violation entails a fine of Rs one lakh or imprisonment of five years or both. The penal measures, it appears, have not been taken seriously by the unscrupulous traders engaged in the business of Chinese Manja across the country, resulting in fatalities and casualties. This is a dangerous trend and brazen violation of the laws in-force and recommendations of the Green Tribunal. Such a trend has to be reversed in the larger interest of the traveling and commuting public. This is a seasonal crime, which is rampant during kite flying events held during different seasons across India. While in Gujarat, Karnataka and Rajasthan, people fly kites during the festival of Makar Sankranti, in Bengal kites are eagerly flown during festivals like Vishwakarma Puja, Akshay Tritiya. Similarly, in most parts of the country, the kites are flown between Raksha Bandhan and Shri Krishna Janamashtami. In Delhi kite flying takes place on the Independence Day while in Punjab-Haryana belt skies dot with colorful kites on Baisakhi and Basant Panchami.

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### STATE TIMES NEWS

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This is also to be construed as a misconduct and violation of Civil Services Conduct Rules," it added.

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It added that it is, accordingly, impressed upon all HoDs and DDOS not to allow any doctor borne on the establishment of Health and Medical Education Department to indulge into these malpractices resulting into loss of Government exchequer and weakening of public services.

"Strict vigilance shall be kept and such cases will be recommended for strict action by the Regulatory Authorities. These instructions shall also apply to Para-medical staff who are found indulging in same practices. Monthly report in this regard will be furnished by all HoDs," it reads.

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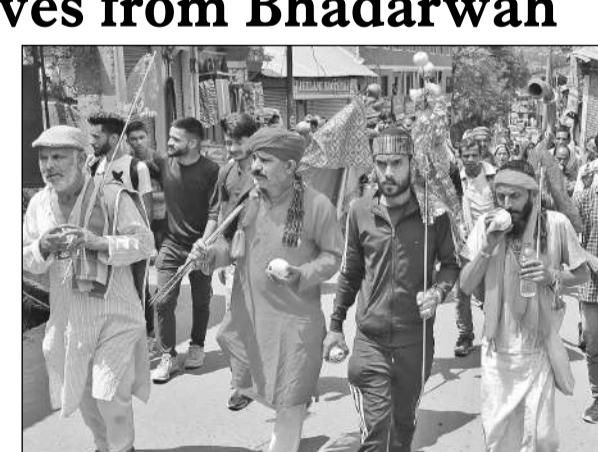
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