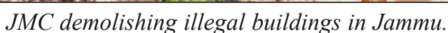


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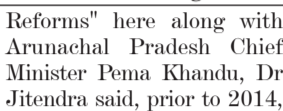
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VC launches online portal for JUET-2022

JMC demolishes illegal buildings



Demolition drive was done in the presence of Assistant Commissioner

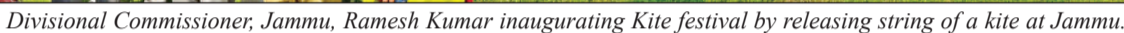


The Minister added that the significant development in terms of road, rail and air connectivity is helping facilitate the movement of goods and persons not only across

Coming back to Administrative Reforms, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, India believes that 21st century Public Grievance redressal would be based on single window agencies which will help citizens use information for seeking better services. He added that many methods have been contemplated including One Nation One Portal, Multilingual CPGRAMS for enhanced citizen outreach, data analytics to measure the quality of grievance redressal, feedback call centres and provision for citizen transcripts on the CPGRAMS portal etc.



Speaking on the occasion, he said "Kite flying has been an integral part of our Culture. Kites have the ability to drag us out of our homes and go back to childhood for a while. I congratulate Directorate of Tourism, Jammu for organizing such a sprightly festival"



While addressing the media, Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism Jammu, said "Kites have been a part of our tradition since ancient times and even today they are flown to celebrate various festivals and sentiments. There is nothing more enjoyable than flying a kite. I would like to thank the people of Jammu for making our initiative a thorough success and using Indian Thread for Flying Kites".

Live commentary of snapping of kites enhanced the excitement with the crowd of spectators reverberating with "Chal Gayi Aaa". As many as 100 Kite enthusiasts participated in the event. The blue sky was dotted with numerous kites of different shapes, colours and sizes, which added to everyone's delight.

It is pertinent to mention here that the participants used only Indian Thread for flying Kites. It was ensured

at the entry gate, by the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu that none of the participants take Chinese thread inside the venue.

Arjun Singh secured first prize of Rs 3100, while Mohit Verma and Anil Kumar bagged the second prize (Rs 2100) and third prize of (Rs 1100), respectively. All the participants were given certificates in the end.

Sunaina Sharma, Joint Director said "The

purpose of organizing this event was to give Jammunites an exhilarating experience of Kite Flying with enthralling music and delightful feast. The event is not only a competition but a memory of one's childhood and a medium to connect to our roots.

While speaking to the media, Abdul Jabbar said that it was a joyous sight of gaily colored kites covering the skies as paper and strings soar and gravity to consort with the clouds. The Kites

festival has surely spread an aura of joy, colours, and thrill with its positive vibes. The Festival was attended by Amarjyoti Raina, Deputy Director Tourism; Dr. Neha Mahajan, DDT, Planning Jammu and other officers/officials of Tourism Department.

Also present were prominent citizens of the area and representatives of the travel trade fraternity. Besides 92.7 Big FM was the event partner for the kite festival.

Dr Andrabi visits Chrar-e-Sharief & Pakherpora shrines; takes many decisions

Illegal Pandals, Takhts erected for receiving donations at Shrines removed

Dr Darakhshan paid obeisance at the shrine of Sheikh Nooruddin Noorani.

After the blanket ban by Waqf Board on compulsive & illegal demand of money at shrines by some people, Dr Andrabi today ordered the removal of all chairs and Takhts erected by



the people within the shrine & the campus for receiving donations at shrine of Alamdar which were removed by the Waqf staff immediately.

She ordered the people to help in re-establishing the real befitting environment at these spiritual places.

"The ban on illegal forced donations & occupation of the donation spaces by individuals in shrines is a nuisance and people across J&K have been demanding the abolition of this practice since decades but Waqf was used by politicians for decades for vote bank politics

and now we have taken this very important decision as per the provisions of Central Waqf Act. Our aim is to provide a clean, serene and spiritually befitting atmosphere to visitors in all shrines," said Dr Darakhshan.

"Many hard but necessary decisions are a must for making Waqf an organization as per expectations of the people of J&K. We will be continuously taking bold decisions only to maintain or re-establish the befitting environment at our shrines and also for the productive use of other properties and assets of Waqf in J&K," said Dr Darakhshan. Dr Andrabi continued meetings with Waqf Board employees at Chrar-e-Sharief & Pakherpora and emphasized on them to change

their working behavior and attitude so that the services to the public are provided without any compromise. "Honesty and dedication is the mantra for Waqf employees to ensure the continuance of their services in Waqf. We cannot tolerate any dishonesty and laxity in services," said Dr Andrabati to employees. She also inspected the Waqf owned rented properties & shops and issued many orders on the spot too.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDC/L Janmu has informed that the power supply to Arnas, Dharmari, Mahoran, SarhBagga and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 20 from 9 am to 5 pm. Similarly, the power supply to MES, Sainik Colony, part of RatnuChak and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 20 from 7 am to 11 am. Likewise, the power supply to Bajalta, Kuper, KannaShargal, Malhori Jaggar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 20 from 7 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to Channi Himmat, Malik Market, Upper Chowadi, Mattoo Colony and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 20 from 7 am to 11 am. Likewise, the power supply to Sialsui, Bali Bawan, Dhangari, Potha, Saranoo, Dhanwan, Chingus and Doongi-Keri and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 20 from 10 am to 3 pm.

DC reviews dev, regulatory requirements for smooth vehicular movement in Jammu City

ADC (L&O) Minga Sherpa;
ADC (ADM) Satish Sharma;
SSP Traffic, Dr Koushal
Sharma; RTO Jammu
Ghanshyam Singh, ACR JMC
Munisha and SP North,
Kuldeep Handa were present
in the meeting.

Thredbare discussion was
held on certain issues regard-

The concerned official informed the Chair that different areas/locations have been identified for no parking and no vehicular zones. It was also informed in the meeting that roads from City Chowk to Shaheedi Chowk, City Chowk to Purani Mandi and Purani Mandi to Parade have been identified for one way traffic to avoid the congregation of vehicles.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the concerned officers to remove the encroachment on the footpaths by vendors and Shopkeepers. She directed for conducting a Joint anti-encroachment drive to clear the footpaths.

The traffic officers were asked to strictly enforce no-entry on the one-way routes to decongest traffic in the old city.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized to sensitize people regarding traffic rules, especially to park their vehicles in designated parking areas and not to enter from the wrong side of the road. She asked the

concerned to install sign boards for no parking zone and one-way traffic to restrict violations. She also asked them to recover the fine from the violators as per law. She asked to initiate the works regarding extension, construction and repair of dividers, installation of sign boards and drawing of zebra crossing at various locations and completed them at the earliest.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized upon all the stakeholder departments to work in close coordination and synergy to ensure smooth vehicular movement in the old city of Jammu.

