

## NABARD hosting Crafts-Art Mela in Kala Kendra Jammu from Sept 26 to Oct 2



General Manager NABARD Jammu, Sandeep Sharma addressing a press conference at Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: NABARD is the country's apex level development institute, which is dedicated to the progress and development of rural areas of the country. Apart from agriculture, it also works for the development of small industries, cottage industries and rural projects. To encourage rural crafts, NABARD is organizing All India Crafts-Art Mela - "Gramya 2022" at Kala Kendra, Bikram Chowk, Jammu from September 26 to 2 October 2022. It was informed by General Manager NABARD Jammu, Sandeep Sharma at a press conference held here on Thursday.

Deputy General Manager NABARD, Anamika and Deputy General Manager Rahul Shashni were also present on the occasion.

This type of National Exhibition is being organized by NABARD in Jammu for the first time wherein artisans and craftsmen from across the country will showcase and sell their handloom and handicraft products.

The main objective of organ-

**Man held with dollars worth Rs 55.4 lakh at IGI airport**

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NEW DELHI: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) detected US Dollars worth Rs 55.4 lakh concealed 'between the layers of body and bottom part of a Hot Case and a Thermos' at IGI Airport in Delhi, the official said on Thursday. On Thursday at about 0545 hrs, on the basis of behaviour detection, CISF surveillance and intelligence staff of Terminal-3, IGI Airport, noticed suspicious activities of a passenger at 'C' row Check-in area. The passenger was later identified as Mohammad Israfil who was supposed to travel from Delhi to Dubai by Spicejet Flight No. SG-11 (STD 0740 hrs), CISF official said. On suspicion, he was diverted to a random checking point for thorough checking of his luggage through X-BIS machine, the doubtful image of concealment of some foreign currency was noticed, official added. Thereafter, the

passenger was allowed to complete the check-in formalities and was kept under close watch through physical and electronic means. After clearing the Check-in process and immigration formalities, the passenger was intercepted by CISF surveillance and intelligence staff and was brought to departure Customs office.

On thorough checking of his trolley bag, 69,300 US Dollars worth approximately Rs 55.4 lakh were detected which were ingeniously concealed "between the layers of body & bottom part of a Hot Case & a Thermos", kept inside the trolley bag, official added. On enquiry, he could not produce valid documents to carry such huge amount of foreign currency.

The passenger along with the detected 69,300 US Dollars was handed over to Custom officials for further action in the matter.

**Shankaracharya Adhokshajanand's five-day J&K visit concludes**

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JAMMU: Poorvannaya Govardhan Puri Peethadheeshwar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Adhokshajanand Dev Tirtha Maharaj's five-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir concluded amid great religious fervour and enthusiasm among devotees. A grand procession of Shankaracharya was taken out besides many religious meetings and other programmes were organized to mark the occasion. Jagadguru Shankaracharya was accorded a warm welcome by all dignitaries, including Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha.

During his visit, revered Hindu seer Shankaracharya Adhokshajanand Dev Tirtha paid visit to holy cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi and paid obeisance to holy deity besides praying for peace and harmony.

Thereafter he visited Vishwasthali



Poorvannaya Govardhan Puri Peethadheeshwar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Adhokshajanand Dev Tirtha Maharaj visiting Jammu.

Basohli, where a grand procession was taken out to celebrate the auspicious occasion. Prominent among the devotees

Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and also from South Indian states like Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, etc will be installed.

The Gramya Mela is featuring some of the exclusive products like Tussar silk Sarees from Jharkhand, Jaipuri quilts and Charma Juttis from Rajasthan, Chikanari from Uttar Pradesh, world famous Mithila and Madhubani paintings from Bihar, Jute products from West Bengal, Palmyra from Tamil Nadu and banana fiber products etc. Some of the local products from J&K i.e. Basohli pashmina, Kashmiri carpet and Organic haldi, Honey, etc. are also displayed in the exhibition.

The shopkeepers of Jammu can directly contact the artisans and craftsmen visiting this fair and can buy and sell their exclusive products in Jammu through tie up arrangement. This will directly benefit both the shopkeepers and the artisans.

In this way, both the artisans and the customers will be benefitted. Stalls from 18 states across the country i.e. Punjab,

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