

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

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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, Birkram 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-



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

ising this exhibition is to provide a platform to the artisans of Jammu and Kashmir and other states to display and sell their products. There is a good influx of tourists to Jammu during Navratras, due to which there will be good footfall in the exhibition, which will lead to good sales. The exhibition will provide a suitable opportunity to SHGs/Artisans/FPOs/OFPOs to showcase their products, understand customer preferences, learn new marketing skills as well as develop a customer base. This will also improve their financial condition. Artisans and craftsmen from across the country will display their exclusive hand-

loom and handicraft products for sale in the exhibition. Special and authentic products from different parts of the country will be available in this exhibition, which are generally not available in Jammu and Kashmir. Artisans are bringing their own products, due to which the sales proceeds of the products sold will go directly to the artisans and no commission of any middleman will be involved in this, due to which the price of the products will also be reasonable and comparatively lesser from the market.

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

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, Chikankari 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.

New programmes for armed forces on anvil: Dir IIM-J



Director IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S. Sahay presenting memento to an Army officer.

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JAMMU: A delegation led by Major General Sharad Kapur The Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Dept. of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India along with Col G.P. Singh, Director, North Zone, Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Dept. of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India on Thursday called on Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu for a fruitful discussion at IIM Jammu Canal Road Campus with regard to launching of various programs for defence personnel. The delegation at IIM

Jammu consisted of Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, Dr. Pankaj. K. Agarwal, Chairperson Executive Education, Dr. Nitin Upadhyay, Chairperson MBA, Dr. Mahesh Gadekar, Chairperson Executive MBA, and Cmdr Kesavan Baskaran (R), Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof B.S. Sahay reiterated IIM Jammu's firm commitment to play a significant role in meeting the professional educational needs of the men in uniform. Adding further, he stated that combined with the disciplined life in the armed forces, the new planned programs at

IIM Jammu are sure to shape them into top-notch corporate managers.

On the occasion, Major General Sharad Kapur said that many key areas of collaboration were part of the meaningful discussion, and he hoped that very soon the programs will be rolled out.

From the very beginning, IIM Jammu has set high standards for outstanding value-based quality education, high-quality research, executive education, consultancy, and strong corporate as well as international linkages. IIM Jammu encourages contemporary research concentrating on regional, national, and global issues.

Roop Nagar Welfare Association calls on Executive Engineer PWD, discusses issues

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JAMMU: A deputation of Roop Nagar Welfare Association, JDA Housing Colony, Roop Nagar, Jammu under the Chairmanship of Uttam Deep Sharma, B K Sharma and others called on Executive Engineer, PWD Division-II, Jammu to highlight numerous issues regarding roads of the colony, as roads having width above 20' have been handed over to PWD for further development and maintenance.

After discussions, the Executive Engineer assured the deputation that black-topping work on two main roads of the colony viz Aap Shambhu road & adjoining Fire Station road shall be taken up at the earliest. He further assured that remaining roads shall also be taken up later. The officer also issued immediate instructions to concerned officials for immediate initiation of work in consultation with association besides completing the same within due time.

Workshop on 'Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Start-Ups' inaugurated at CUJ

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JAMMU: The Institute Innovation Council (IIC) of the Central University of Jammu (CUJ) inaugurated a two-day workshop on 'Innovation, entrepreneurship, and Start-Ups' under the patronage of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, here on Thursday. The workshop is being jointly organized by the Central University of Jammu under its Innovation and Start-Up activity; and Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI). The workshop was inaugurated with the welcome address of Prof. Devanand, President IIC, CUJ followed by the address of Dr. Vinita Sharma and Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Raman, Convener, IIC; and Innovation Activity Coordinator respectively.

Sahil Aggarwal, motivational speaker was the keynote speaker on the first day of the workshop. He made the audience aware of the opportunities and scope that one can explore in a competitive market. He said that good teamwork is pivotal to the success of any entrepreneur while sharing his own experiences. He also emphasized the need to be different by examining the existing gaps rather than jumping into the rat race. The technical sessions of the workshop were conducted by resource persons namely Vishal Ray and Gautam Saini, faculty JKEDI.

Dr. Bharti Gupta, Start-up Activity Coordinator, IIC presented a vote of thanks.

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.

PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar initiates Gandhi Jayanti celebrations



Students along with faculty members posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: A series of events were organized by Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu to commemorate the 153rd Birth Anniversary of the Father of Nation whose thoughts and vision lighted the path of youth.

The celebrations begin with the Cleanliness Drive on the College campus on 21st of Sept. 2022. As many as 52 students enthusiastically participated and propagated the message of

keeping our surroundings clean and beautiful.

The second event in the series was Slogan writing Competition on the topic 'Swachata hi Sewa'. A total of 32 students wrote thought-provoking slogans on the given topic to spread awareness regarding the vision of Gandhiji Ji. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions were clinched by Siya Saini, Navnidham Kour and Mehak Saini of semester 2nd.

The event was judged by Prof. Kamlesh Slathia,

Dean Sciences and Dr. Harjeet Kour Sodhi, Associate Professor, Dept. of Botany. Prof. Minu Mahajan, the Principal of the College applauded the students for their enthusiastic participation and appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee - Prof. Mala Bhasin, Convenor; Prof. Suman Bala, Prof. Sugandha Mahajan, Dr. Ujjwal Sharma, Dr. Kusum and Dr. Sunita Kumari (Members) for well coordinated events.

He further appreciated the approach of Rajan Singh Happy, President Yuva Rajput Sabha and his team in leading the peaceful agitation for seeking the holiday on September 23.

Principal GMC Jammu felicitates JK UT NEET-PG topper Dr Robin

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JAMMU: Principal & Dean, Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu, Dr. Shashi Sudan Sharma on Thursday felicitated Dr. Robin Singh, who is the JK UT topper and is 52 rank in All India NEET-PG examination.

Robin Singh has passed MBBS from GMC, Jammu and is a resident of Bhallesa, Doda.

Dr. Shashi Sudan conveyed best wishes to all



Principal & Dean, GMC Jammu, Dr. Shashi Sudan Sharma felicitating Dr. Robin Singh.

the successful students of GMC, Jammu.

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

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JAMMU: Poorvamnaya 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 Devtirtha 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



Poorvamnaya 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

include senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Nirmal Singh, his wife, Chairman Basohli, President Vishwasthali, office bearers of many religious, social and political organizations.

Another special programme to mark the visit of holy Seer was organized under supervision of Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu Prof J P Sharma at SKUAST, Jammu, where LG Manoj Sinha was the Chief Guest. Thereafter, he delivered a sermon during his visit at Ranbhiri University Campus, Jammu and emphasized on propagation of Sanskrit language.

Earlier, former minister and Vice-president BJP J&K, Sham Lal Sharma welcomed Shankaracharya. There was a lot of enthusiasm among the people about the arrival of Shankaracharya and people welcomed him at at Hiranagar, Mahanpur and Kathua.

Jammu Bar celebrates Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh

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JAMMU: The J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu organized a grand function to celebrate the Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh in the Lawyers Chambers Building in which large number of lawyers took part.

A seminar was also held in the conference hall of the lawyers chambers to throw light on the life and works of Maharaja Hari Singh.

Bhardwaj Sr. Advocate and President J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, H.C Jalmaria, Rameshwar Singh Jamwal, Ranjit Singh Jamwal expressed their views whereas Surjeet Singh Andotra General Secretary JKHCBAJ conducted the proceedings.

The J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu first time declared the Holiday on its own to celebrate the Maharaja Hari Singh Birthday on 23rd Sept 2017, when Mr. B.S. Slathia was Bar President.

Speaking on the occasion Sh.



Jammu Bar President Adv M.K Bhardwaj and others lawyers at a programme.

Bhardwaj appreciated the decision of the government, though taken after lapse of seven decades, to declare 23 September; the day of birth of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji as holiday. This is recognition of the thoughts and contributions of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji who integrated Jammu and Kashmir with rest of India by signing the instrument of accession and was a progressive and secular ruler to the core. He had declared Justice as his religion. He established the J&K High Court in the year 1928

and made the law of State subject in year 1927 for protection of the rights of permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir in services and holding of land. Sh. Bhardwaj also highlighted the Justice oriented approach of the Maharaja during his dispensation. He called upon the intelligentsia to do more research work on the life and contributions of Maharaja.

Jaamera in his address said that Maharaja Hari Singh, besides having received modern military training, had received modern education also. He was

not like the other feudal Rajas. Besides taking steps to remove illiteracy, untouchability, Girl child killings, Maharaja Hari Singh made state subject law and promulgated Jammu and Kashmir Constitution in 1939 for better governance of Jammu and Kashmir State. He took stand in round table conference in London in favour of independence of India. It was Maharaja Hari Singh's contribution, who signed the instrument of accession with India on October 26, 1947, that Jammu and Kashmir is integral part of India.

Rameshwar Singh Jamwal, Ranjit Singh and Surjeet Singh Andotra also spoke on other aspects of the life and contributions of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji.

All the Lawyers present in the gathering paid floral tributes to the Maharaja Hari Singh on the occasion

The lawyers also relished dogra preeti bhoj at the conclusion of the celebrations.