

LG flags-off fleet of boats, Shikaras to commemorate Urs of Syed Qamar-ud-Din Bukhari

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday flagged off a fleet of boats and shikaras carrying devotees and artists from Zero Bridge to Ganderbal to commemorate the Urs of Sufi saint Syed Qamar-ud-Din Bukhari (RA).

The Lt Governor expressed hope that the occasion would further strengthen the bonds of goodwill and brotherhood. Let us remind ourselves of the unity of mankind and resolve to strive for harmony and peace, he added.



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha flagging-off a fleet of boats and Shikaras carrying devotees and artists from Zero Bridge to Ganderbal.

Prominent citizens from all walks of life gathered at Zero Bridge to witness the occasion, which also marks the revival of water transport from Srinagar to Ganderbal.

Pertinently, the Urs of Syed Qamar-ud-Din Bukhari (RA) is being observed after three decades.

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC; Nuzhat Ishfaq, DDC Chairperson, Ganderbal; Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson J&K Waqf

Board; Dr Hina Shafi Bhat, Vice Chairperson, J&K KVIB; former legislator, Ishfaq Jabbar; religious leaders and people in large numbers were present on the occasion.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Mohd Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Dr. Ghulam Nabi Itoo, Director Tourism, Kashmir; Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council and senior officials of the UT Administration were also present.



Kashmir fruit merchant's son tops NEET-UG 2022 in J&K

Major Bhang destruction operation conducted in Kashmir under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 08: Following the directions of Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, a major bhang destruction operation was conducted at Trimukhan Top, Lolab and adjoining areas, bordering Kupwara, Baramulla and Bandipora districts.

The drive has been carried out by Anti Narcotics Task Force Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with



Officials destroying Bhang in Srinagar.

Divisional Forest Officer Kamraj, Forest Division Zangil Kupwara, Excise and Taxation department of Kupwara/Baramulla, Revenue department with the assistance of local police.

The wild growth of Bhang (cannabis) spread over approximately 05 hectare's of forest land were destroyed on spot.

The exercise has been

widely appreciated by the locals of the area.

General public have been requested to come forward and join hands with the drug curbing agencies for carrying out such kind of destruction drives in near future for making the society in large and youths in particular free from drugs under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan Drive.

High Court stays re-auction of two wine shops

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JAMMU: In two different petitions filed by Iqbal Kalra and Mannohan Kour challenging impugned order No. 161 EC of 2022 dated 23.08.2022 and impugned order No. 161 EC of 2022, dated 23.08.2022 for re-auction, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court after hearing Adv Yaseer Ejaz Tak, stayed re-auction of the two liquor vends, both situated at Panchayat Jagannoo, Tehsil and District Udhampur. During course of hearing, Adv Y E Tak submitted that liquor vend license (JKEL-2) is issued only for a period of one year starting from April 3 to March 31. The person gets just nine months to recover his dues as three

months' time got lapse in getting shop on rent besides completing other necessary formalities. However, in present case, since petitioner was declared successful in re-auction bid and thereafter, fulfillment of various conditions and requirement for issuance of JKEL-2 license also took considerable time, however, when all the formalities were completed for the issuance of license, respondent instead of issuing the license passed the impugned order without proper application of mind by misconstruing provisions of J&K Liquor License and Sales Rules, 1984, as such, order impugned deserves to be quashed. The court, after hearing both sides, allowed the petition and stayed re-auction of both the wine shops.

Dr Jitendra holds luncheon meeting with J&K DDC Members



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh during a luncheon meeting hosted by him for DDC Chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons and Members from Jammu & Kashmir, at New Delhi.

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DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday held a luncheon meeting for DDC chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons and members from Jammu & Kashmir.

About 50 District Development Council members, Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons called on Dr Jitendra Singh at his residence after completing their 5-day Exposure tour to Pune and Mumbai. The Minister carefully listened to their hands-on training experiences and said that Maharashtra State has one of the oldest and most successful local bodies structure in the country.

Later, talking to the media, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who gave Jammu and Kashmir the real 'self-rule' by ensuring successful conduct of regular Panchayat elections and the first-ever District Development Council (DDC) polls in seven decades in November 2020. He said, Jammu & Kashmir was often known for slogans of 'self-rule', but the real self-rule has dawned only now and it needs to be further strengthened.

Dr Jitendra Singh also pointed out that DDC training programmes are continuously being held in Delhi also and exposure tours are being organized to get them familiarized with the functioning of PRI bodies and Committees in various states. He said, recently, Indian Institute of Public Administration conducted such a programme in coordination with Delhi Municipal

Corporation. Dr Jitendra Singh said, Prime Minister Modi gave highest priority to Jammu & Kashmir and the most remarkable feature of the last eight years of his rule is that he not only gave J&K several important national level projects but through personal intervention also revived many such projects which got delayed for various reasons.

DDC Chairman Jammu Bharat Bhushan, DDC Chairman Udhampur Lal Chand, DDC Chairman Doda Dhanaiteer Singh, DDC Chairman Reasi Sarv Singh Naag, DDC Advocate Amit Sharma, Vice Chairperson Udhampur Juhi Manhas, Karan Singh Atri, DDC members Manohar Lal, Sandeep Manhas, Kewal Krishna, Balwan Singh, Romesh Chander, Rakesh Bodhi Subhash Bhagat, Suraj Singh, were among those who attended the luncheon meeting.

Lawyers hold protest, take out bike rally



Lawyers raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

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JAMMU: The lawyers under the banner of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu took out a Bike Rally and demonstrated in front of Raj Bhawan Jammu in protest against the non responsive attitude of the L.G. administration towards the demand for construction of multi storeyed building in Janipur Jammu Court Complex for housing Registration authorities, CAT, APT, DRT, Commissions, Consumer Courts, Tribunals etc.

The protest rally and demonstration was led by President J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu M.K Bhardwaj.

The participants in the protest rally were raising slogans against the LG administration and were highly critical

of the stubborn attitude of the Government. All the team of office bearers namely M.K. Bhardwaj Sr. Adv & President, Mohinder Pal Singh Palli Vice President, Surjeet Singh Andotra General Secretary, Aditya Sharma Joint Secretary, Amandeep Singh Treasurer, Rohit Sharma President YLA, Gagandeep Singh Lucky Vice President, Yasir Farooq Khan General Secretary, Karanjeet Singh Johal Joint Secretary, Naresh Kumar Treasurer participated in the Bike Rally demonstration.

Other prominent participants in the rally are Sanjay Kakkar, P.S. Pawar, Umesh Sharma, Parminder Singh Micky, Anwar Choudhary, Kuldeep Singh Chib, Arvind Bhandral, Harnit Mehta, Moti Sharma, Pawan Bhandral, Anil

John, Baldev Singh (Jr), Zulkar Nain Choudhary, V.K. Sharma, Vishal Khajuria, Rohit Gupta, Anish Dubey, Saliqa Sheikh, Sumit Nayyar, Gagandeep Singh, Love Kumar, Dharmvir, Kamni Thakur, Intiaz Hussain, Ravinder Kumar, Himani, Rukhsana, Ambika, Aasya Khan, Aprajita Bhagat, Jyoti Rani, Sameena Kousar, Zamir Qureshi, Berjesh Badyal, Rohit Chandan, Sahil Tara, Manoj Gandhi, Survy Parihar, Bhavang Sharma, Vishwar Sharma, Jatin Gill, Amzi Arthur John, Rohit Gupta, Harshdev Singh, Sunny Parihar, Vishwar Sharma, Bagirath, Mohit Vaid, Sarvesh Kotwal, Surabhi Kotwal, Ranbir Singh, Zulfikar Ali Ahmed, Nadeem Ahmed, Basharat Choudhary, Sunil Sharma, Manpreet Kour, Anurag Bakshi, Rita Kundal, Sant Kumar, Kuldeep Raj, Ayushman Sharma, Abhimannu Chib, Ashfaq Khan a Sunny Singh, Arun Gandotra, Pardeep Majotra, Uppasna Thakur, Mehrukh Syden, Himani Jamwal, Manjeet Singh Sarkaria, Vikram Singh Chanotra, Nitin Sambyal, Divya Ishan, Mazher Ali Khan, Govind Raina, Pankaj Raina, Dildar, and many others.

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