

Spectacular Warwan Festival concludes with cultural, adventure activities

Secretary Tourism announces slew of measures aiming empowerment of local youth

Yuva Tourism Club to be established in Warwan soon



Joint Director of Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta and other dignitaries at a programme.

During his address, Secretary Tourism expressed commitment towards developing the region as a tourism hub. He announced establishment of Yuva Tourism Club in Warwan, an initiative set to ignite the spirit of youth towards tourism. Furthermore, he directed the officers of the Directorate of Tourism Jammu to provide training to tourist guides besides ensuring registration of adventure tour operators from the Warwan Valley within the next month.

In addition, he committed to the registration of one hundred homestays in Warwan and the provision of skill development training to the local youth in collaboration with reputed national stakeholders. The exciting announcements included the imminent introduction of rafting and adventure activities in Warwan and identification of three trekking routes to attract international trekkers, and the ambitious endeavor to place Warwan on the international tourism map. Secretary Tourism highlighted the importance of preserving the region's pristine natural beauty and rich cultural heritage for the benefit of future generations with resounding emphasis.

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, lauded the tireless efforts of the entire team of officers, the Tourism Department and all stakeholders involved in the seamless execution of this magnificent event. He shared his optimism regarding the transformative potential of tourism in enhancing the livelihood opportunities for the residents of Warwan.

Joint Director of Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta, in her address, underscored the pivotal role of homestays in offering tourists an authentic experience of the local way of life by staying with warm local families. SSP Kishtwar, ADC Kishtwar, CEO KDA, Deputy Director Tourism, AD Tourism, SDM Marwah, SDM Chatroo, DDC members, BDC members and PRIs besides other officials from the civil and police administration were present on the occasion.

ed bike rallies and embarked on angling expeditions. During the event, nature enthusiasts indulged in leisurely nature walks and stargazing sessions. Sports enthusiasts engaged in sports activities like volleyball, kho kho, and tug-of-war. The festival featured exhilarating river rafting adventures for the first time ever in this picturesque location. The entertainment quotient was elevated by captivating live musical performances by a lineup of exceptionally talented artists, including Kabul Bukhari, Naseem Ul Haq, Zulaikha Fareed and several renowned local luminaries.

The Wadwan festival was held for two days attracting not only tourists from

Kishtwar but also from the neighboring Kashmir region. The first day saw presence of approximately 6,000 attendees, with over 4,000 participants immersing themselves in the concluding day's festivities. The active participation of the local community contributed an additional layer of vibrancy to the event.

The general public appreciated the role of the Tourism Department Jammu & Kashmir and District Administration Kishtwar for organising the festival.

The Warwan Festival will now firmly etch its place within national tourism circuits, cementing its status as a significant cultural and adventure extravaganza on the annual calendar.

Jammu Vascular Society organizes scientific session on venous thrombosis

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JAMMU: Continuing with the aim regarding promotion of vascular surgery in Jammu region Jammu Vascular Society organized a scientific session on Sunday on ever increasing clinical problem of venous thrombosis in patients.

The meeting was attended by the members of the Jammu Vascular Society and invited distinguished faculty and focused on presentation and discussion regarding a very important clinical condition of venous thrombosis with ways and means of early diagnosis, management and indication regarding newer techniques of interventions.

Prof. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal and Dean Govt Medical College Jammu was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. Members of the Jammu Vascular Society Dr Gurjit Singh, Dr Noor Ali, Dr Ishayak Ahmad Mir, Dr Arvind Kohli, Dr Mohit Arora, Dr Vivek Gandotra, Dr Javed Bandy, invited guest Radiologist Dr Sohan Lal along with post graduate students and senior residents participated in the scientific session.



Prof. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal and Dean GMC Jammu and dignitaries at a programme.

Dr Akansha Sharma highlighted the role of Newer oral anticoagulants in management of Deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism atrial fibrillation and prevention of stroke.

Dr Samriti presented the indications of surgical intervention in deep vein thrombosis including CTD and mechanical thrombectomy and Dr Sohan Lal elaborated the role of early diagnosis of venous thrombosis by using duplex scan and various important signs for impending complications.

It was followed by healthy panel discussion regarding treatment of thrombosis in various categories of patient including cancer, paediatric age group etc.

Dr Ashutosh Gupta was felicitated by society on assuming charge of Principal and Dean GMC Jammu.

Convener of society, Dr Arvind Kohli thanked all panelists, presenters and participants for their views in the meeting. He said that it was to bring to attention that we should have Eyes open to thrombosis which is a silent killer and 1 in 4 people worldwide are dying from conditions caused by thrombosis.

Hence its important to have early diagnosis of this serious condition and there has been rapid advances in management of thrombosis with latest medicines like Newer oral anticoagulants and intervention procedures like mechanical thrombectomy (Angiojet and Penumbra) which the consultants should use judiciously to take care of thrombus at earliest to improve the quality of life and prevent the patient going into Post thrombotic syndrome and pulmonary embolism.

Kavinder inaugurates AA Creations - a one-stop studio for men, women



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta inaugurating AA Creations at Channi Himmat.

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Sunday inaugurated first of its kind, the ambitious AA Creations, a one-stop centre for all the needs of women folks in Channi Himmat, Jammu.

Designed and executed by Anju Artist, the Centre will provide the services like hair care, makeup, skincare, fashion, nail art, Spa, besides the collection of all the designers attires and wardrobes selections. AA Creations run by Anju Gupta along with her son Adityas Gupta and his friend Sanjeev Singh

Manhas. The arrival of AA Creations marks a significant milestone in the city's beauty landscape. Renowned for its unmatched expertise, world-class services, and exceptional client experiences, the Salon is poised to redefine beauty standards and elevate the art of self-care.

"The newly opened salon boasts an exquisite and spacious setting, exuding grandeur and sophistication. Every corner of the salon has been meticulously designed to create a serene environment that pampers the senses and indulges the soul", it reads.

AA Creations believes in empowering individuals to embrace their unique style, enhancing their confidence, and fostering a sense of well-being.

Bukhari asks party workers, cadres to prepare for upcoming ULB, Panchayat elections

URI: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Sunday held a series of meetings with the leaders and party workers of the constituency at his home constituency, Uri.

"During these meetings, various party affairs and issues related to the upcoming Urban Local Bodies (ULB) and Panchayat polls were thoroughly discussed. The constituency leadership provided the party president with a comprehensive briefing about the current political scenario in the area and raised several pressing public concerns," a party press release issued here said.

During a meeting, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari urged Uri's party cadre to



Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari interacting with party workers.

intensify their political activities and enhance their public outreach to raise awareness about the party's pro-people agenda and policies.

He emphasized, "The time has come for you to be fully prepared for the upcoming ULB and Panchayat elections. It is your duty to make people realize that Apni Party is the only party with a clear and transparent agenda

54th Shat Chandi Mahayaga culminates

JAMMU: The 11-day long 54th Shat Chandi Mayyaga held at Baba Sidhgoria Temple from September 14 to 24 culminated here on Sunday.

The culmination of the 54th Shat Chandi Mahayaga witnessed unprecedented rush of pilgrims and devotees who thronged the temple to participate in the Puran Ahuti and mass langar organised by Mahant Kuldeep Singh Ji Maharaj Paloura Wale where many social, political and religious dignitaries marked their presence. The culmination of the Mahayaga began in the morning with satsang attended by hundreds of devotees which started at Baba Sidhgoria Temple Paloura led by Mahant Kuldeep Singh Ji amid chanting of religious slogans and mantras.

It is worthwhile to mention here that the 54th Shat Chandi Mahayaga, Hawan Pujan,



Team Jammu Chairman Zorawar Singh Jamwal and others during Shat Chandi Mayyaga at Jammu.

Sant Samelan and the Journey to Enlightenment through the religious discourse of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha by Dr Mahant Sat Narayan Dass Ji Maharaj was organised by Mahant Kuldeep Singh Ji Paloura Wale at Baba Sidhgoria Temple, Paloura, Jammu from September 14 to 24 where large number of devotees took part in Mahayaga and listened Shrimad Bhagwat Katha during the programme.

Those who attended the Puranahuti and culmination of Bhagwat Katha include Team Jammu Chairman Zorawar Singh Jamwal, Mahant Rameshwar Dass ji Maharaj, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, Ex. MP Samsher Singh

Residents appeal JMC for maintaining cleanliness, shifting of stray dogs from Vasuki Vihar

JAMMU: social and political leaders, Vinod Pandita and Vishal Jotshi along with the residents of Vasuki Vihar, behind Army Quarters, Rajouri Lines, Lower Muthi under Ward 67, appealed Municipal authorities of Jammu for cleanliness, sanitation, and removal of stray dogs in Vasuki Vihar.

"The condition of our area, particularly the inner lane, has deteriorated significantly. It has become a breeding ground for unhygienic conditions, posing serious health hazards to the residents," residents said and urged the Municipal authorities to initiate daily cleanliness drives in our vicinity to ensure a clean and safe environment for all.

"We are facing a grave threat from two aggressive stray dogs in our neighborhood. These dogs have attacked and bitten several residents and passersby, causing serious injuries. Despite numerous complaints to the concerned authorities, no concrete action has been taken to address this issue. The safety and well-being of our community are at stake, and we implore JMC to remove these stray dogs immediately to prevent further harm," they said.

Saying that it is the responsibility of the Municipal authorities to ensure the safety and cleanliness of locality, residents look forward to JMC's prompt action in resolving these pressing concerns to improve the quality of life for all residents of Vasuki Vihar.

Manhas, BJP Protocol Incharge Mahila Morcha, JKUT, Pooja Salgotra, King C Bharati and Raman Raina.

The managing committee members included Ashok Singh Chib, Satish Sharma Narwal Wale, Atul Sood Shiv Nagar, Vasu, Vishu Jaipal Paloura, Suresh Kumar Laswara, Somu Baba Paloura, Jyot Baba Paloura, Ashok Singh, Corporator, Balbir Singh Paloura, Mohit Gupta, Amarjeet Singh, Deepanshu, Pawan Kumar Sharma, Suresh Kumar Rehari, Kuldeep Gupta Talab Tillo and Varinder Singh Badori.

Mahant Shri Kuldeep Singh Ji and the managing committee members expressed their sincere thanks for the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the District Administration for their cooperation to organise the Mahayaga.

Inner Wheel Club members visits Bal Ashram Amphalla



Inner Wheel Club members posing with inmates of Bal Ashram Amphalla.

JAMMU: Inner Wheel Club Jammu Kesaria continuing with their main motto "Strong Girl Strong Women" visited Bal Ashram Amphalla for children and empowered the girls of Bal Ashram Amphalla by emphasizing on the importance of good and proper nutrition in growing Children especially girls.

The members of the Club while interacting with the girls told that they need protein, iron to support the adolescent growth spurt, as poor nutrition may lead to long-term health consequences.

The members of the club distributed Milk bottles, biscuits and bananas to the children.

DGFT-de-lists KCCI, Walnut exporters Association after failed to follow directives

MASROOR AHMAD SRINAGAR: The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has announced the de-listing of 29 chambers and agencies, including two from Jammu and Kashmir, from Appendix 2E of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023.

In a surprising turn of events, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) made this move public through a public notice issued on September 20, 2023, in which it de-listed the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) from its roster of authorised agencies to issue Certificates of Origin (Non-Preferential).

Certificates of Origin are essential documents required by exporters in India to establish the origin of the goods they intend to export. These certificates are issued by chambers and councils approved by DGFT.

This decision has far-reaching consequences, affecting the ability of exporters in the region to demonstrate the Kashmiri

origin of their commodities for international trade.

The primary reason for this decision, as cited in the notice, was the repeated failure of these agencies to adhere to DGFT's directives regarding the transition to the e-Copatform for electronic issuance of Certificates of Origin. Among the two chambers de-listed from Jammu and Kashmir are the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Jammu and Kashmir Walnut Exporters Association.

The effective date of this de-listing, according to the public notice, is immediate, leaving these agencies unauthorised to issue Certificates of Origin (Non-Preferential).

The decision has raised significant concerns among exporters affiliated with these agencies, as it could potentially disrupt their international trade operations.

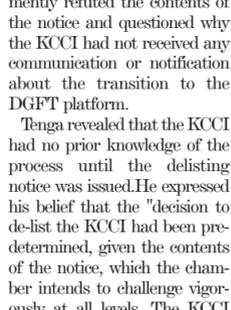
KCCI President Javed Ahmad Tenga expressed shock and strong objection to the DGFT's decision. Tenga vehemently refuted the contents of the notice and questioned why the KCCI had not received any communication or notification about the transition to the DGFT platform.

Tenga revealed that the KCCI had no prior knowledge of the process until the delisting notice was issued. He expressed his belief that the "decision to de-list the KCCI had been predetermined, given the contents of the notice, which the chamber intends to challenge vigorously at all levels. The KCCI has already raised the matter with DGFT and other relevant authorities".

In the meantime, according to Tenga, KCCI has taken proactive measures to assist exporters in obtaining Certificates of Origin. "Any exporter seeking to obtain a Certificate of Origin can approach the KCCI for assistance in this regard. The chamber remains committed to supporting its members and the wider business community during this challenging period," he said.

He said on September 21, we have taken up this matter with Ashok Sarangi who is the Director General of Foreign Trade and we are sure that matter will resolve very soon. In the meantime we are requesting all the exporters that there is no thing to worry, we are here and we are going to resolve this matter at earliest.

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