

JK Tourism showcases its post Covid initiatives at Bubneshwar Conclave

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SRINAGAR, Mar 27: The J&K Tourism Department is showcasing its post Covid experiences in terms of recovery and revival of tourism at a national tourism conclave being held at Bubneshwar, Odisha these days.



J&K Tourism stall at Bubneshwar, Odisha.

The conclave is themed, 'Chalo Dekhain Apna Desh' and it was inaugurated by Union Minister for Tourism & Culture, G Kisan Reddy.

In his inaugural address, the Union Minister laid thrust on inbound and domestic tourism and the efforts by the Government to further promote it. He complimented the J&K

Tourism Department for its initiatives and efforts in post covid recovery of the sector.

Giving out figures of tourist arrivals and flights, the Union Minister expressed satisfaction over the present state of tourism in J&K and hoped that in coming months the tourism traffic to the UT would further pick

National Centre of Arts, xxxx, leading tourism players from across the country and officers and representatives from several States and Union Territories.

The Union Minister, soon after the inauguration, visited the stall of JK Tourism Department and evinced keen interest in the publicity material put on display. He was briefed by the officers from the Department about the 75 new destinations put recently on the tourist map and their promotion being done by the Department.

Later, in a series of technical sessions, officers from the department briefed the delegates about the recovery and revival modules undertaken by the Department in close coordination with the local stakeholders, the new initiatives taken by the Department, new opportunities, diversification of tourism products, emerging adventure and heritage potential and other aspects of J&K's tourism sector.

Chief Executive Officer, Rajouri Development Authority, Vivek Puri and Deputy Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Ahsanul Haq Chishti are representing the Department in the conclave.

The delegates in their response said that there was a lot to learn from the experiences of J&K tourism sector in terms of the recovery and revival of the sector.

The department's stall at the conclave remained busy with travel operators' visits and their queries. Tour operators from Telangana, Vishakhapatnam, Hyderabad, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Delhi and Bubneshwar visited the stall and enquired about the current status of the tourism sector in J&K.

The conclave ended with a valedictory function presided over by Governor, Odisha, Prof. Ganesh Lal.



Members of Save Sharda Committee performing Pooja to start construction of Sharda temple at Teetwal, in Kupwara district on Sunday.

Construction of Sharda Temple begins at Teetwal

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KUPWARA, Mar 27: Sharda Yatra Temple Committee under the aegis of Save Sharda Committee, Kashmir started construction work of ancient Sharda temple and centre at LoC Teetwal in Kashmir today.

A puja was held at the construction site in which Kashmiri Hindus from various parts of country took part. A large number of Sikhs and locals too joined the event.

After reclamation of this ancient heritage site destroyed in 1947, the Dharmashala and a small Gurudwara would form the base camp of Sharda Yatra. A Charri Mubarak would be taken out from here to Sharda that would cross across to Chilhana village, now in PoK.

Earlier the Committee had performed Bhumi Pujan on December 2 last year after demarcation of plot of approx one kanal in size.

"We demand that Sharda Peeth should be opened for pilgrimage on the lines of Kartarpur in our greater Sharda Mission" said Ravinder Pandita, Head and Founder of the Committee. This base camp

at Teetwal will be reclaiming of one of our traditional routes to Sharda Peeth yatra and would invite religious tourism throughout globe. Local Committee members Khawaja Ifrikhar Ahmed, (Retd), Capt. Ilyas, Joginder Singh, Ajaz Khan, Surinder Mirza, S K Kul were also present on this occasion. They said that this revival of Sharda temple with this base camp will be a big CBM.

Mohan Krishna Mongha, an ardent follower graced the occasion with rendition of Sharda hymns and traditional Puja.

Later the Committee started Kar Seva by starting excavation work of site. The Puja water was later immersed at LoC bridge at the dividing white line, that is manned equally by Indian Army and Pak Army. The Committee complimented the Indian army & local media and the Sikh Sangat that had come from far off Tribhuvani village in Tangdhar.

The temple plan and model is already approved by Sringeri South Mutt and the artwork granite stones are being carved at Bidadi, Karnataka to be used in this temple.

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Oil Tanker Drivers' Union celebrates foundation day of LPG wing

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SAMBA, Mar 27: To commemorate foundation day of its LPG wing, All Jammu and Kashmir Oil & LPG Tank, Truck Drivers and Cleaners Union today organized a simple function here at IOCL LPG Plant in Bari Brahmanna.

The program was presided over by Ranjit Singh, working president of the Union and attended by Mukul Singh and Amarjit Singh senior officers of the LPG bottling plant besides other members of the union.

While addressing the participant, Ranjit Singh said that the members of the Union supplied essential petroleum products to different parts of J&K and Ladakh region even during the peak of the Corona Pandemic

forgetting the harsh weather, critical National Highway and risk to lives of drivers and cleaners during the Covid pandemic. He also reminded the Government about the selfless services rendered by their union to Armed forces and civilians in all critical situations without any break.

Harasis Singh, the founding president of the LPG Truck Drivers' Union, acknowledged the support provided by oil companies to their Union, which he said, enabled the drivers to perform their duty without any hindrance.

Prominent members of the Union present on the occasion were Harmeet Singh, Paramjit Singh, Manjit Singh, Mumtaz Khan, Pawan Kumar and Hardev Singh.



Former Minister and BJP leader, Rajiv Jasrotia addressing a public rally at Kathua on Sunday.

Modi committed to development, prosperity of J&K: Jasrotia

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KATHUA, Mar 27: Former Cabinet Minister and BJP J&K spokesperson, Rajiv Jasrotia today said that BJP and Central Government headed by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi stand fully committed for the development of Jammu and Kashmir. The unprecedented overall development of J&K witnessed today is the result of this sincere commitment of BJP led Government at the Centre for the progress and prosperity of this sensitive Union Territory and its people, he added.

This was stated by former Minister while addressing mammoth public rally here for expressing his gratitude of people of Kathua constituency by standing with him through thick and thin. On this occasion large number of Sarpanchs and Panchs were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Jasrotia said that it is the performance of his party and its Government on ground especially in terms of development that speaks for itself. He said that earlier there was only family politics but now the BJP Government has reached to the common people and have been functioning actively for the welfare of people. "The future of J&K has gone through dark period since independence but now the BJP Government is all set to change the future of the region," he added. Jasrotia also said that other politicians come forward to people only at the time of elections, but the BJP

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has always been committed and "We have reached the common masses and have resolved the issues of the local population of J&K."

He said that the Central Government has been taking the tip offs from the civil society of the J&K for the development works. "I feel that this is the exact way which would open the doors of development and peace for the people of J&K. The mission of the Government of Narendra Modi is to make the people of J&K prosper in their lives," he said.

Condemning the recent killings, Jasrotia said that it is very unfortunate that the civilian population is being targeted, while the people of J&K want development, not terrorism. "The people involved in such incidents are creating a major speed breaker in the development process of J&K. They will not ever succeed. The lives of minorities will be protected and it is our national duty to safeguard the lives of minorities of J&K. The culprits will pay for these inhuman acts," Jasrotia said.

He said that the opposition has no commitment for the development of Jammu and Kashmir and their "discrimination" against the Union Territory continues as before. The Congress and its allies have been discriminating against Jammu and Kashmir for years and they are doing the same even now.

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He urged the All Cells in

charge and co-incharge to further activate all the cells especially in view of the upcoming Assembly elections.

Rakesh Mahajan assured that he along with the Ved Sharma, will leave no stone unturned in further strengthening the party at all levels so that the target of 50+ is achieved quite easily in the upcoming Assembly elections of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

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Prof Suresh Kumar Gupta Memorial Library inaugurated

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JAMMU, Mar 27: Prof. Suresh Kumar Gupta Memorial Library was inaugurated here today at premises of Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society (TNWS) by Director Libraries and Research J&K, Mohammad Rafi along with TNWS president, Rajinder Parshad Kakkar; DG's nominee in Books Purchasing Committee of J&K, Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra and Sabhita Rani, Chief Librarian, SES Library, Jammu.

The library has been dedicated to Prof. Suresh Gupta on his 10th death anniversary by his son Suneel Mahajan and his family.

Speaking on the occasion Ramesh Sabharwal, one of the close colleagues of Prof. Gupta, described him a multi-faceted personality having distinction of serving society in different capacities from young age till last breathe.

"Prof. Gupta was associated with Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Akhil Bharatiya Vidhyarathi Parishad and many other organizations and will be remembered as a man with zeal to serve the society selflessly," he said.

Ran Vijay Shastri, president

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Dignitaries posing for a group photograph after inauguration of Prof. Suresh Kumar Gupta Memorial Library.

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JAMMU, Mar 27: Apni Party State General Secretary Vikram Malhotra today said that



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every religion teaches peaceful coexistence in the society.

He was addressing the culmination 'Bhagwat Saptah' at ward number-3 Peer Mitha. Malhotra was the chief guest on the occasion.

He congratulated the organizer of 'Bhagwat Saptah' for promoting cultural values among the young generation which brings peace in the mind amid the hectic daily work. Bhagwat Saptah was organized by Manish Kumar, Dharam Parchar Seva.

"Every religion teaches how to live peacefully in a society where people from different religions live with each other. The mutual respect for cultural values of each other strengthens the feeling of unity and coexistence," he said.

He appreciated the participants and insisted on the organization of such programmes in the society for the preservation,

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All cells form backbone of party: Ashok Koul

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JAMMU, Mar 27: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir, general secretary (Org), Ashok Koul today said that the All Cells BJP constitute the backbone of the party.

The party general secretary (Org.) stated this while receiving a cheque from Rakesh Mahajan, in charge All Cells, BJP Jammu and Kashmir. The cheque has been handed over as contribution towards the Aajivjan Sahyog Nidhi (Life Support Fund) of the party.

It is pertinent to mention here that the contribution to this party funding is by way of donations collected from the party workers by all the Cells of BJP across J&K led by in charge, Rakesh Mahajan with proactive support and coordination of Ved Sharma, co-incharge All Cells, BJP J&K.

Ashok Koul said that Mahajan along with his team has been playing a vital role in synchronizing the functioning and activities of different cells of the Bharatiya Janata Party as a result of which the party cadre right up to the top has a lot of expectations from these vital units of the party working relentlessly at the grass roots level. He commended the role of these Cells for taking stock of common man's issues and problems pertaining to various sections of the society and getting the same addressed as soon as possible.

Koul said that the Cell in-charges are working tirelessly to make people aware about the achievements and pro-people policies and programmes initiated by the BJP. Moreover, they ensure that the benefits of the schemes launched by the BJP



Rakesh Mahajan convener All Cells BJP handing over a cheque to Ashok Koul, general secretary (org) of the party at Jammu on Sunday.

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CLUJ organises International Conference

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: The Department of Linguistics and Literature, School of Humanities and Liberal Arts, Cluster University of Jammu in collaboration with Vidya Kutir Foundation organized a one day International Online Conference here, today under the patronage of Prof Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University, Jammu.

Theme of the conference was "Recent trends in Humanities, Linguistics, Literature and Education". The theme was introduced by Dr.Reena Salaria Head, Department of Linguistics and Literature which was followed by a key note address by Dr. Amitabh V Dvivedi Eminent academician from School of Languages and Literature, SMVDU.

The inaugural was graced by Prof. Hamid Saremi, President (chancellor) Asrar Institute of Higher Education (Deemed to be University) Mashad, Iran as the chief guest on the occasion. Prof. Saremi urged the delegates and participants to update their knowledge and skills in post pandemic scenario to keep pace with changing trends.

Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, commended the efforts of the Dean faculty of arts, Head and Faculty members of the Department of Linguistics and Literature for thinking beyond the usual and organizing an international online conference on a current and relevant subject that is so pertinent today. Dr Naveen Anand, Dean Academic

Affairs, Cluj, presided over the function. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Geetanjali. A. Rana convener of the conference, Dean Faculty of Arts, CLUJ and vote of thanks was presented by organizing secretary of the event, Dr. Joginder Singh, Head Department of Dogri, M.A.M college.

The occasion was graced by Dr Bhopinder Singh, Controller of Examination Cluj, Dr Twinkle Suri, Dean Student Welfare Cluj and Deans of the various faculties Dr Sanjay Verma (Sciences), Dr Sindhu Kapoor (Social sciences) and Dr Zuber Kales (Education) and Principals of Constituent Colleges of the CLUJ Dr Ravinder Tickoo (GGM Science College), Dr Sangeeta Nagari (PSPS Women College Gandhinagar), Dr GS Rakwal (MAMCollege), Dr Kulvinder Kour Government, B.Ed. College) and Prof R.S Jamwal (SPMR College of Commerce), Chairpersons of technical sessions, delegates and participants were also present on the Occasion.

The technical sessions were chaired by Prof. Monika Sethi, Department of English, JU, Prof. Rashmi Attri, Department of English, A.M.U, Prof. Sabita Tripathy, Department of English, Sambalpur University, Orissa, Dr Joginder Singh, HOD Dogri, M.A.M college and Dr. Sushil Kumar Tiwari, Department of Education Jamshedpur Women University respectively.

Manish Bisht from Vidya Kutir Foundation (conference Partner) presented vote of thanks.

Arya Samaj Trikuta Nagar, Bharat Bhushan, D.P Arora, president BVP Bahu Branch and Vijay Arora also spoke on the life of Prof. Gupta.

Ajay Gupta, Jyoti Devi and Lucky Puri, JMC Councilors were also present on the occasion.

Suneel Mahajan, son of Prof. Suresh Gupta informed that they will soon convert the library into e-library in coming days and will update it as per the requirements of children.

TNWS patron, Ashok Kumar Arora; vice president, S.N Koul; general secretary, Harshvardhan

Those accompanying the Trishul Yatra included devotees of all age groups including women. This was the 15th Trishul Yatra for Sukrala Mata.

Trishul Yatra for Sukrala Mata taken out

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Shri Anandamayi Pattu Mata Trishul Yatra for Sukrala Mata was taken out today with traditional religious fervor.

A large number of devotees took part in the Trishul Yatra, which commenced from Link Road, Mastgarh in Jammu city, early this morning.

The Yatra reached Sukrala Mata Temple in the afternoon after which Pooja and other related rituals were performed



Devotees taking out Trishul Yatra for Sukrala Mata Temple from Jammu.

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'Contract system creating hurrances in developmental work'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: J&K is passing through a phase of transformation and Panchayati Raj Institutions are playing an important role in giving new impetus to development and strengthening democracy at the grassroots level.

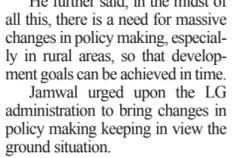
This was stated by chairman Team Jammu (TJ), Zorawar Singh Jamwal in a press conference here today.

He further said, in the midst of all this, there is a need for massive changes in policy making, especially in rural areas, so that development goals can be achieved in time. Jamwal urged upon the LG administration to bring changes in policy making keeping in view the ground situation.

DDC Member Panchairi-Moungri, Jasvir Singh gave details and highlighted that Panchayati Raj team had been conveyed the detailed plan of the financial year by the government well on time but despite that it could not be implemented on the ground.

He pointed out that the procedures of contract system could not be implemented in a logical and systematic manner in Rural Development Department, as a result of which most of the allocated amount could not be spent for development.

Singh said that there is huge



Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal addressing a press conference on Sunday.

shortage of teachers in rural areas, due to which the future of rural students is in dark.

BWJA organizes 'Media Workshop'

Excelsior Correspondent

BARAMULLA, Mar 27: Baramulla Working Journalist Association (BWJA) organized a one day 'Media Workshop' here on Sunday to build capacity of journalists in digital age.

The programme was conducted under the chairmanship of Haji Karamat Qayoom.

Vice president BWJA and senior broadcast journalist associated with Network 18 Sajad Hussain Pir spoke on importance of script writing for TV news.

Media Literate currently severing as Cluster Resource Person in Education Department Reyaz Ahmad Ganai, president BWJA, Zargar Gulzar and Chairman BWJA, Karamat Qayoom also spoke on the occasion.

Senior Journalist CNS and Mirror of Kashmir, Anzar Mohju conducted proceedings of the workshop.

Vote of thanks was presented by Umar Rashid, ANN news.

Rahi Nisar of Gulistan TV, Majeed Sheeri of KPS/Tameel Irtshad, Abid Nabi of Daily Excelsior, Mudasar Ahmad of Network 18 Hindi, Nisar Malik of IANS, Iqbal Amin of Greater Now, Iqbal Bhat, Umar Rashid of ANN, Bashir Ahmad Sagar of Zee Media, Bhat Mudasar of 4tv, Gulzar Zargar of Healties Today, Mudasar, Anzer Mohju of CNS, Altaf Baba of Greater Kashmir, Suhail Khan of Kashmir Dispatch, Mohammad Abu Bakar-Independent, Sajjad Hussain of News18 Urdu, Rahi Nissar of Gulistan News, Syed Mudasar of TV9, Akhter Ali of ANN NEWS, Shabroz Malik of TV9, Muzaffar Khan of JKNS, Shiekh Tariq of Kashmir Dispatch, Syed Amir of P24News, Mohammad Lateef of KNS, Ishfaq Ah Dar of Gulistan News and Mushtaq Ah Lone were also present on the occasion.