

Kala Kendra organises 2-day Art Camp

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Kala Kendra Jammu, in collaboration with The Art Lab's Canvas, successfully organized two-day Painting Camp specially curated for children and youth, particularly teenagers. The camp was held at the Art Galleries on the first floor of Kala Kendra and witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 50 amateur artists mainly youth.

The camp and exhibition, designed and curated by Mirnalnica Sharma and Ananya Baloria, showcased the creative outcomes of the workshop.

Dr. Javaid Rahi, Secretary, Kala Kendra Jammu, while addressing the participants during the exhibition of paintings prepared in the workshop, described the initiative as "a youth initiative for youth."



He remarked that the camp aimed at introducing creativity to amateurs and encouraging them to express themselves creatively.

Ananya Baloria shared that the primary focus of the camp was creative expression through various mediums such as canvas painting, sketching, and crafts.

She emphasized that the

camp was designed for skill-building and fostering creativity in a fun and supportive environment, with all necessary materials provided to participants.

Mirnalnica Sharma stated that the workshop offered practical, hands-on art training on canvas. She added that a creative and welcoming atmosphere was created to attract be-

ginners and inspire them towards art.

The event provided a lively platform for budding artists to explore their artistic potential through canvas painting and other creative mediums.

At the culmination of the workshop, each participant created and carried home their own painting as a memory of the experience.

1-Day Recreational Programme for Senior Citizens held at Sumbal

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A one-day recreational tour and fun-filled activity programme for senior citizens of Sub Division Sumbal was successfully organized by the Social Welfare Department Bandipora.

The programme aimed at

promoting active ageing, social engagement, and emotional well-being among elderly citizens. Senior participants were taken to a scenic spot where they participated enthusiastically in various light recreational activities including tug of war, musical chairs, group games, laughter therapy, and interactive ses-

sions.

The event commenced with a welcome address highlighting the importance of respecting and supporting senior citizens in society.

The atmosphere remained cheerful and vibrant throughout the day as the elderly citizens actively engaged in games and

shared their experiences.

On the occasion, senior citizens expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Social Welfare Department for organizing such a meaningful and refreshing programme. The department reaffirmed its commitment to the welfare, dignity, and holistic development of elderly citizens.

Chamber of Traders Federation holds Grand Bhandara at Roop Nagar

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On the sacred occasion of Mahashivratri, a grand Bhandara was organised at Roop Nagar Market, Jammu, under the aegis of the Chamber of Traders Federation, Jammu and Roop Nagar Durga Chhion (RDC) Traders Association.

Sh. Satish Sharma, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, J&K UT, was the Chief Guest.

The programme commenced with a visit to the revered Aap Shambu Ji Temple, a prominent and ancient shrine known for its deep religious significance and unwavering faith of devotees across Jammu.

The Hon'ble Minister, accompanied by prominent members of the market, offered special prayers and performed puja at the holy shrine of Baba Shambu Ji, seeking divine blessings for peace, prosperity and harmony in Jammu & Kashmir. The temple premises witnessed a spiritually charged atmosphere with devotees thronging in large numbers to pay obeisance on the holy night of Lord Shiva.

After performing the puja, the Hon'ble Minister conveyed his heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all devotees, traders, and their families on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri. He appreciated the efforts of the traders' fraternity for organizing the Bhandara and maintaining the sanctity and traditions associated with the holy festival.

Sh. Neeraj Anand also performed prayers at the temple and prayed for the



well-being, prosperity and good health of all members of the trading community and citizens of Jammu. He reiterated the commitment of the Chamber of Traders Federation to continue working in the spirit of unity, service and social responsibility.

The Bhandara was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister amidst chanting of devotional hymns and by performing Kanya pujan and was attended by a large gathering of prominent members including Manohar Singh, Dinesh Gupta, Tushar Mahajan, Ramesh Khajuria, Rahul Sharma, Rita Gupta, Enakshi Mahajan, Sohan Agarwal, Ganesh Sharma and others.

DC Bandipora extends Mahashivratri Greetings; Joins Kashmiri Pandit Community in Celebrations

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, on Sunday extended warm greetings to the Kashmiri Pandit community on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri (Herath) and joined them in the festive celebrations.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with members of the community and enquired about their well-being and the arrangements made for the smooth observance of the festival.

Extending her heartfelt wishes, the DC expressed hope that the sacred occasion would further



strengthen the bonds of communal harmony, mutual respect, and brotherhood among all sections of society in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner

reiterated that the District Administration Bandipora had made all necessary arrangements well in advance to facilitate devotees and ensure that the festival was observed in a peaceful and orderly manner across the district.

Members of the Kashmiri Pandit community expressed their gratitude to the district administration for its proactive outreach and efforts in ensuring adequate arrangements and fostering an atmosphere of inclusiveness and harmony in Jammu and Kashmir.

Devotion meets sustainability, Nagrota Gaushala sets new benchmark with 'Zero-Plastic' Mahashivratri

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In a landmark convergence of faith and environmental consciousness, the Gaushala managed by JMC Nagrota celebrated Mahashivratri today by hosting "Zero-Plastic, Zero-Landfill" spiritual gathering. The event successfully transitioned traditional Vedic rituals into a modern model



for sustainable public celebrations, centering on the sacred bond between Mahadev and Nandi through a grand Gau Poojan and hawan. The occasion was highlighted that the JMC has created a dedicated special account named the "Gau Shalaya Punya Karaya Account," specifically designed for the welfare and development of the Gaushala. This call to action

met with an enthusiastic response, as many citizens and local representatives donated generously on the spot, demonstrating a deep community commitment to the cause.

The event also addressed the critical crisis of the fatal impact of plastic consumption on stray and sheltered cattle. Under the banner of "Gau Seva, Maha Seva," organizers emphasized that protecting the cow is inseparable from protecting the earth, noting that true devotion to Lord Shiva is incomplete without the stewardship of nature. In a comprehensive effort to maintain a zero-waste environment, single-use plastic bags and containers were

strictly prohibited.

The community kitchen served hundreds of devotees using 100% biodegradable plates and sustainable alternatives. To further encourage long-term habit changes, the Peace Initiative Trust distributed free cloth bags to the public, providing a sustainable alternative for the community.

The success of the Nagrota Gaushala event proves that large-scale reli-

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