

Directorate of Tourism celebrates World Environment Day with Plantation Drive

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On the eve of World Environment Day, the Directorate of Tourism Jammu organised a plantation drive at the Tourist Reception Centre (TRC), Jammu, reaffirming its commitment towards environmental conservation and sustainable development.

The plantation drive aimed at promoting environmental awareness and encouraging collective action for creating a greener and healthier environment. Officers and officials of the department actively participated in the programme by planting saplings within the office premises.

Speaking on the occasion, Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sh. Aijaz Qaiser, highlighted the importance of protecting and preserving the environment through sustained afforestation efforts. He emphasized the vision of a "Green Jammu and Green Planet" and appealed to citizens to actively participate in plantation drives and adopt environmentally responsible practices in their daily lives.

He said that planting



trees is among the most effective ways to maintain ecological balance, improve air quality and ensure a sustainable future for coming generations.

Sh. Qaiser also urged people to participate in a cleanliness drive being organised at Patnitop on June 6 at 11 am by the Department of Tourism in collaboration with Sangharsh RTI Movement. He said the initiative aims to promote sustainable tourism and spread awareness among

visitors about the need to preserve the natural beauty of tourist destinations by avoiding littering in meadows and other eco-sensitive areas.

The programme also underscored the role of government institutions in promoting environmental stewardship and spreading awareness regarding conservation of natural resources.

Among those present on the occasion were Deputy Director Publicity, Ms.

Savita Chouhan; Deputy Director Administration, Sh. Pankaj Sasan; Deputy Director Planning, Ms. Mamta Sharma; Assistant Director Tourism Jammu, Sh. Vishal Sadhotra, along with other officers and officials of the Directorate.

The plantation drive reflects the Directorate's continued commitment towards environmental sustainability and preservation of the natural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

Lieutenant Governor Inaugurates Yatri Bhawan at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple

SRINAGAR, JUNE 5: The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated Yatri Bhawan at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple, Tulmulla, Ganderbal. After dedicating the facilities to the public, the Lieutenant Governor said that the new Yatri Bhawan will substantially improve the pilgrimage experience at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple by providing safe, hygienic and comfortable accommodation facilities.

Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple at Tulmulla is one of the most revered shrines in Jammu Kashmir. Located approximately 25 km from Srinagar and 5 km from Ganderbal town, the shrine attracts a large number of devotees throughout the year, particularly during the annual Mela Kheer Bhawani and Jyeshtha Ashtami, when thousands of pilgrims, including members of the Kashmiri Pandit community, visit the temple. In 2023, several delegations met the Lieutenant Governor to request a Yatri Bhawan. Subsequently, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj through Rural Engineering Wing



(REW) designed the plan and the Lieutenant Governor laid the foundation stone in 2024.

"With Mata Kheer Bhawani's blessing, I had laid the foundation stone on Jyeshtha Ashtami in 2024. The project will enhance the capacity of the shrine to host pilgrims visiting from India and abroad. My goal has been to provide the Kashmiri Pandit community visiting the shrine with

excellent facilities and a serene spiritual experience," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The facility constructed within the temple premises at a cost of Rs.3.85 Crore comprises a G+II RCC framed structure with a plinth area of 3,885 sq. ft. and is designed to accommodate approximately 800-900 pilgrims through floor bedding arrangements.

Investiture Ceremony held at KCGPS

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K.C. Gurukul Public School organized its Investiture Ceremony with great enthusiasm and dignity on 5 June 2026. The ceremony marked the formal induction of the newly selected Students' Council for the academic session. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Madam Chairperson Mrs. Sanjhita Mahajan, along with Chairman Mr. Arvind Mahajan and Academic Director Mrs. Anu Jandial. The programme witnessed the presence of the school management, faculty members, students, and esteemed guests.

The newly selected Students' Council comprises Shaurya Sharma as Head Boy, Avni Kashyap as Head Girl, Ashwin Chobber as Vice Head Boy, and Pavnika Sharma as Vice Head Girl.



Following the investiture of the Head Boy, Head Girl, Vice Head Boy, and Vice Head Girl, badges and sashes were also conferred upon the Sports Captains, Cultural Captains, Class Representatives (CRs), and other members of the Students' Council. The student leaders took the oath of office, pledging to discharge their duties with sincerity, dedication, and integrity while upholding the values and traditions of the institution.

The dignitaries emphasized that leadership is not merely a position of authority but an opportunity to serve others and inspire excellence. They expressed confidence in the newly selected council and wished them success in all their future endeavors.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving the students motivated and committed to contributing positively to the growth and progress of the school.

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CM Omar plants sapling at J&K House, New Delhi on World Environment Day

NEW DELHI, JUNE 05

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah planted a sapling at Jammu & Kashmir House, New Delhi, marking the Government's continued commitment to environmental sustainability and green development.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that every tree planted today is an investment in cleaner air, healthier communities, and a more resilient tomorrow. He emphasized that such efforts, though symbolic, carry long-term significance in addressing the challenges of climate change and environmental degradation.

Reaffirming the Government's commitment on World Environment Day, the Chief Minister highlighted the importance of environmental conservation and sustain-



able development as key priorities of governance. He called upon all citizens to actively participate in

the collective mission of preserving natural heritage and building a greener, cleaner, health-

ier, and more climate-resilient Jammu and Kashmir for future generations.

Satish hails Jammu RMC inauguration as major boost to weather forecasting, public safety in J&K, Ladakh

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, today described the inauguration of the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Jammu as a landmark achievement that will significantly strengthen the weather forecasting capabilities, disaster preparedness, scientific research and public safety across Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, the Minister congratulated the Ministry for Earth Sciences, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and all stakeholders involved in establishing the Centre. He termed the elevation of the Meteorological Office Jammu into a full-fledged Regional Meteorological Centre as a recognition of the unique geographical and climatic challenges faced by the Himalayan region.

"Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh are among the most climatically sensitive and meteorologically complex regions in the world. The establishment of this Centre marks a transformative step towards providing accurate, localized and timely weather services that are crucial for safeguarding lives, supporting liveli-

hoods and strengthening disaster management systems," the Minister said.

Highlighting the importance of scientific infrastructure in a region prone to avalanches, flash floods, cloudbursts and extreme weather events, Satish Sharma said that the Centre would provide dedicated expertise in mountain meteorology, cryosphere studies, avalanche forecasting and high-altitude weather services.

He said the benefits of the Centre would extend to the farmers, security forces, tourists, researchers and disaster response agencies alike.

The Minister emphasized that improved forecasting and early warning systems would contribute significantly towards minimizing losses arising from natural calamities while enhancing resilience among the communities living in vulnerable areas. Referring to the growing role of science and technology in governance, Satish Sharma stated that the Jammu and Kashmir government remains committed towards strengthening the scientific institutions and fostering innovation-driven development. He underscored the importance of integrating advanced technologies, data analytics and digital platforms to improve weather forecasting and public service delivery.

"The future belongs to knowledge,

innovation and scientific excellence. Institutions such as the Regional Meteorological Centre will not only strengthen weather services but also inspire research, innovation and technological advancement among our youth," he remarked.

The Minister further assured full support from the Jammu and Kashmir administration in ensuring the successful functioning and expansion of the Centre.

He reiterated the administration's commitment towards providing all necessary assistance in terms of infrastructure, coordination and institutional support to help the Centre realize its full potential.

Addressing the young scientists, meteorologists and researchers associated with the Centre, Satish Sharma encouraged them to pursue excellence in their work and remain dedicated to serving society through science.

He observed that the data collected, forecasts generated and warnings issued by them would play a critical role in protecting lives and supporting sustainable development across the region.

The Minister also lauded the contributions of Union Minister for Earth Sciences Dr. Jitendra Singh and the leadership of the Ministry for Earth Sciences for facilitating the establishment of the Regional Meteorological Centre in Jammu.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

EXTREME HEAT / HEATWAVE

STAY COOL. STAY HYDRATED. STAY SAFE.

FOR GENERAL POPULATION

STAY HYDRATED

Drink water regularly

STAY COVERED

Wear light clothes, cover your head & wear footwear

STAY ALERT

Stay updated on weather news

STAY INDOORS

Stay in cool, well-ventilated places

LIMIT OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Avoid outdoor activity during peak heat hours

BE CAREFUL - VULNERABLE GROUPS

Infants & young children

Pregnant women

People working outdoors

Elderly & people with illness

People from cooler climates

OTHER PRECAUTIONS

Keep home cool

Use fan & cooling methods

Use wet cloth to cool down

Avoid strenuous activity

WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS OF HEAT STRESS

Dizziness

Thirst

Nausea

Rapid heartbeat

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES ARE PREVENTABLE

Drink fluids

Rest in shade

Seek help early

HEATSTROKE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY!

DANGER SIGNS - SEEK IMMEDIATE HELP

Confusion

Hot, red & dry skin

Fainting

Very high body temperature

CALL 108 / 102 IMMEDIATELY

WHILE WAITING FOR HELP

Move to a cool place

Apply cool water

Fan the person

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