

Huge turnout at Tawi Wonderland Park as ‘Euphoria’ celebrates music, art, culture

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Tawi Wonderland Park at Bhagwati Nagar witnessed a huge rush of visitors on Saturday as Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) hosted ‘Euphoria – An Evening to Celebrate Culture’, bringing together music, dance and cultural performances in a vibrant three-hour programme.

The event drew a large number of families, youngsters and visitors, who gathered at the venue to enjoy live performances and experience an evening dedicated to the region’s diverse cultural traditions.

The event was attended by Chief Guest and Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police Jammu, Shridhar Patil and Jammu Municipal Corporation Commissioner and CEO, Jammu Smart City Limited, Dr Devansh Yadav, besides other senior officials, artists, performers and members of the public.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest DIG Jammu Shridhar Patil said that events like Euphoria provided an opportunity for people to come together and enjoy cultural programmes in a safe and welcoming public space.



He said such initiatives also helped strengthen community engagement and encouraged greater participation of families and youngsters in cultural and recreational activities.

Dr Devansh Yadav said that such programmes were aimed at creating engaging experiences for the people of Jammu while providing a platform for local artists and promoting the region’s rich cultural heritage. He said Tawi Wonderland Park was being developed not only as a recreational destination but also as a vibrant public space for cultural, social and community activities.

The evening opened with Ganesh Vandana, followed by a series of musical and

dance performances.

The programme featured performances by Dogri and Punjabi singers, along with traditional Dogri and Kashmiri dances and a lively Punjabi dance presentation.

The carefully sequenced programme alternated between singing and dance performances, keeping the audience engaged throughout the evening. The anchor introduced each segment, taking the audience through different forms of music and performing arts.

The cultural presentations highlighted the rich traditions of Jammu and Kashmir while also bringing together artistic influences from the wider region. The inclusion of Dogri and

Kashmiri folk elements alongside Punjabi music and dance added variety to the celebrations.

The large turnout reflected the growing popularity of Tawi Wonderland Park as a recreational and public gathering destination in Jammu. The venue remained lively throughout the programme as visitors enjoyed the performances and spent the evening with their families and friends.

The event also provided a platform for local artists and performers to showcase their talent before a large audience, while giving residents an opportunity to experience live cultural entertainment in an open public space.

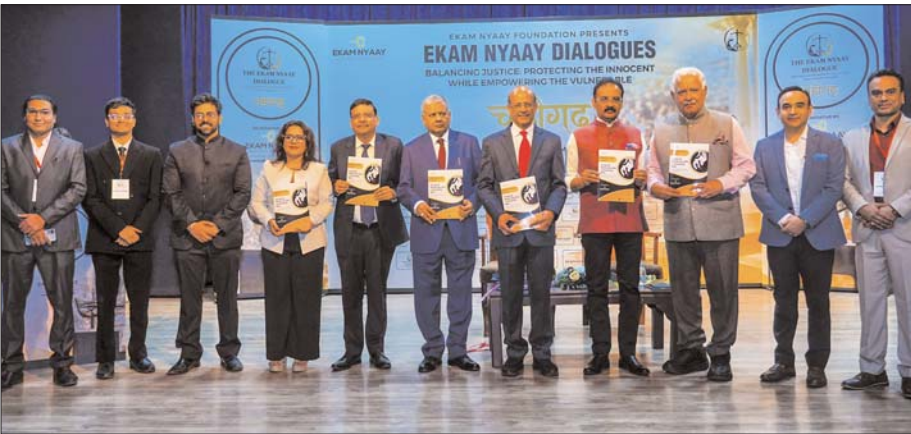
Ekam Nyaay Dialogue in Chandigarh Mittal calls for National Commission for Men

CHANDIGARH, AUG 30: A research report documenting cases of husband and intimate partner murders and suicides among men in India was unveiled at the Ekam Nyaay Dialogue, Chandigarh, with Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal calling for a serious national discussion on establishing a National Commission for Men as an institutional mechanism for research, prevention, legal awareness and support.

The report, “Husband Murder by Wife & Suicide by Men – A Research Report and Analysis on Incidents Reported in the Media in the Years 2024 and 2025,” has documented 244 husband/intimate partner murder cases in 2024 and 419 in 2025, while recording 277 husband/intimate partner suicide cases in 2024 and 426 in 2025. The report is based on incidents identified through media reports and highlights the need for better data and a deeper understanding of issues affecting men.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal said the discussion was not about creating a contest between men and women but about ensuring that genuine concerns of every citizen are heard.

“Can there be true justice if some voices are still unheard? This is not a question of taking away anyone’s rights, and it is certainly not a question of standing



against women. India has made important progress in protecting women’s safety, dignity and rights, and that progress must continue. But in this journey towards justice, genuine concerns relating to men cannot be ignored. We need a serious, sensitive and institutional conversation around these issues.”

Dr. Mittal said the numbers should not merely become statistics but should lead to better questions about prevention, mental health and access to support.

“Behind every number is a person, a family and a story. These numbers remind us that men’s safety, mental health and well-being also need our attention. We need to ask whether our sons and young men can speak about failure, relationship problems, financial pressure or emotional stress, and whether they can access counselling without fear or judgement. Some-

times a person does not need a courtroom first; he may simply need someone to listen.”

He said a National Commission for Men should not be created merely as another grievance forum but as a national platform that can listen, understand, support, research, recommend and reform. Such an institution, he said, could bring together researchers, legal experts, counsellors, social workers and policymakers to systematically study issues affecting men.

“A National Commission for Men should never become a platform for men versus women. It should not be against any existing women’s institution, and it should not weaken the rights of women. Its purpose should be to understand the problem properly and find the right solutions. It can help with genuine grievances and legal issues, improve legal awareness, support counselling and

mental health, study family disputes and parental alienation, examine domestic abuse and violence against men, and understand the reasons behind suicides among men.”

He also stressed that the proposed Commission should have a strong focus on prevention. This could include early identification of distress, counselling, family support, legal guidance, professional referrals and mediation in appropriate cases. The objective, he said, should be to address problems before they escalate into irreversible tragedies.

Dr. Mittal said the proposed Commission must also focus on children and families. He advocated examining stronger principles of shared parenting and meaningful access to both parents where there are no safety concerns, describing this not merely as a father’s-rights issue but as a child-rights issue.

FCS&CA conducts market inspection in Trikuta Nagar, adjoining areas

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On the directions of Director Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Rajesh Kumar Shavan, the Department conducted a market inspection in Trikuta Nagar and adjoining areas of Jammu to check compliance with the prescribed consumer protection and Legal Metrology requirements.

The inspection was conducted by a team headed by Deputy Director F&R Sham Lal Abrol along with Assistant Directors and the concerned Area Inspectors of the Department.

The team checked shops and establishments dealing in consumer goods with regard to mandatory MRP display, expiry dates of products, price declara-



tions and other prescribed requirements.

During the course of in-

spection, some establishments were found deficient in displaying MRP

properly, while expired products were also found at certain shops. Notices were accordingly served to the erring shopkeepers for the observed violations. Further action shall be taken as per the applicable rules and regulations.

The Department has reiterated that such inspections will continue regularly across Jammu to safeguard consumer interests and ensure that traders strictly comply with the prescribed provisions relating to MRP, quality, expiry dates and fair trade practices.

The general public has also been advised to remain vigilant, check the MRP and expiry date before purchasing any product and report instances of overcharging, sale of expired goods or other consumer-related violations to the Department.

Fire Safety & Disaster Management Training conducted at Govt HSS Ghat, Doda

DODA, AUGUST 30: In continuation with the District wide initiative and under the directions of the District Development Commissioner Krishan Lal and under the supervision of the Chief Medical Officer, a training programme on Basic Life Support (BLS), Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Fire Safety and Disaster Management was conducted at Government Higher Secondary School, Ghat (Doda).

The programme was jointly organized by the Health Department, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and Fire & Emergency Department, with the objective of equipping students, teachers and staff with essential life-saving skills and practical knowledge to respond effectively during medical emergencies, fire incidents and disasters.

It being a district-wide initiative, more than 500 students, teachers and staff of different educational institutions across



the district have so far been trained in BLS, CPR, fire incident management, fire safety and disaster-response techniques.

The training session at Govt. HSS Ghat was initiated by District Nodal Officer, Disaster Management (Medical Wing), Dr. Hamid Parray. The BLS and CPR demonstration was conducted by Senior Medical Officer Dr. Nasir Masood.

He explained and practically demonstrated es-

sential life-saving techniques, including appropriate responses during medical emergencies.

From the Fire & Emergency Department, Karinal Singh conducted a practical demonstration on the proper use of fire extinguishers and sensitized the participants to fire prevention, safety precautions and emergency management.

Representing the SDRF, Vijay Kumar demonstrated basic rescue operations and response tech-

niques to be adopted during disasters and other emergency situations.

The trainers emphasized the importance of remaining calm, assessing the situation, ensuring personal safety and providing timely assistance to victims until professional emergency services arrive. The practical demonstrations provided participants with hands-on understanding of appropriate responses during medical, fire and disaster emergencies.

At the conclusion of the session, the In-charge Principal, teachers and participants expressed their gratitude to the District Administration Doda, Health Department, SDRF and Fire & Emergency Department for organizing the valuable training initiative. They appreciated the efforts of the master trainers in imparting practical knowledge and empowering students and staff with crucial life-saving and disaster-response skills.

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A media delegation from Ahmedabad arrived in Jammu on Sunday as part of a press tour organised by Press Information Bureau (PIB) to familiarise journalists with the region’s cultural heritage, developmental initiatives and major infrastructure projects. The media delegation comprising 10 journalists, is currently on a four-day visit to the Jammu Division.

Upon arrival, the delegation was received at the Jammu Airport by the officials from PIB, Jammu. As part of its tour, the team visited the historic Amar Mahal Palace, where the media persons were taken on a guided tour and briefed about the palace’s historical and cultural significance. The delegation also visited Raghunath Temple

The delegation is scheduled to visit several im-

Media exposure tour from Ahmedabad to Jammu begins Delegation visits Amar Mahal Palace, Raghunath Temple



portant institutions and developmental projects across the Jammu Division. These include IIT Jammu, and major infrastructure projects being undertaken by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), including the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway.

The delegation is also expected to visit Chenab rail bridge, Salal Hydro-

electric project in district Reasi, and Biotech Park in Kathua, among other significant projects.

The visit is aimed at providing the participating media professionals with first-hand exposure to the developmental and infrastructure initiatives of the central government transforming the region as well as Jammu’s rich cultural heritage. The delegation is expected to in-

teract with officials and stakeholders during the course of its visit and gain a comprehensive understanding of the progress being made across various sectors.

The team is led by Media and Communication Officer of Press Information Bureau (PIB), Ahmedabad Shri Jitendra Yadav along with other officials of PIB.

Anantnag Admin accords warm farewell to outgoing ASP Sunny Gupta

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District Administration Anantnag today accorded a warm farewell to the outgoing Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP), Sunny Gupta, on his transfer and posting as SSP Kishtwar, during a function organized at the DC Office.

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Dr. Muzamil Magbool Beigh, Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), Tariq Ahmad Malik, and other

district officers and officials attended the function.

While observing that transfers and postings are part and parcel of the civil service, the DC congratulated the officer for his brief yet effective and successful tenure as ASP. He expressed confidence in his abilities and hoped that with greater dedication, he will deliver even better at his new place of posting.

Dr. Bilal appreciated the officer for his proactive approach and significant role in various important assignments and flagship campaigns such as SANJY-2026, Nasha Mukht JK Abhiyan, Har

Ghar Tiranga, and Vande Mataram @150, among others. He further highlighted his contributions in mounting an effective response, especially during flash floods and disaster-like situations. The officer success in his future endeavors, the DC remarked that the officer has a long service career ahead and, with his skills and commitment, should contribute to the betterment of J&K and the nation at large.

Officers present during the function appreciated the outgoing officer for his leadership skills, support, and decisive handling of various issues.

The multiple examples, they acknowledged that his professionalism led to smooth coordination between the civil and police administrations in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, Sunny Gupta expressed his gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner and his team for their constant support and guidance during his tenure.

He thanked the people of Anantnag for their cooperation in all important matters and for making his tenure memorable, adding that the district would serve as a beacon throughout his entire service career.