



IGNCA Regional Centre Inaugurated in Jammu | Jammu & Kashmir | 24 Dec 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the Lieutenant Governor of J&K, **Manoj Sinha**, inaugurated the regional center of the [Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts \(IGNCA\)](#) in Jammu.

Key Points

- **Role of Folk Traditions and IGNCA's Contribution:**
 - **Jammu's folk traditions** have been a source of enduring values and ideals, sustaining society through generations.
 - The IGNCA regional centre will nurture cultural virtues, enhance quality of life, and support the preservation and **promotion of [Jammu's rich art and cultural heritage](#)**.
 - The intelligentsia was urged to collaborate with organisations like IGNCA to **promote Jammu and Kashmir's artistic heritage and to preserve and propagate the [Vedic oral tradition](#)**.
 - India's civilisational ethos of "[Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam](#)" (**the world is one family**) and its ongoing relevance globally was highlighted.
- **Role of Youth in Cultural Preservation:**
 - The L-G called on enlightened citizens and stakeholders to encourage artistic thinking in the younger generation, leveraging their creative potential to benefit society.
 - He stressed the importance of making **[regional literature](#), folk music, drama, and [Pahari art](#) accessible in every household through articles, monographs, and books.**
- **'Toycathon' Initiative:**
 - The L-G commended **'Toycathon 2024'**, an initiative aimed at grassroots innovation by **designing toys based on local cultural ethos and the lives of regional heroes.**

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)

- It was **established in 1987** as an **autonomous institution under the Ministry of Culture**, as a centre for research, academic pursuit and dissemination in the field of the arts.
 - The **IGNCA has a trust (i.e. Board of Trustees), which meets regularly to give general direction** about the Centre's work. The Executive Committee, drawn from among the Trustees, functions under a Chairman.
 - It is a research unit under **Project Mausam**.
 - Project 'Mausam' is a Ministry of Culture project with **[Archaeological Survey of India \(ASI\)](#)**, New Delhi as the nodal agency.
 - The central themes that hold Project 'Mausam' together are those of **cultural routes and maritime landscapes that not only linked different parts of the Indian Ocean littoral, but also connected the coastal centres to their hinterlands.**
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Infrastructure Development at J&K Tourist Sites | Jammu & Kashmir

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Recently, the [World Bank](#) has enlisted **four places in Jammu and Kashmir** to be developed as **international tourist destinations**.

- **These places are** Bhaderwah in Doda, Bradari in Reasi, Kokernag in Anantnag and Dodapathri in Budgam.

Key Points

- **World Bank's Intention in Development:**
 - The World Bank intends to fund infrastructure in **specific locations in Jammu and Kashmir to meet international tourism standards**.
- **Planned Projects and Funding:**
 - The World Bank plans to fund infrastructure projects, including:
 - Development of **Bhal Padri meadow and Guldanda meadow**
 - Upgradation of **Jai Valley**
 - Establishment of **Gondola cable car services at Seoz meadows in Bhaderwah**
 - Interest has been shown in developing [the Kailash Yatra](#) route to leverage its significant pilgrimage tourism potential.
- **Broader Revamp in J&K:**
 - Other locations to benefit from the initiative include:
 - Dodapathri in Budgam district
 - Kokernag in Anantnag district
 - Bradari in Reasi district
- **Collaboration and Approval:**
 - The project will be executed in **collaboration with the central government**.
 - **Final approval for funding rests with the World Bank**, which will assess the potential of these locations before proceeding.
- **Significance of the Initiative:**
 - The initiative **aims to boost pilgrimage [tourism](#), [handicrafts](#), [herbal tourism](#), and [adventure tourism](#) in the region.**

World Bank

- **About:**
 - It was **created in 1944**, as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) along with the [International Monetary Fund \(IMF\)](#). **The IBRD later became the World Bank.**
 - The World Bank Group is a unique global partnership of five institutions working for sustainable solutions that reduce poverty and build shared prosperity in developing countries.
 - The World Bank is one of the [United Nations'](#) specialized agencies.
- **Members:**
 - It has **189 member countries**.
 - **India is also a member country.**
- **Major Reports:**
 - [Ease of Doing Business \(Stopped publishing\)](#).
 - [Human Capital Index](#).
 - [World Development Report](#).
- **Its Five Development Institutions:**

- [International Bank for Reconstruction and Development \(IBRD\)](#)
- [International Development Association \(IDA\)](#)
- International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- [Multilateral Guarantee Agency \(MIGA\)](#)
- International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
 - **India is not a member of ICSID.**

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