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UP IN FLAMES: Officials of Srinagar district administration burn cigarette packets snatched from persons found smoking in public places in Srinagar on Monday.

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Anti-smoking drive Challans registered against 10 smokers

KT NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, May 3: In continuation with anti smoking drive in the state, a high level team headed by deputy commissioner, Srinagar, Mehraj Ahmad Kakroo, today inspected various offices and hospitals of Srinagar city.

During the inspection of the canteen and surroundings of Lal Ded Hospital, the team interacted with smokers and apprised them about the bad effects of smoking and warned them against smoking.

Later, anti smoking squad also inspected Rural Development department, Agriculture department, J&K Bank, Social Welfare department, Raj Bagh near convent school and some officers of Old Secretariat. The team registered challans against 10 smokers and on the spot charged Rs 2000 from them.

The DDC, on the occasion, said that the squad is active against smoking on the public places and anybody found violating the norms will be dealt with law. SSP Srinagar, Deputy Controller, Drugs and Food, Executive Magistrate, CMO Srinagar, J&K Voluntary Association, Chief Education Officer, Food Inspector, OSD with Divisional Commissioner, Civil Defence and other officers accompanied the DDC.

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342 fined for smoking in J&K

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir officials fined 342 people for smoking at public places in the state. The Drug and Food Control Organisation (DFCO), which enforced the ban on smoking at public places, has collected Rs41,000 as fine from violators, health and medical education department officials said. DFCO had inspected 4,759 public places during their drive.

10 fined for smoking in public places

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DAYS after the J&K High Court admitted a public interest litigation seeking effective ban on smoking in public places and sale of tobacco products within hundred yards of the educational institutions, the state government swung in action and invoked challans against 10 smokers in Srinagar.

A high-level team of officials headed by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Mehraj Ahmed Kakroo and Senior Superintendent of Police Srinagar Reyaz Ahmed Bedar inspected various offices and hospitals of the city on Monday.

"The squad inspected Rural Development Complex, Lal Mandi, Agriculture Complex, Horticulture Complex, Lal De J Hospital and all Offices in the Old Secretariat. Cigarettes were seized from one shopkeeper operating within 100 yards of Presentation Convent School Raibagh," a senior state official Amir Ali said. "Nearly Rs 2000 was

compounded as fine and cigarettes and tobacco products worth thousands were seized and put to flames.

Besides seizing cigarettes, the officials also interacted with smokers and informed them about the bad effects of smoking.

Although the J&K government has banned smoking in public places, there is no change on the ground as puffing continues unabated. Last week, J&K Voluntary Health and Development Association approached the High Court with a PIL seeking "effective implementation of ban on smoking in public places and sale of tobacco products within 100 yards of educational institutions".

Under Section-4 of the Cigarettes & Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement & Regulation of Trade & Commerce, Production, Supply & Distribution) Act 2003, smoking in public places is prohibited and any violation of this Act is punishable with fine up to Rs 200.

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Div Com pulls up smoking cop

GK CITY CORRESPONDENT

Srinagar, May 4: A day after the district administration started drive against smoking at places in the City, the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Naseema Lanker on Tuesday spotted a cop puffing a fag right in the lawns of her office premises.

The accused was identified as Constable, Manzoor Ahmed Pir, on duty at the office.

A fine of Rs 200 was slapped on the offender.

Sources said the moment Lanker spotted the cop puffing she called the SHO Shaheed Gunj at her office.

OSD to Divisional Commissioner, Aamir Ali said the Food Inspector, Drug Control Department Kashmir slapped the fine in presence of the SHO, for violating Section 4 of the Act, which prohibits smoking in public places.

Kick-starting the drive yesterday, the City police chief, Reyaz Bedar said the department would enforce the ban on smoking and any cop violating it would be penalized.



Ironically, even though the administration has started a drive against smoking, chances of a similar drive against boozing seem bleak.

"Liquor is sold at licensed shops. How can we prevent its sale," said an official in the administration, requesting not to be named.

Meanwhile, a handout said: "Taking cognisance of

the Cigarettes & other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement & Regulation of Trade & Commerce, Production, Supply & Distribution) Act 2003, Director General of Police J&K and Inspector General of Police Kashmir have instructed police officers for effective implementation of the provisions of the Act."

Smoker in uniform penalized

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In the on-going drive against smokers, one Police Constable Manzoor Ahmed Pir was caught by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir while he was smoking openly in a public place. SHO, Shaheed Ganj was informed and in his presence a fine of Rs. 200 was imposed on the said constable by Food Inspector of Drug Control Department Kashmir, for violating Section 4 of the Cigarette and Tobacco products Act, which prohibits smoking in public places.

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