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Map of Srinagar City Embroidered on a Kashmiri Shawl, 19th Century AD.

JANUARY 2016

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HOLIDAYS

JANUARY

Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday	1st
Lohri (Jammu Province only)	13th
Republic Day	26th

DECEMBER 2015

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Stone Inscription 17th Century AD.

FEBRUARY 2016

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HOLIDAYS						
FEBRUARY						
Male Deemochey (Lah District & Zaskar Sub-Division Only)						6th-7th
Guru Ravi Dev's Birthday (Lahore Province only)						22nd
Tangsa Chongye (Lah & Kagdi Districts Only)						22nd
MARCH 2016						
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Textile in chain-stitch depicting Lord Shiva & Parvati, 19th Century AD.

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HOLIDAYS

MARCH

Mahashivratri	7th
Rakshas	21st
Holi (Jammu, Poonch, Udhm)	23rd
Good Friday (Jammu, Udhm only)	29th

FEBRUARY 2016

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Coins of Sultans of Kashmir, " Sultan Shamas-ud-din,
Sultan Zain-ul-Abuddin, Sultan Hussain Shah & Sultan Yaqoob Shah.

APRIL 2016

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World Heritage Day

HOLIDAYS

APRIL

Tel Navratri	8th
Balsakhi	13th
Birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar	14th
Mela Bahu Fort (Jammu District)	14th
Ramanavami	13th
Mahavir Jayanti (Jammu District)	19th

MAY 2016

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Sugatisandarasana Lokeshvara, 10th Century AD.

MAY 2016

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15	16	17	18 <small>International Museum Day</small>	19	20	21
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HOLIDAYS						
MAY						
*Shab-i-Miraj						05 th
Friday following Shab-i-Miraj <small>(Kashmir Province only)</small>						05 th
Pareekram Jayanti <small>(Madhya Pradesh & Jammu Province only)</small>						08 th
Buddha Purnima						25 th
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Gold & Silver Jewellery , 19th Century AD.

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HOLIDAYS						
JUNE						
Mela Kabir Bhandari (Poonch District only)						12th
Martyr's Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji (Poonch District only)						18th
Kabir Jayanti (Jammu District only, Restricted Holiday)						20th
Urs Bhai Farid-ud-Din Bahli (Kathua District only)						20th
JULY 2016						
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Birth of Sidhartha, 7th Century AD.

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HOLIDAYS

JULY

Independence Day	1st
Good Friday	7th
State Government 21 st Birthday	21st
Wahkoo Day	7th
Regional Day of Youth	10th-11th
Western Day	15th
Wahkoo Day (2nd)	14th-15th

JUNE 2016

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A Persian inscription of Mughal period regarding foundation of a bridge at Pantha Chowk, 17th century AD.

AUGUST 2016

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HOLIDAYS						
AUGUST						
Independence Day						15th
Raksha Bandhan (Shakrabandhan)						18th
Jangmashtami						25th
Kulluoh Yatra (Shroombah Yatra wala)						28th-31st
SEPTEMBER 2016						
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7th Century AD. Gilgit manuscript cover shows Buddha seated on Lotus.

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HOLIDAYS

SEPTEMBER

Wala Puz 7th-8th

*Ura Shaha-Handan Sahib 9th

*Eid-ul-Azha 13th-14th

AUGUST 2016

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Decorative Surahi in Serpentine stone with floral design, 18th Century AD.

OCTOBER 2016

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HOLIDAYS

OCTOBER

Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	2nd
Maharavami	10th
Dussehra	11th
*Ashvora	12th
*Ura Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Sahib (Kashmiri Purohit's day)	28th
Diwali	30th

NOVEMBER 2016

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Decorative Flower Vase in Paper Mache, 19th Century AD

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World Heritage Week: 19th to 29th November

HOLIDAYS

NOVEMBER

Ure Shah Asar-ud-Din Sahib (Kulmarg, Doda and Ramban Districts only) 9th
Guru Nanak Dev's Birthday 25th

OCTOBER 2016

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Enameled Decorative Fire Pot (Kangri) 19th Century AD.

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HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER

Birthday of Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah	5th
'Eid-ul-Milad-ul-Nabi	12th
Friday following Eid-ul-Milad-ul-Nabi	16th
Christmas Day	25th
Mela Looar (at the Kangri Museum site)	30th

JANUARY 2017

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1. Map of Srinagar City embroidered on a Kashmiri Shawl, 19th Century AD.

This is an Amlikal Shawl wherein is embroidered the map of Srinagar city its geography and place names in Persian letters. The Shawl is recorded to have been prepared in the workshop of one Ghulam Ahmad Kaloo in the old Srinagar city during the period of Maharaja Gulab Singh. The Shawl Bafi has been one among the prestigious arts of Kashmir which evolved here during sultanate period. Mughals had proved great patrons of this art, like paper machie, the shawl Bafi is also accounted in the urban arts of this land.

2. Arabic Inscription regarding digging of a well at Shakergarh in Mansoori, 17th century AD.

As per the traditions, during Mughal period, there was water scarcity in the Shakergarh area and when Mughal Emperor Aurangzab learnt about it, he issued the royal direction that a well should be dug out in the area. The well was dug out and foundation stone in shape of a stone inscription in Arabic letters was laid at the site mentioning with other details, the name and period of Emperor, as Hazrat Zilah Subhani Mohammad Aurangzab Baadshah-i Alamgir. It was during an archaeological survey of the area in 1966, that the state archaeology department recovered the inscription from the area and was put to exhibition in archaeology gallery of the SPS Museum Srinagar.

3. The artifact is another masterpiece of the textile section of the SPS Museum

wherein artist have illustrated the family of Lord Shiva in a beautiful design on mountain under the shade of the tree. Chain Stitch work is one of the arts of Kashmir which is not so primitive art. In this art the cloth is embroidered with a big needle. The Artists produce table covers, curtains and handkerchiefs in this art.

4. Coins of Sultans of Kashmir "

Sultan Shamas-ud-din, Sultan Zain-ul-Abuddin, Sultan Hussain Shah & Sultan Yaqoob Shah. Coins are in silver, in rectangular shape on obverse is given the name of the issuer while on the reverse the mint name and date in Arabic letters viz Zarbi Kashmir.

5. Sugatisandarsana Lokesvara, 10th Century AD.

The six-armed Bodhisattva with all his attributes, including the royal personality in a sitting pose on a lotus pedestal. This image represents the features of Gandhar School of Art. The attendants are shown on either of its side. The sculpture is bronze and is preserved in SPS Museum, Srinagar which will be put on display at new Museum Building Binnaga.

6. Jewellery - Necklace, Bajuband were used in 19th Century AD.

7. Birth of Sidhartha, 7th Cent. AD.

Queen Maya:- The Sculpture depicts the birth of Sidhartha (Lord Buddha) under the shade of tree. The sculpture has been recorded from the ancient archaeological site of Pandhrethan, Srinagar and is showcased in Archaeology Gallery of SPS Museum, Srinagar.

8. A Persian inscription of Mughal period regarding foundation of a bridge at Pantha Chowk, 17th century AD.

This bridge has been constructed during the period of Mughal Emperor Jahangir and the engineer who has worked on this bridge has been some European, who is mentioned in inscription as K Bahel along side with its builder Jahangir Shah. The date is also given in Persian letters which corresponds to the period of Jahangir.

9. Gilgit manuscripts 7th Century AD. Rare and unique manuscripts in the J&K state about Buddhist Philosophy.

10. Decorative Surahi in Serpentine stone with floral design, 20th Century AD.

Serpentine Stone art is one of the forgotten arts of the Kashmir. This art was prevalent during 18th and 19th century. The crafts-men involved in this art used to prepare glorious utensils of this material. There is a cabin in the decorative arts of the SPS Museum where a series of artifacts of serpentine stone produced during early 19th Century have been displayed.

11. Decorative Flower Vase in Paper Machie, 19th Century AD.

Paper Machie is one of the most popular arts of Kashmir which evolved here during the Sultanate period. Sultan Zain-ul-Abudin "Budshah" has been the patron of this art. This art mostly remained stuck to the urban areas. Although the glorious period of this art has gone, but its evidences are still found in the old city of Srinagar. In the SPS Museum, Srinagar there is a cabin in decorative arts section where a series of artifacts of paper machie are displayed and preserved.

12. Enameled Decorative Fire Pot 19th Century AD.

Enameled Art has been one of the famous Arts of Kashmir. In this tradition the artists used to first carve the objects and then a colorful metal inlay was embedded or filled in the vacuums which made a design but now a days this art has become outdated one. The SPS Museum has a prestige in holding a very good collection of the artifacts of this art.

