

► PM creates history in vaccination drive

## Difficult target achieved with grit, determination: Chugh

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JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has created history by achieving the target of administering 1 billion vaccine doses.

Chugh said under the leadership of the Prime Minister India has proved that it is not only capable of setting difficult targets but also of achieving them.

He said though questions were asked if Indians can cope with this pandemic, where will it get the money to purchase vaccines, will Indians get the vaccines or not, will it be able to inoculate so many to stop the spread.

"But the prime minister has told



the world that India stands tall and high to do impossible things", he said.

He said while the other countries had the expertise, India

achieved the target by basing the vaccination programme on scientific methods and now the world will not only consider India as a safe country but would give it recognition as the Pharma hub.

The vaccine drive is the biggest example of the Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas Mantra (collective effort, inclusive growth) of the government, he said.

At the beginning of the pandemic, there were apprehensions that it would be hard to fight the pandemic in India, he said.

Chugh said the prime minister ensured that a free vaccination was provided to all without any discrimination.

Chugh said India has vaccinated

77% of the total population. India was the fastest to administer 10 crores in just 85 days. In the month of August, India administered an 18 crores vaccination which was more than the entire vaccination put together by the G7 group.

India is administering 64 lakhs jabs per day which is more than the entire population of 120 countries.

He lambasted the Opposition leaders who had been trying to create an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty in the country during the peak pandemic days and complimented the prime minister for leading the nation bravely during the period of crisis.



### Scores of KPs from different parties join NC

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Party President Dr Farooq Abdullah on Friday met scores of delegations including Kashmir Pandit, which had called on him here at his residence.

The delegation led by NC Minority Cell M.K Yogi met Dr Farooq Abdullah and apprised him about the hardships which the migrant community is facing for more than thirty years and have compounded during the last few years.

The visiting delegation members brought up the issue of enhancement of monthly relief assistance from Rs.13000 to Rs 25000, safety and security of PM package employees working in the Valley



NC President Dr Farooq Abdullah welcoming new entrants in party fold.

and accommodation issue of PM package employees living on rent.

On the occasion nearly 75 prominent Kashmiri political activists from different parties joined the party.

Welcoming the new

entrants into the party fold, Dr Farooq assured the community leaders that he will take up the issues concerning them at all appropriate forums for their speedy mitigation.

"Kashmiri Pandits are

part and parcel of our composite culture and ethos and NC is committed to protect it at any cost. Our party is committed to the safe and dignified return of our brethren to the valley," he said adding, "Elated to see Kashmiri Pandit youth

supporting NC's clarion call for unity across J&K to trounce the communal forces and their B Teams. NC is spearheading a democratic, peaceful, and constitutional struggle for the restoration of J&K's infringed rights and having educated Pandit youth in our ranks will further strengthen our efforts. I welcome you all with a view that your joining will benefit our cause," he said.

Prominent among who joined the party fold include Chandra, Dazy Bazaz, Neelam Koul, Chand Pandita, Urmila Kant, Moonika Sapoori, Nitin, Lavinia Parimoo, Manisha Gupta, Rohit Koul, Sanjay Kumar Bhat, Sumit Bhat, Reenoka Bhat, Showki Pandita, Kuldeep Raina, Naveen Goswami, Anil Bali and Shubham Amla.

## CCI delegation calls on FSSAI Central officers, discusses issues

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JAMMU: A delegation of CCI Jammu headed by its President Arun Gupta today met Rita Teotaia, Chairperson and Arun Singhai, Chief Executive Officer, Food and Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at Conference Hall, Pragati Bhawan, Jammu and discuss various issues being faced by the traders.

Arun Gupta raised several issues faced by traders dealing with different food business activities in Jammu region.

Arun Gupta apprised the Central food safety officers about the flaws in the working of food safety department. He made them aware that the local Food Safety officers harassing the small shopkeepers on various pretexts and never dare to inspect big shopping Malls and marts in



CCI Jammu President Arun Gupta presenting bouquet to Rita Teotaia, Chairperson FSSAI.

Jammu. Gupta said that the shopkeepers selling packed food are also facing hardships as the Food Safety officers harassed on various alleged reasons. He said the shopkeepers are intend to only sell the products they are not the manufacturers if there is any issue in

the products, the department officers should penalize the company instead of harassing the traders.

Besides, he also raised his serious concern over various flaws in the Packing and Labeling Act. He appealed to the FSSAI officers to direct the officers of Jammu based

Food Safety officers not to harass the traders of Jammu region and hold awareness drives after regular intervals instead of penalizing the traders due to none of their faults.

Anil Gupta Sr.Vice President raised the issue that in Jammu unemployment rate is 22% & in India is overall 8.7%. People run their livelihoods by opening small retail shops with small investment. Department should have a policy for them & should not impose heavy fines on them.

Arun Singhai, giving a patient hearing, termed the issues raised by Jammu Chamber was genuine and assured to address the same at the earliest. He also directed the Jammu based FSSAI officers to inform the local traders about the laws of food safety by carrying out awareness drives on regular basis.

370. He also stressed on Post Harvest management, Processing, Value addition, marketing and branding of the farmer's produce for making the agriculture more profitable.

Earlier, Dr Pawan Malhotra, Principal ASCOMS, Dr Shashi Sudan Principal GMC and Gaurav Gupta General Secretary Chamber of Commerce paid rich tributes to martyrs. Governor Elect Rotary Dr Dushyant mentioned that 25 wards of police martyrs were given E-tabs as educational aid on 10th October.

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K B Jandial IAS (Retd), Ravinder Kotwal IGP (Retd), Chandan Kohli SSP Jammu and a galaxy of police officers, Arun Gupta President Chamber of Commerce and Industries attended the function.

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