

Issues of stakeholders heard by P F Commissioner, team



Rizwan Uddin, RPFC-I clearing claim of an employee.

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JAMMU: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office-Jammu is functioning in flexi hours to offload the work related to claims by capitalising on system speed.

The EPFO is servicing the entire area from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with regard to settlement of claims, redressal of grievances, and facilitating stakeholders. To ensure service delivery at doorstep, various online initiatives of EPFO such as balance enquiry, filing of online claims including transfer, advance claims and members' basic details were explained with hands-on demonstration.

On the grievance of Happy

Sharma reported through WhatsApp about the non-approval of his KYC by the Employer, the EPFO directed the employer to update the same at the earliest. It was found that no DSC/E-sign was registered by his employer. The employer was facilitated over telephone for registering on DSC. Pawan Kumar from M/s Press Club approached P F Commissioner with the request to change his name from Pawan Sharma to Pawan Kumar and the same was updated. Lal Bahadur Ram from M/s Diligent HR Services, Krishan Singh and Surjit Singh approached P F Commissioner to update their missing details.

Rizwan Uddin, RPFC-I

ordered to process the Joint Declaration immediately and the same was processed within one hour.

Bank and Pan KYC of Sunil Kumar and Mohammad Sharief was submitted and they were advised to get it approved by their employers.

Silvi Kaur from M/s Vit Placement Services approached to PF Commissioner for the approval of E-Sign of the Establishment. The PF Commissioner directed concerned official to process it promptly.

Anoop from M/s Viraj Enterprises also visited to the office to get approval of E-Sign and he was advised to re-submit the request as no request

letter was submitted.

Many cases where death of the members has occurred got verified and instructions were issued suitably to dealing hands to process all death claims. Reetika Mahajan wife of Late Vaibhav Gupta approached P F Commissioner with a request that Pension Claim of her deceased husband is reportedly forwarded by RO, Vadodara, however the same was yet to be forwarded by that Office. The matter was taken up with P F Commissioner, Vadodara, who directed concerned authorities and Pension papers of Late Vaibhav Gupta would be processed accordingly, once the same are received from Vadodara.

Meanwhile, a special drive for cleanliness is going on at RO, Jammu. Shubham, Surjit, Sukhdev Raj, Shakti and Ajay participated in Swachhata Abhiyaan.

The Regional PF Commissioner-I will personally hear the grievances/issues of all stakeholders on a day-to-day basis. All the stakeholders can visit the office for quick disposal of their grievances and to register any problems faced by them related to EPFO.

Centre committed to welfare, prosperity of J&K people: Kavinder



Former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta addressing a gathering after inaugurating development work.

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JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader has asserted that the Govt at the Centre is paying focussed attention to Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory to ensure welfare and prosperity of the people of this traumatized region, who had to bear the brunt of terrorism for the past about three decades.

He expressed this while addressing a gathering during a programme organized here today to kick-start blacktopping work of the

road in Ward No: 47 here today.

It is pertinent to mention here that he inaugurated the execution of this work estimated to cost about Rs. 25 lakh in the presence of Vinay Gupta, Bharatiya Janata Party District President Jammu; Sharda Kumari, Corporator Ward No: 47, Dalbir Singh, Krishan Lal, Dr Davinder Singh, Suraj Rana, Amit Gupta, Ashok Kumar Vaid, Mohinder Kumar and a large number of local residents. Addressing the gathering, Kavinder said, "The Union Government is paying focussed attention to

Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and is determined to carry out developmental activities in every nook and corner of this sensitive region." He said that Modi led Govt at the Centre has prioritized the overall development of all the areas without any rural-urban or other discrimination with main focus on roads which ensure the smooth supply of basic essentials as well as other commodities for the ease of living of the people.

He said that the Govt stands fully committed to ensure the improvement of road infrastructure in all the areas.

Vikramaditya seeks early relief, rehabilitation for Kishtwar fire victims

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JAMMU: Expressing grave concern over fire incident at Chag village in Gandhari Paddar area of Kishtwar where about 22 houses gutted fully, former MLC Vikramaditya Singh demanded early relief and rehabilitation for the victims because the inferno has rendered them homeless overnight. In a statement issued to media persons, the former MLC said that the need of the hour is to provide adequate compensation, warm clothing and a shelter to the affected families as the members of these families are bound to live in open sky as their belongings and shelter have been devastated in the fire.

The former legislator appealed to the administration to provide funds to these families under PMAY to enable them to reconstruct their houses before the onset of extreme winter season.

Vikramaditya Singh also appreciated the efforts of local police and security forces for rescuing and shifting all the fire affected people to the nearby safer place.

Two-day 5th Annual Conference of JKOACON begins



Prof. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal ASCOMS Hospital presenting Lifetime Achievement award to Prof. Deedar Singh, EX-HOD Orthopaedics, GMC Jammu.

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JAMMU: Two-day 5th Annual Conference of Jammu and Kashmir Orthopaedics Association (5th JKOACON) being organised by the Department of Orthopaedics, ASCOMS and Hospital, Sidhra commenced at Hotel Radisson Blu, here on Friday.

Prof. Rajesh Gupta, President JKO and Organising Secretary of 5th JKOACON, said, "We have invited guest faculty from all over India for the event and they will share their

work about different aspects in Orthopaedics." He further stated that more than 200 delegates have registered for the conference.

The president Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA) Prof. Ramesh Sen said that academic events, have given opportunities to the Orthopaedicians in the state to further honed their skills and learn from the masters of orthopaedics.

This year the IOA President theme is "Success with Soft Surgical Skills". Earlier, the conference

was inaugurated by Prof. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal ASCOMS Hospital, Sidhra. He stated that ASCOMS Hospital is at forefront of spreading knowledge and wished good-luck for the event.

During the event, lifetime achievement award was given to Prof. Deedar Singh, EX-HOD Orthopaedics, GMC, Jammu and ASCOMS Hospital, Sidhra for his contributions in the field of Orthopaedics in the UT of J&K.

There were two orations, Prof. V.K Pachmunda oration delivered by Dr. Ram Chadha, Vice President IOA on "Nothing lasts forever", Prof. Farooq A. Ashai oration delivered by Dr. Navin Thakkar General Secretary IOA on "My journey of innovation and patenting - May help my colleague friends."

At the end of orations the guests were felicitated with mementoes.

RCAPFWWA highlights issues, seeks early resolution

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JAMMU: Retired Central Armed Police Forces Warrior Welfare Association (RCAPFWWA) J&K, constituted for welfare of the retired personnel, widows, dependents and serving persons of CRPF, BSF, ITBP, SSB, CISF, Assam Rifles and NSG, has asked Central Government to redress issues of Central Armed Police Forces retirees at the earliest.

While addressing a press conference here on Friday, Chief Patron, Rakesh Sharma, IG Retired BSF discussed several problems of CAPE retirees. He urged Government to remove the disparity in the pay scales between the army and paramilitary forces and demanded special pay should be granted to paramilitary personnel at par with Army. Rakesh also demanded implementation of OROP in Central Armed



Chief Patron RCAPFWWA, Rakesh Sharma talking to reporters.

Police Forces (CAPF) and restoration of old pension scheme as applicable before 2004, 100 percent waive off in GST on the products in CPC canteen, constitute Paramilitary Sainik Welfare Board at District level and well as separate Kendriya Vidyalaya facilities to Paramilitary personnel.

Narinder Singh Additional Director General (Retd) BSF and Sham Kapoor DIG (Retd) BSF, who also joined the Association, assured that they are committed to lead with the Association for the Welfare of retirees of CAPFs.

Ram Lal Dogra Assistant Commandant, Surjit Singh Zonal President Akhnor, Som Nath Inspector (Retd) Vice President, Thoru Ram Inspector (Retd), Baldev Raj, Kaka Ram President Nagrota Zone, Mohd Mazid, President Samba Chhankar Singh, Inspector Zonal President Sunderbani Jagdev Singh, Insp (M) Retd SSB, Sham Lal Mehra were also present on the occasion.

Muslims must not be misled by mischievous propaganda: Khatana

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JAMMU: MP Rajya Sabha, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, on Friday said that Muslims must come out openly in support of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led BJP government and not continue to be misled by mischievous and propaganda by the opposition parties who have exploited them for past seven decades.

He urged them to take benefit of the welfare schemes launched by the govt and said that Muslims have witnessed an era of peace and development under the present Govt.

Addressing a largely attended meeting of the Dodhi Gujjars at tehsil Marh, Khatana said that for past seven decades, various political parties have exploited Muslim community especially the Gujjars and Pasmanda Samaj in Jammu and Kashmir and used them only for vote bank politics.

But the plight of Gujjars and Pasmanda Samaj remained the same and various schemes for their welfare remained on papers only, he said adding during past eight years in power, the Narendra Modi Govt has demonstrated its intent and working on ground for the welfare of Muslims and Pasmanda Samaj by extending the benefits of the minority schemes to the last man in the row.

"It is for the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir that a Gujjar Muslim from amongst them, the common and underprivileged section, has been nominated to the highest house of Indian parliamentary democracy. I belong to a semi-nomadic Gujjar farmer family and have been nominated to the Rajya Sabha as Member parliament," said Er. Khatana and assured that he would continue to raise the voice of underprivileged and downtrodden sections of the society.

Er. Khatana said that during past over a month, he has been felicitated by thousands of people not only in Jammu and Kashmir but across country and the messages expressing happiness on his nomination to Rajya Sabha.

He said that plight of Pasmanda Samaj can be transformed through education and for this Central Government has launched many major initiatives.

He urged the people, if they have any problem, they can approach him any time and will be available 24x7.

Earlier, Satar Din Dodhi Gujjar, Ashan Din, Dr. Bagh Ali welcomed him.

Prominent among those present were Surinder Kumar, Chairman BDC, Marh, Bharat Bhushan Sharma, BJP Mandal Pradhan, Sadak Ali, panch and Saraj Din.

DIPR Jammu organises symposium on 'Nasha Mukht Bharat'



Winner posing for a photograph with a dignitary.

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DODA: Cultural Wing of Department of Information and Public Relations on Friday organised a symposium on "Nasha Mukht Bharat" here at Atkhar Public High School Bhaderwah.

Chairman of the School, Sudesh Manhas was the chief guest, while Principal, Adil Farooq was the guest of honour.

As many as 13 students participated in the event.

The first prize was bagged by Israar-ul-Haq, while Zeenat Jamal and Imran Rehmatullah bagged second and third prize, respectively.

The Principal of the School, while speaking on the occasion, shared her views on the topic and appreciated the Cultural Wing of the Department of Information and Public

Relations for organizing such a meaningful program to aware the future of the nation.

On the occasion students of school presented a scintillating cultural program which included nukkad natak, rhymes, skits, songs and dances.

The competition was judged by Ratna Thakur, Anand Paul and Shakshi Sharma.

The winners and participants were felicitated with prizes and certificates.

Prominent citizens, staff members, officials of the Information Department and a large number of audiences witnessed the program.

Program was coordinated by Rashid Manzoor, Cultural Assistant of Cultural Unit Jammu. The programme was conducted under the supervision of Cultural Officer Parul Khajuria.

BJP felicitates Nandita Jamwal

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JAMMU: J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by BJP NEM & Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi and other senior leaders felicitated Nandita Jamwal.

Nandita Jamwal has completed Law (BA LLB) from The Law School, University of Jammu and now pursuing masters in Political Leadership and Government from MIT School of Government, Pune. In 12th Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian student parliament) she was student leader.



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina and BJP NEM & Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi felicitating Nandita Jamwal.

Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad is an innovative platform for the youth who are socially and politically active, and provides them

with the platform to share their views. It aims in enhancing the role of youth in the political system and democracy.