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the demand, and it is inclusive and sustainable to handle growing urbanization," the Lt Governor said.

He said the revamping of the famous Apsara road will make the market area a major center of attraction for the local people as well as the tourists coming to Jammu and also give a boost to the business and economic activities.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to bring about a transformative change in the urban environment.

For quality living, smart mobility and beautification of Jammu City, we have focused on building new and resilient infrastructure. The upgradation of existing physical infrastructure is also providing a solid framework for progress and preparing our cities to meet future challenges, he said.

Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, we are making earnest efforts for urban rejuvenation and development of facilities to meet the aspiration of the common man. Affordable Rental Housing Complex inaugurated in August was targeted to ensure that the urban population living in slums can access to basic services and livable habitats. A huge workforce contributing to growth has benefitted from this initiative, the Lt Governor said.

He said, various ongoing projects including Tawi River Front, Heritage Conservation, street development from Mubarak Mandi to Raghunath Bazaar, rejuvenation of water bodies, beautification of approach road to Bahu Fort, waste management, Blue Green Project of Ranbir Canal, and the addition of more electric buses to the fleet in coming days will improve the ease of living and make the city more vibrant and sustainable.

Infrastructure of smart equipment for solid waste management, traffic and smart city policing will also be launched soon to ensure that the functioning of the city is smooth, he added.

The Lt Governor said that citizens and other stakeholders should cooperate in development process, discharge their duty with complete dedication and pay for government services.

If capable pay the bill, I announce here that we will waive off the electricity bill of poor people. Discriminatory System benefiting few will not work here. The 1.30 cr citizens of Jammu Kashmir are our priority, he said

I assure the people that the government will take every decision in favour of common man, traders, business fraternity. Our doors are open 24 hours. I welcome all the suggestions regarding advancement of the society, the Lt Governor said.

Rajinder Sharma, Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation; Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Anand Jain, IGP Jammu; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Rahul Yadav, CEO Jammu Smart City; ULB members, senior officers, members from trade & business community and prominent citizens were present.

Bhagwat arrives in...

various meeting. On Saturday morning, Dr Mohan Bhagwat will address meeting of RSS workers at Jammu to get first-hand information about the centenary celebrations of the formation of the RSS in the year 2025.

Swayamsevak from Kishtwar, Rajouri, Udhampur and Jammu Mahanagar will participate in Saturday's meeting.

On Sunday, Dr. Mohan Bhagwat will address a meeting of various oranizations of the Sangh Parivar. The Sarsanghchalak will get feedback about various projects initiated by the RSS in the Union Territory of J&K in the fields of village development, service (Sewa), public awareness, health, ecology, water conservation, social equality, education, etc.

On October 15, the Sarsanghchalak will address a gathering of Swayamsevak at Kathua Stadium in which Swayamsevak from Kathua, Samba, Basholi and Billawar will participate.

The Sarsanghchalak will pay floral tributes at the statue of Dr. Shyama Parshad

Mukherjee at Kathua. Later Dr. Mohan Bhagwat Ji will unveil statue of Bharat Mata at Jakhbar village of Kathua and interact with villagers also.

As per the tradition of the RSS, the Sarsanghchalak and Sarkaryavah travel all the provinces of the country as part of organizational work and to interact with prominent persons.

Since its formation, Sarsanghchalak visit every province in connection with the organizational work. Earlier Sarsanghchalak visited Jammu in the year 2021.

Brief introduction of Sarsanghchalak Dr. Mohan Bhagwat was born on 11 September 1950 in Chandrapur, Maharashtra. He did his graduation in Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry from Punjab Rao Agricultural College, Akola, Maharashtra.

He worked as Pracharak in Akola, Nagpur, and Vidarbha region, moving ahead in the organization over time. In 1991, he was given responsibility as national head of the Physical Training Programme of the Swayamsevak and carried out this responsibility till 1999. In the same year, he was given responsibility as national level head of the publicity wing of the RSS. In 2000, he was nominated as Sarkarayvah of the organization. In 2009, Dr. Mohan Bhagwat was nominated as the Sarsanghchalak of the RSS.

Delivery of justice...

the Modi government assumed office. Many inquiry commissions were formed but did not yield results. But Modi formed SIT, reopened 300 cases and started sending those who were guilty to jail," he said.

The home minister said that after so many years, the process of giving compensation of Rs 5 lakh to the kin of the 3,328 victims was done by the Modi government. Paying glowing tributes to the Sikh gurus and the Sikh community, he said the Sikhs move forward taking both religion and karma equally and when it is an issue of sacrificing one's life for religion, a true Sikh never looks back.

He said that from the days of independence struggle to the security of the country now, the sacrifice of Sikh brothers is unparalleled.

Shah paid tributes to the Sikh gurus and said: "I bow my head to the Guru tradition of the Sikh religion. Guru tradition of 10 generations of Sikh Panth has set before the world an excellent example of struggle and sacrifice against injustice and barbarity before the invaders."

He said the contribution of the 9th Guru Teg Bahadur to the country can never be forgotten.

His supreme sacrifice against the atrocities of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb on the people in Kashmir shows his greatness, Shah said.

The home minister said when Prime Minister Narendra Modi had decided to celebrate a festival in memory of Guru Teg Bahadur, then it was decided that his admiration will begin from the same spot of the Red Fort from where his martyrdom was announced.

On the founder of the Sikh religion Guru Nanak Dev, he said Guru Nanak Dev preached equality of all religions in many countries through 'Char Udasiyaan'.

"His feet have been found from Karnataka to Mecca. No one can even imagine about traveling so much on foot in those days to spread the message of selfless love," he said.

Shah also referred to the tradition of empowering women in Sikh religion and said it began years ago with the teaching of Mata Khivi's langar.

"From the fight against the rule of the Mughals to the movement against the British and the struggle for independence and even now, the Sikhs have always been at the forefront in making the supreme sacrifice to secure the borders of the country," he said.

Under strong leadership...

under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi it has reached the top 5 and soon India's economy will be included in the category of the third largest economy in the world. Chugh said that under the leadership of Narendra Modi, the country's 'micro and macro economy' has strengthened and with the per capita income improved, as a result of which the facilities for the common citizens have also increased.

"The priority of the Modi government has been that the common people should not have to bear any kind of burden", he said adding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's economic policy, reforms and policy initiatives under Modinomics have worked to make the country self-reliant. Due to this the country's economy is growing rapidly, he added.

He said he IMF report testifies that the country's economy is in a very strong position and the future of the country is safe under the leadership of Narendra Modi.

SSP Jammu Chandan...

years. Before this, he has held the command of SSP Rajouri, Pulwama and Awantipora districts.

He solved many terrorism cases while posted in Jammu and under his supervision many successful encounters have taken place in which terrorists have been killed and drone cases have been resolved.

While holding the command of Jammu district, every effort was made by him to give a clean image of the police to the people of the district. Many old cases have been resolved. Apart from this, cases like Gandhi Nagar robbery were solved within time. Many drug smugglers were put behind bars and PSA has been imposed on him.

In the last two and a half years, major action has been taken in the cases of drug trade and mining across the district under the supervision of SSP Kohli. Not only this, public meetings were regularly held at the police station level to strengthen the relations between the police and the public. There are about 25 police stations in Jammu district and SSP Kohli kept an eye on the functioning of every police station.

DPAP ready for...

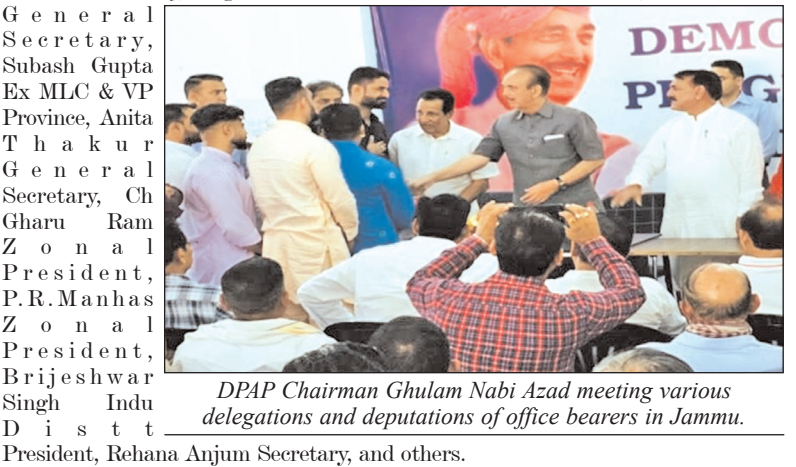
the change and better tomorrow," he said while meeting various delegations and deputations of office bearers here.

Since the past few days DPAP Chairman has met scores of delegations from Reasi, Kathua and took asses of the party functioning and subsequent preparations ahead of upcoming polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Whenever the elections take place we must be ready. No one shall take us off-guard and think that we are on weaker side of the pitch. Let the message of DPAP be clear and loud that we are ready and prepared for elections whenever these take place," he said. He also met office bearers from Reasi and directed them to hold corner meetings and intensify the membership drive.

Azad said that it is important for all office bearers to reach out to people with the message of DPAP and ensure the membership drive is intensified and more and more people come in the party fold.

Among others present on the occasion were G.M Saroori Vice Chairman, R.S Chib, General Secretary, Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President, Vinod Mishra



IIM Jammu all set to welcome HR Industry experts at HR Conclave 6.0 and International HR Conference

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: HR Conclave 6.0, the signature event of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, will be held at IIM Jammu on the 14th and 15th of October 2023 along with the International Human Resource Conference (IHRCC).

IIM Jammu's HR Conclave (HRC) aspires to resonate with IIM Jammu's motto - " (It is the knowledge that liberates)" - and its vision - "To develop leaders and entrepreneurs who can perform globally and make a significant contribution to Society and the Corporate World."

The conclave will explore critical topics, trends, and challenges facing the HR sector in today's dynamic business landscape.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, said, "IIM Jammu is all set to host HR

Conclave 6.0 and the International HR Conference. These gatherings provide a unique opportunity for academia and industry to come together, sharing their experiences and research. It is our sincere belief that this confluence of ideas will lead to innovative solutions to some of the most pressing HR challenges faced by organizations today."

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics and Chairperson Placements, IIM Jammu, added, "In an era where the role of human resources is continuously evolving, our upcoming HR Conclave 6.0 aim to serve as a catalyst for professionals and researchers to explore new paradigms in HRM. The International HR Conference, in particular, is a testament to our commitment to fostering global perspectives and networking opportunities."

The theme of the sixth HR Conclave 6.0 is 'HR in a

Dynamic Business Environment.'

HR Conclave 6.0 will be inaugurated by Chief Guest Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in the presence of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu; Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean of Academics and Chairperson of Placements at IIM Jammu; and Dr. Baljeet Singh, Co-Chairperson of Placements, Dr. Guangpanuang Kahmei, Chair, International HR Conference and Dr. Anuja Akhouri, Conference Co-Chair, International HR Conference at IIM Jammu.

There will be seven panels at the event, each discussing a distinct topic related to the event's theme.

Deepak Taduru, Vice President Talent Acquisition, Godrej Agrovet Limited, Dr. Roy Kshemendra Sharma,

Head of Communications & Customer Centricity, Tata AIA Life Insurance will be the Keynote Speakers on 14th Oct 2023. The event's opening ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM on October 14, 2023.

The valedictory ceremony will feature Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics and Chairperson Placements and Dr. Baljeet Singh, Co-Chairperson, Placements.

The HR Conclave 6.0 and International HR Conference will feature a lineup of esteemed speakers, engaging panel discussions, workshops, and research presentations.

This HR Conclave and International HR Conference is being organized by the industry Interaction Cell of IIM Jammu so that students can gain more corporate insights and obtain knowledge from the best in the industry.

Span Communications honoured with Asian Leadership Award for Marketing Excellence in Travel and Tourism

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Span Communications, celebrated for its remarkable achievements in the travel and tourism sector campaigns, stands in the limelight once again.

On the 11th of October 2023, at an exclusive ceremony held in Dubai, Span Communications was bestowed with the prestigious Asian Leadership Award for Marketing Excellence in Travel and Tourism.

The accolade is a testament to Span Communications' unwavering commitment to weaving captivating narratives that resonate with audiences, unveiling the unique character of diverse destinations. This award underscores the agency's dedication to the art of storytelling, where every campaign tells a distinctive story that captivates and inspires and also focusses on Span's strategic approach to media outreach.

Notably, Span Communications' CEO, Naresh Khetarpal, expressed profound gratitude for this prestigious honour; stating, "Receiving the Asian Leadership Award for

Marketing Excellence in Travel and Tourism is a source of immense pride. It is a validation of our tireless efforts in bringing the enchantment of travel to life through compelling communication."

While basking in the glow of this remarkable accomplishment, Span Communications continues to demonstrate its creative prowess for various other tourism clients. The agency, equipped with a robust media buying arm, wields unparalleled media planning and buying capabilities, ensuring that its clients' stories are amplified across platforms and regions. It is the agency's exceptional proficiency in media buying that often becomes the differentiator; propelling its campaigns to greater visibility. Span Communications' relentless pursuit of excellence continues to be recognized through awards and accolades like the Asian Leadership Award. This accomplishment serves as a beacon, inspiring the agency to keep crafting captivating narratives that invite travelers to embark on their journeys of discovery and exploration.

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Mohan Lal holds that appointments of outstanding sportspersons under the Rules of 1998 are at the sole discretion of the Government depending upon several factors viz. qualification/eligibility of a candidate, his proficiency in sports and availability of a suitable non-gazetted post in a particular calendar year. Such discretionary benefit envisaged for outstanding sportsperson, though regulated by statutory Rules, is nonetheless founded in equity and, therefore, capable of being waived or acquiesced in. This significant judgment has been passed by Division Bench in a LPA filed by one Gourav Gupta against judgment dated 08.03.2021 passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu Bench, Jammu ["the Tribunal"] in T.A No. 61/767/2020 titled 'Gourav Gupta vs. State and others' whereby the Tribunal has dismissed the petition of the petitioner registered as T.A.

Briefly stated the facts which emerge from pleading of the parties are that petitioner was considered along with other outstanding sportspersons under SRO 376/2004 for appointment in Government service. On the basis of recommendations made by the Committee constituted under SRO 349/1998 read with SRO 376/2004, the petitioner was appointed as Demonstrator in the pay scale of Rs.9300-34,800 with Grade Pay of Rs.4200. With the coming into force of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019 and the constitution of Central Administrative Tribunal for UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the writ petition filed by the petitioner came to be transferred to the Tribunal . On receipt of the said writ petition, the Tribunal registered it as T.A No.61/767/2020 which has been disposed by the Tribunal vide order and judgment impugned in this petition.

DB after hearing both the sides observed that it is true that the petitioner could not perform his duties as Demonstrator because of his ineligibility to hold the post. We do appreciate the argument of learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner that it is because of faux pas committed by the Selection Committee, the petitioner was appointed against a wrong post for which he did not have the requisite qualification. Be that as it may, the fact remains that the petitioner should have allowed the GAD to explore the possibility for adjusting him on the equivalent post in some other Department. However, acting impatiently, the petitioner

on 30.10.2014 requesting therein that he may be appointed against the post of Sub-Inspector in the Excise and Taxation Department in the pay scale of Rs.5200-20,200 with grade pay of Rs.2400 with an undertaking that he shall not make claim for higher or equivalent grade of Demonstrator against which he was appointed vide Government order dated 24.10.2014. The application was considered by the GAD and after taking up the matter with Finance Department for locating a direct recruitment post of Sub-Inspector in the Excise and Taxation Department, petitioner was appointed to the post of Sub-Inspector in the pay scale of Rs.5200-20,200 with grade pay of Rs.2400 in Divisional Cadre, Jammu vide Government Order dated 29.01.2015. This order was accepted by the petitioner without any protest or demur. It was only after the petitioner had worked for more than 6 months, it occurred to him to approach this Court to lay claim for the post of Inspector in the Excise and Taxation Department which is in the pay scale of Rs.9300-34,800/- with Grade Pay of Rs.4200.

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approached the GAD and offered to accept the appointment of S.I in the Excise Department and it is in pursuance of this request made by the petitioner through his letter dated 30.12.2014, a communication was addressed by the GAD to the Finance Department to locate/identify one direct recruitment post of S.I. to accommodate the petitioner. Finance Department responded and the petitioner was appointed. It is in these circumstances, we are not inclined to accept the contention of the petitioner that he accepted the appointment as S.I in the Excise and Taxation Department under duress and undue influence of the GAD. The facts and circumstances obtaining in the case indicate otherwise. The petitioner having accepted his appointment as S.I without any protest or demur and having joined on the post cannot be permitted to turn around and claim that he was entitled to be appointed as Inspector in the Excise and

Taxation Department which carries the higher pay scale, more particularly when Rules do not envisage offering a post carrying a particular scale to an outstanding sportsperson. DB further observed that the appointments of outstanding sportspersons under the Rules of 1998 are at the sole discretion of the Government depending upon several factors viz. qualification/eligibility of a candidate, his proficiency in sports and availability of a suitable non-gazetted post in a particular calendar year. Such discretionary benefit envisaged for outstanding sportsperson, though regulated by statutory Rules, is nonetheless founded in equity and, therefore, capable of being waived or acquiesced in.

With these observations, the Division Bench does not find merit in this appeal and the same is, accordingly, dismissed. The order and judgment passed by the Tribunal is upheld, though for different reasons.

MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

In order to clear extra rush of traffic during upcoming Dussehra, Deepawali and Chhat Puja festivals, Railways have decided to run the following Festival Special Trains as per details given below:-

04610/04609 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Varanasi- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Festival Special Exp.				04 Trips
Train No. 04610		STATIONS	Train No. 04609	
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.
—	23:20	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:40	—
23:55	—	Varanasi	—	06:20

Days of Run : 04610 Ex Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra from 16.10.2023 (Monday) & 20.10.2023 (Friday) and 04609 Ex Varanasi from 18.10.2023 (Wednesday) & 22.10.2023 (Sunday).
Stoppages: Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan, Jammu Tawi, Pathankot Cantt, Jalandhar Cantt, Ludhiana, Ambala Cantt, Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow and Sultanpur stations.
Accommodation: 2 Tier AC cum 3 Tier AC & Sleeper

01431/01432 Pune-Gorakhpur-Pune Superfast Special Express (Weekly)				14 Trips
Train No. 01431		STATIONS	Train No. 01432	
ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.
—	16:15	Pune	06:25	—
15:38	15:40	Lucknow	04:00	04:10
21:00	—	Gorakhpur	—	23:25

Days of Run : 01431 Ex Pune from 20.10.2023 to 01.12.2023 on every Friday and 01432 Ex Gorakhpur from 21.10.2023 to 02.12.2023 on every Saturday.
Stoppages: Daund Chord Line, Ahmednagar, Belapur, Kopergaon, Manmad Jn, Bhusaval Jn, Khandwa, Itarsi Jn, Bhopal Jn, Bina Jn, Virangana Lakshimbai, Orai, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda Jn, Malkapur Jn, Basti and Khalilabad stations.
Accommodation: 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General

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