

# Ex-CPMFWA asks central government to redress demands on priority

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JAMMU: President of the Ex. Central Paramilitary Forces Welfare Association (CPMFWA) J&K UT, Shashi Sharma, highlighted several longstanding issues and demands faced by the Ex-Central Paramilitary Forces. Addressing a press conference, Shashi Sharma highlighted the disparity in treatment between Paramilitary Forces and Defense Forces under the Ministry of Defense (MOD).

"Despite both forces displaying the same dedication, valour, and patriotism, Paramilitary Forces do not receive the same benefits and support. Their service conditions are regulated by stringent acts with provisions for punishments comparable to Defense Forces. However, their pay, perks, post-retirement benefits, and pensions are governed by the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules 1972, which provides benefits only equal to those of Central Government



President CPMFWA Shashi Sharma addressing media persons.

Civilian Employees," he said and stressed the need to rectify this injustice.

He requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address the issue of pensions for Paramilitary Forces, with specific reference to the 2006 and 2015 pension schemes.

He sought equitable pension rates, such as CT with 33 years of service receiving

a basic pension of 9000, HC with 20/33 years receiving a basic pension of 12500, ASI with 20/33 years receiving a basic pension of 15500, SI with 20/33 years of service supervision receiving a basic pension of 21500, and Inspectors with 33 years of superannuation receiving a basic pension of 22500, mirroring

Defense Forces' pension structure.

The Association referenced a Government of India (GOI) order from November 23, 2012, which directed

State Governments and Union Territories to extend suitable benefits to CAPF personnel from BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP, and SSB similar to those provided to ex-servicemen of Defense Forces. They urged the GOI to ensure the implementation of these benefits.

The Chief Advisor of Ex. CPMFWA J&K (UT), Harinder Mahajan, felicitated 20 widows from all Paramilitary Forces, including BSF, CRPF, ITBP, CISF, and SSB.

The Association also expressed concern about

the pending recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission, 18 months DA arrears. They emphasized that these arrears should be paid promptly, or else the 65 Lakh Central Employees have threatened to boycott the BJP in the upcoming 2024 Election.

Furthermore, Assistant Commandant Ashok Kumar was announced as the new Chairman of the Ex. Central Paramilitary Forces Welfare Association.

Other office bearers present in the press conference include Harbans Lal (Vice President), Noor Muhammad (General Secretary), Yash Paul, Ashok Kumar (Chairman), Kirtan Singh, Harvinder Kour and Lovely Pandita.

# Sinha directs officials to attend 'Monthly Darbar' in all districts

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday directed the senior officials to attend 'Monthly Darbar' in all districts to resolve grievances of the citizens, understand their issues and requirements to build a system which provides abundant opportunities for growth and development for all sections of society.

Chairing a high-level meeting with the senior officers of Civil and Police administration at Civil Secretariat, Sinha said all the departments should start preparation for Back to Village-V and work in a cohesive manner with Panchayati Raj Institutions to achieve better



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

outcome of government initiatives and make villages progressive and prosperous. It must be ensured that the fruits of economic growth reach out to the far-flung areas, he added.

Taking cognizance of many non-factual news items and media reports, the Lt Governor directed for effective operationaliza-

tion of a fact-check mechanism by Information department.

The meeting was attended by Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, RK Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home

Department; Administrative secretaries, Divisional Commissioners and senior officers.

# Srilankan Troupe performed under ICCR at SKUAST-J



Dignitaries along with SKUAST-J officials along with Srilankan troupe.

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JAMMU: Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Regional Office, J&K on Friday organised a special cultural event in collaboration with Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology (SKUAST), Jammu. The event began with a warm facilitation done by Rajesh Kumar, Regional Director, ICCR, J&K by presenting bouquet to the Chief Guest Dr B.N Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu along with Guest of Honours,

Vivekanand Rai, Director, Department of Tourism and Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary, JKAACL.

In today's programme, four different performances were presented by the group of eight artists from Sri Lanka, University of Visual & Performing Arts, Colombo under the guidance of Dr. Mishra Hemalata Anjali, Senior Lecturer at Baba Jitto Auditorium at SKUAST, Jammu and showcase the Srilanka's traditional, folk dance.

Apart from Srilankan artists, some performances were made by local artists lead

by JR Sharma Jackson and Poonam and performed dance cum acting, which reflected the Dogra culture of J&K.

The Chief Guest praised the entire event and congratulated Regional Director to host such a programme for experiencing the culture of our neighbouring country Srilanka. Finally, Chief Guest and Regional Director, ICCR facilitated each and every artist by presenting memento & traditional J&K shawls.

The anchoring was done by presenter Rajni and a vote of thanks was presented by Reena Salathia, Cultural Officer, ICCR, RO, Jammu.

# J&K Police holds programme on combating misuse of NPOs from terror financing

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JAMMU: On the pattern of what was done in Srinagar the other day, a similar outreach program on combating likely misuse of vulnerable

Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs) from terror financing was on Friday held in District Police Lines Jammu.

The program was jointly organized by CID Wing of J&K Police with Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Govt of India for all NPOs of Jammu Province.

More than 110 functionaries of various NPOs based in Jammu Province, including those of far flung areas of Rajouri, Poonch, Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban participated in the program which was aimed at sensitising such functionaries against likely attempts by anti-national elements to use such NPOs for terror financing. A special team of officers and domain experts from MHA, GOI is already camping in



Dignitaries during the programme in Jammu.

J&K to complete this special exercise.

In his opening remarks, Farooq Qaiser, SSP (FIU) CID Hqrs J&K welcomed the participants as well as the MHA team and thanked them for having spared their valuable time to attend the program which he said was definitely going to be beneficial to them all.

During his interaction with the participants, Omprakash Singh, JDD, MHA said that while lakhs

of NPOs are engaged in commendable job in different fields across the length and breadth of the country, however, few of them knowingly or unknowingly have been found to be involved in terror financing which not only brings bad name to their just cause but also acts as a security hazzard.

Power point presentations were given on the subject and case studies were also discussed for better understanding of the participants.

It is pertinent to mention here that while such programmes have been organized in the past as well by J&K Govt, however, it is for the first time that they are being held jointly with MHA, GOI.

R R Swain, Special DG CID J&K said that such programmes shall be held in future as well being part of our multi-dimensional strategy to financially suffocate various terrorist organizations operating in J&K.

# Sham Valley Apricot Producer Cooperative Ltd conferred with CII FPO Excellence Award 2023



Tsewang Dorjai, General Secretary receiving award.

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LEIH: Sham Valley Apricot Producer Cooperative Limited is conferred with CII FPO Excellence Award 2023 under the market linkage category having achieved Rs. 50 lakh turnovers in the third year of its formation.

The award ceremony was organised jointly by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and CII in Delhi on Thursday. The award was received by Tsewang Dorjai, General Secretary on behalf of the FPO.

Sham Valley Apricot Producer Cooperative Limited is the winner of the CII's FPO Excellence Award 2023 under the market linkage category having achieved Rs. 50 lakh turnovers in the third year of its formation.

The Apricot FPO was formed by Himmoththan Society in August 2020. It consists of 370 members from 8 villages of lower Sham valley, Leh, UT Ladakh.

# Students visit highest railway bridge Kori in Reasi

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REASI: Around 100 specially-abled students came to District Reasi from all India tour organised by the Muskan Charitable Trust Katra. They are performing the talent shows "Ham Kisi Se Kum Nahi" all over the India.

They visited the world highest railway bridge Kori in district Reasi assisted by Reasi Police. Students have shown their gratitude to SSP Reasi Amit Gupta for organizing the transport and giving them a chance to visit the world highest railway bridge Kori and also felt delighted for this kind of gestures.



Specially-abled students with Muskan Charitable Trust Katra members and police personnel at world highest railway bridge Kori in Reasi.

The talent show was organized at DC complex

Reasi where the students perform in different categories

and enthral audience by their great talent.

# Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Ramssoo-Ukhral and adjoining areas will remain affected from October 21 from 8 am to 6 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Industry Babliana, Digiana, Jeevan Nagar, parts of Gangval and adjoining areas will remain affected from October 22 from 8 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to Chakroi, Pindi, Hansa, Satraiyan, Flora, BOP, Tanda, Kirpind, Seed Farm, WardNo. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 (RS Pura), Paper Mill, Dablehar, Badyal, Chowalla and its adjoining areas will remain affected from October 25 from 8 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to City, Choudharynar, Gambhir, PWD and adjoining areas will remain affected from October 26 from 9 am to 2 pm.

# HC quashes PSA detention of alleged notorious criminal, Babbar Khan

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JAMMU: In a significant legal development, Justice Puneet Gupta of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has ruled to quash the detention under the Public Safety Act (PSA) of Babbar Khan, who is alleged to be a notorious criminal. This decision came after a hearing in which Advocate Aseem Sawhney represented the petitioner, while Deputy AG PawanDev Singh appeared for the Union Territory (UT).

Justice Puneet Gupta made several key observa-

tions during the proceedings. The detention order in question did not mention the previous detention order against the petitioner, which had been quashed by a Division Bench in an LPA. Records also revealed a detention order against the petitioner in 2018, which had been quashed in a previous petition. The omission of these pertinent facts in the current detention order raised concerns about the diligence of the detaining authority.

Furthermore, the petitioner was on bail in the most recent FIR mentioned in the detention order (FIR 136 of 2022 registered with Nowabad Police Station). However, this fact was also omitted from the detention order, indicating a lack of thorough consideration by the detaining authority.

The court emphasized that detention orders should not be issued as a matter of routine but only after careful consideration of all circumstances, with all relevant details explicitly mentioned.

When authorities can proceed against an individual through ordinary legal channels, there is no need to invoke a detention order.

Preventive detention is intended to forestall anticipated actions of the detained person, not to serve as a punitive measure. When a detention order is based on grounds that are not relevant to its purpose or doesn't follow established principles, it compromises the individual's liberty and must be quashed.

The petitioner's arguments that material was not adequately supplied or that the petitioner didn't understand the material provided during the execution of the detention warrant were rejected. The execution report countered these claims, as the petitioner had signed it.

As a result of this judgment, the High Court has quashed the impugned detention order and directed the immediate release of the petitioner, provided they are not required in any other case.

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JAMMU: A five-day workshop for development of locally contextualised pre-school kit (Jadui pitara) w.e.f 16th October to 20th October 2023 concluded here on Friday at SCERT J&K, Divisional office Jammu.

The workshop was organised by "Population Education, Girls Education, ECCE and Education for All" Wing of State Council of Educational Research and Training-J&K.

The workshop was tailored as per the vision of NCF for foundational stage under the mentorship of Dr.Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director JKSCERT and guidance of JD SCERT, H.R Pakhroo.

Going by the essence of recently launched Jadui pitara that provides LTM for all the five domains of development and offers scope for integrating play-way methods of learning through toys and games along with a variety of other activities, focus is being laid on connecting learning with the local con-



Dignitaries along with SCERT officials during the workshop.

text. Six participants from each district of Jammu division participated in the five days workshop and created LTMs based on locally available material under an effective strategy to put the local resources at best use, where by the students will not be just familiarized with their local context but the cost of creating variety of play material is also reduced. Entire focus of the workshop remained on creating no cost/low cost contextualised pre school kit (jadui pitara) derived from local resources of regional and cultural importance that will help children to develop critical

thinking and problem-solving abilities.

While interacting with the participants during the workshop H R Pakhroo applauded all the participants for their tremendous efforts in creating age appropriate learning teaching materials for all the five domains, for the children of the age group of 03-08 years.

All the 60 participants (06 from each district of Jammu division) worked in collaboration and created ten replicas of Jadui pitara with the local flavour carefully planning the themes and topics pertaining to learning teaching material in ECCE and NCF

# SDS felicitates Sukrela Sewa Dal Purani Mandi Jammu members

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JAMMU: Sanatan Dharm Sabha on Friday felicitated members of Sukrela Sewa Dal Purani Mandi Jammu for their social and religious contribution towards society.

On this occasion, Yudhvir Sethi, Senior BJP leader lauded Sukrela Sewa Dal for their active participa-

tion in social as well as religious activities.

The members were presented Shawls as a token of appreciation on the occasion.

The members felicitated were Ashok Kumar, Rajeev Sharma, Sunil Baru, Narinder Singh Jamwal, Sethi, Pinky, Suresh and others.



Sanatan Dharm Sabha members along with Sukrela Sewa Dal Purani Mandi Jammu.

# SCERT organises workshop for the Development of locally contextualised pre-school kit 'Jadui pitara'

Arsh Kour, Neeraj Jamwal, Neena Puri, Lakshmi Puri, Deepak Kumar and Rakesh Chobber. While speaking during the valedictory session, N.P Singh, Head ECCE Wing congratulated all the participants from ten districts of Jammu Division on successful completion of the task in presence of faculty including Surjeet Sharma, Swarn Singh, Kishor Kumar, Dr. Neeraj Jandyal, Dr Sanjeevani and Parveen Akhter. While honouring the participants with the certificates of appreciation he urged upon all the participants to actively use the contextualised pitaras in effective classroom transaction and implement the essence of the workshop in the field thereby realising the goals of NCF-FS in light of NEP-2020.

The workshop was co-ordinated by Meena Thakur and moderated by Monica Sharma. The vote of thanks was presented by Meena Thakur, the coordinator of the workshop.

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