

SOS Int'l delegation meets CS; Govt assures of resolving all genuine concerns of PoJK refugees

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir government on Saturday assured that all genuine concerns of the Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) displaced persons, including the prohibition on the transfer of land under section 254-C of 1965 would be looked into and necessary action would be taken thereof.

The assurance came from the Chief Secretary, J&K, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta after a high-level delegation of the 'S.O.S. International'- an organization for PoK Displaced Persons-under the chairmanship of Raviv Chuni accompanied by V K, Datta, Bhairam Singh, Ved Raj Bali and S D Gupta called on him and submitted a memorandum.

The delegation raised various concerns and grievances faced by the PoJK refugees, particularly related to land



SOS International delegation presenting memorandum to Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta.

ownership, the allocation of plots and quarters, and the implementation of the PM Central Assistant Scheme for PoJK DP's.

The delegation expressed concerns regarding the ownership of land by PoJK refugees under Section 254-C of the 1965 Law of Succession Act. The transfer of such land has been temporarily stopped due to gov-

ernment orders, and the delegation requested that this transfer be allowed without any delay.

Some displaced persons were allotted lands under Section 254-C, Section-3A, but there were issues with the availability of records with the Provincial Rehabilitation Officer (PRO) in Jammu. The delegation requested that these DP's be

allowed to file claims based on their allotments.

The PoJK displaced persons faced challenges in applying for cash assistance under the "PM Central Assistant Scheme for PoJK DP's" due to unnecessary conditions.

The delegation urged the government to remove these hurdles for the smooth implementation of the scheme.

The delegation made several suggestions to improve the implementation of the scheme, including upgrading the post of PRO in Jammu to the Rehabilitation Commissioner, appointing more employees, and allowing displaced persons to file claims based on available records.

The delegation noted that properties of displaced families from Mirpur city were submerged due to the construction of the Mangla Dam, and compensation was

available from the PoJK Government's Custodian Department. They requested that the Indian government receive this compensation and hand it over to the legal heirs of the affected families.

The delegation called for the implementation of the rehabilitation package approved by the Jammu and Kashmir government in 2014 for PoJK DP's without further delay.

The delegation sought the Chief Secretary's intervention to address the issues faced by PoJK displaced persons and ensure the effective implementation of government schemes and relief measures for their benefit.

The delegation raised the various issues confronting the PoJK refugees on a day-to-day basis and sought his personal intervention for immediate redressal of their genuine grievances.

EJAC (R) urges Govt to redress employees' demands

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JAMMU: The J&K Govt. Employees Joint Action Committee (R) called on all government employees to unite on a common platform to collectively advocate for their legitimate demands.

Addressing a press conference here on Saturday, Babu Hussain Malik, the State President of the Committee, said, "Government employees have been facing delays in receiving their GP Fund advance and final payment, which has been pending for a significant period, ranging from one year to six months."

He expressed concerns about the delay in the maturity payment of various insurance schemes, such as Savings, Life, and Investment (S/L/I), which has been pending for a considerable time.

He also highlighted the need for timely disbursement of gratuity and leave salary payments to employees and retirees and urged the government to expedite the res-



EJAC (R) President, Babu Hussain Malik talking to reporters.

olution of pending cases under SRO-43, which is likely related to government regulations or orders.

Other demands presented during the conference include Regularization of Daily Wagers, Casual Laborers, Contractual Employees, Home Guards, Rehbar-E-Khel, and Anganwari Workers and Helpers, removal of Pay Anomalies in the Clerical Cadre, enhancement of Medical Allowance from Rs. 300 to Rs. 1000, holding of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) after every six months to facilitate promotions and career advancement for employees,

release of 4% Dearness Allowance (DA) on the pattern of Central Government from July 2023, restoration of Old Pension Scheme, etc.

Senior Trade Union leaders Yashpal Sharma, Darshan Magotra, Kulwant Singh Sambyal, Surinder Radotra, Naresh Kumar, Meenakshi Sharma, Munish Sharma. Neeraj Sharma, Vikas Chander, Arun Sharma, Parshotam Sharma, Kamla Sharma, Vijay Kumar, Darminder Singh, Surinder Bakshi, Sham Singh, Pawan Kumar, Rafiq Malik, Mohd Sadiq, Lekh Raj, Rohit Seth, Yashpal Sharma, Mohd Issar and Naresh Singh were also present.

Ravinder pays tributes to martyrs at Qila Darhal



Former MLC Ravinder Sharma paying tributes to civilian and army martyrs in a function at Nowshera.

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NOWSHERA: Former MLC & Senior Vice President JKPC Ravinder Sharma visited Shahedgarh (Qila Darhal) & paid tributes to the civilian & army martyrs in a grand function.

The dignitaries present on the occasion were Col. Ramakrishna, Lam Battalion, ADC Nowshera Kartar Singh, SDPO Nowshera Abas Jafri besides senior army and civil officers,

prominent members of civil society and Gurudwara committee.

The wreath laying ceremony was held at the Shaheed Sthal to pay rich tributes to all the martyrs of 1947 and subsequent wars and other anti terrorism operations

Speaking on the occasion, Ravinder Sharma recalled the supreme sacrifices of the civilians of Qila Darhal whose valour and story of bravery is unmatched.

They repulsed the attack of raiders of 1947 at the cost of their lives and defended the nation.

He said that the martyrdom of Qila Darhal is an inspiration for the generations to come and the government & administration must come forward in a big way to promote the area & upgrade the facilities for the annual function of martyrdom.

He lauded the role & cooperation of the army in the border area whereby there is excellent civil- army relationship in the extreme LOC area. He also appreciated the construction of a memorial Park in the vicinity by the army.

The management of the Shahedgarh lauded the efforts of Ravinder Sharma for construction of a Hall out his MLC funds and opening of a school besides improving road connectivity in the memory of martyrs.

CGPWA, SKK organise Swachhta Function

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JAMMU: The Central Govt Pensioners' Welfare Association, Jammu (CGPWA) in collaboration with the J&K Samaj Kalyan Kendra (SKK) on Saturday organised a function at the premises of the School for Hearing Handicapped to create awareness among the students about significance of Cleanliness.

The function was held under aegis of PM Modi's landmark Swachhta Abhiyan 2023, SCDPM 3.0 launched all over the country from October 2 to 31, 2023.

Marjorie Wright and Tamesha Wright from Australia who were in town, also attended the event as special guests. They are philanthropists and look for areas for educational scholarship for



CGPWA and SKK members and students at a function in Jammu on Saturday.

deserving meritorious underprivileged students.

They were happy to attend the function and know the excellence of Divyang students.

The students, teachers & members of the CGPWA also took out a rally in the area carrying

placards on Swachhta. Passerby clapped the students when they passed by them.

At the School, Divyang students presented their views through sign language, on the swachhta and made a strong plea for making swachhta a people's movement in Jammu

city. The students who expressed their views were Fozia Shamash, Rohit Thakur & Anu Sharma of 12th class and Vaush Sharma of 11th class. The Patron of CGPWA, S S Wazir, former ADG & Sr. Advisor SKK, presented gifts

Modi Govt transformed people's feeling of despair into hope: Jugal

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JAMMU: The government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has proven its grit to serve the society and the nation and has successfully led Bharat on the path of being "Vishav Guru", said Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha. Jugal alongwith Ashwani Sharma, former MLA addressing a public Darbar at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here on Saturday.

the UT. These people had reached the party office in deputations and as individuals with their day-to-day problems and sought the help of the BJP leaders in mitigating the same.

Prominent among these deputations and individuals from Pawgali, Nagrota, Mishriwala, Shurtu, Dansal, Shibber Nagrota, Shahidi Chowk, Sainik Colony, Rehari, Bishnah, Jhiri and other areas of Jammu & Kashmir, narrated their problems related to



MP, Jugal Kishore Sharma listening to public issues.

BJP Publicity Secretary Ajay Vaid and Health & Medical Cell Incharge Puneet Mahajan steered the Darbar proceedings.

Jugal, while speaking to media persons, said that during earlier dispensations, people had a feeling of despair, which has now transformed into hope under the Modi government.

In Jammu & Kashmir, the Modi government has ensured that the long sought development needs of all regions are fulfilled, he said adding that the neglected sections got their rights, the underprivileged were heard and justice was served in the last nine and half years.

"The Modi government has delivered excellence in development, security, technology etc. in the first two tenures since 2014, and it has further policies to benefit every single resident of this nation in the next tenure", said Sharma.

Senior BJP leaders listened to the grievances of a large number of people hailing from different areas of

road repair, PWD, Bridge construction, desilting of Nallah, Anqaf etc.

DIG UR Range reviews security scenario

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REASI: DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range Mohd Suleman Choudhary conducted a crime/security review meeting at DPO Reasi. Meeting was attended by SSP Reasi Amit Gupta, Addl. SP Reasi Master Popsy, Addl. SP Katra Vipin Chandran, SDPO's, CPO and Pairvi Officers of District Reasi.

Review of progress on under investigation, under trial NDPS/UA (P) A cases as well as security review of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Shrine.

SDPO's of Sub-divisions of district Reasi explained the officer regarding cases disposal and progress on under investigation, under trial NDPS/UA (P) A cases of their jurisdictions. SDPO's presented various important issues of their sub divisions including the progress achieved on different fronts including comparative disposal percentage of their sub divisions.



CEO Smart City Jammu, Rahul Yadav inaugurating the free medical camp.

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JAMMU: A free medical camp was organised by the Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market Jammu in collaboration with the Seva Bharti and National Medicos Organisation at Ware House. Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation and CEO of Smart City Jammu Rahul Yadav inaugurated the camp in the presence of Deepak Gupta, President Traders Federation and representatives of Seva Bharti. The medical camp was organised by healthcare pro-

fessionals, including doctors, pharmacists, Students and support staff.

The team included Dr. Vinod Khajuria(Ortho), Dr. Akhil Gupta(Ortho), Dr. Sanjay Sharma(Surgeon) Dr. Kulwant Singh, President National Medicos Organisation and Pharmacist with Support Staff.

On the occasion, various medical services such as blood pressure monitoring and basic examinations were done. Educational sessions on hygiene, nutrition and disease prevention were

organised for attendees.

"Free medication for joint pain, cold and cough, rheumatoid arthritis, insomnia, general weakness, scabies and for other chronic illnesses were distributed to the patient as prescribed by doctors," the organisers said.

Deepak Gupta said that the camp received overwhelming response. "Some of the patients who needed further investigation and regimental therapies will be provided free treatment in the hospital," he said.

Deepak Gupta said that with the help of Seva Bharti and National Medicos Organisation, such camps will continue to be organized here in future also.

Among those who were present in the Medical camp were Munish Mahajan, Sr. Vc. President, Vishal Gupta, Secretary of the Federation, Ajay Takoo, Health Incharge Seva Bharti, MBBS student Parthna Sharma, Manya Sharma, BDS student Nudrat Malik and Zaid, Ifra, Sharandeep, Abbas.



DIG U-R Range Mohd Suleman Choudhary chairing a meeting.

SSP Reasi put forth a detailed view of district Reasi on under investigation, under trial NDPS/UA (P) A cases and presented a detailed security grid in place for Katra town, discussed various security measures going to be placed in view of Festivals, enroute and the SMVD Shrine.

Choudhary appreciated the efforts of Reasi Police in achieving remarkable increase percentage in under investigation, under trial NDPS/UA (P) A cases. He

further instructed for execution of Court processes. Officers were instructed to achieve notable progress on disposal of pending on under investigation, under trial NDPS/UA (P) A besides other special reported cases.

The Officer reviewed each and every security drill of the SMVD Shrine, yatra route, safety and security of pilgrims visiting to pay obeisance to the holy shrine on daily basis.

Deputy Inspector General of Police further directed to

conduct joint security drill with CAPF and other intelligence agencies for security of the shrine. He further stressed upon verification and census of migrants in and around Katra town, pony porters and others in the towns to check the entry of any suspicious element in the area. He further directed to conduct regular checking of the hotels and other residential accommodations on randomly basis for verification of character and antecedents of the person visiting there.

Officers were asked to work with zeal & dedication to curb the menace of Narcotics and drug abuse & other crime. They were asked to take special care about security of vital installations & religious places.

Deputy Inspector General of Police was assured by SSP Reasi for implementation of all the instructions & directions on ground.

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