

Sukhnandan calls on LG, raises issues of farmer's welfare & Panchyats

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Former minister, Ex MLA Marh & Chairman Panchiyati Raj Cell BJP JKUT, Sukhnandan Choudhary called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, here on Thursday .
The former minister submitted a memorandum to the Lt. Governor about the difficulties and problems being faced by the farming community and Panchiyat members.
Through the memorandum, former Minister urged LG to enhance the relief compensation of crops which has been damaged due to recent hailstorms and heavy rains, as the amount fixed by administration is not adequate and lesser than the expenditure incurred by the farmers at the time cultivation of crops.
He appealed that the compensation amount to be payable to the farmers should be between Rs.1500 to Rs.2000 per Kanal.
Further he also apprised him about the provision of Panchiyati Raj Act which is openly flouted by the Rural Development Department.
The provision of PR Act with special reference to Rule 49 thereof; which says, "Developmental works upto



Former Minister & Ex MLA Marh, Sukhnandan Choudhary presenting memorandum to Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

Rs.3.00 lacs are to be executed through Panchyats by means of Gram Sabha and no contractor is authorized to carry out the works below Rs.3.00 lakh."
He appealed the Lt. Governor that necessary order may kindly be passed to the concerned Deputy commissioner for the execution of developmental works upto Rs.3.00 lakh through Panchyats ad per provisions of Panchiyati Raj Act.
Former Minister also raised an issue

of the financial year 2017-18 in which the Rural Development Department under MGNREGA scheme have executed works through Secretary Panchayats and material such as Sand, Bajri, cement etc. was procured from local Panchayat vendors, payment of which is still pending with the department and the said vendors are face great hard ships as these vendors have a very limited source of earning and capital.
The Lt. Governed give patient hear-

ing to the former minister and assured that all the concerning issues apprised by him would be taken up with the concerned authorities and will be redressed in a time bound manner.
Regarding the enhancement of compensation amount of damaged crops is concerned, Lt. Gov told that they are seeking details of the losses during the hailstorms and as and when complete reports will come the administration will definitely enhance the amount of the relief.
He also assured that the developmental works will be strictly executed as per the provision of the Panchiyati Raj Act and necessary instruction will be issued to the concerned department with in short span of time.
He also seek detail of the works in which the RDD department procure the construction material from the Panchyat vendors, payments of which are still pending.
He also assured the former minister that this issue will also be solved in due course of time.
While assuring early redressal of all genuine demands, the Lt. Governor impressed upon the former public representative to continue his endeavors for the welfare of people.



Yasha reviews implementation of employment generation schemes in J&K



Secretary, Co-operative Department, Yasha Mudgal chairing a meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SAMBA: JKPCC Vice President and former Minister Raman Bhalla on Thursday as a part of Jan Jagran Abhiyan led strong protest against rise in fuel prices, inflation and faulty policies of the Narendra Modi government at the Centre claiming was causing immense distress to people.
The protest was organised by DCC President Sanjeev Sharma and Babal Gupta.
Prominent among those present on the occasion include JKPYC President Uday Bhanu Chib, Sewa Dal Vice President Vijay Sharma Babbi, OBC



Congress leaders taking out rally under Jan Jagran Abhiyan in Samba.

Department Chairmen Suresh Kr. Dogra, SC Cell Vice Chairman Karan Bhagat, Kamar Singh, Vinod Kumar, Tirth Ram, Adv. Lovely, Adv. Jaspreet Kour, Dharm Pal, Panch Sunil Kumar, Sudesh Kumar and Anita Devi

Bhalla said the economy was in a precarious state and unemployment was rising sharply, while the Centre.
"From Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to Dr Manmohan Singh, Congress governments built this country through various schemes, institutions, development works but the present Modi government has sold the railways, airports, ports, roads, public sector banks, insurance companies, power generation to its industrialist friends and enslaved the people of the country to the rich," Bhalla claimed.
BJP came to power on the back of false promises in 2014, and the Centre's policies had led to rise in fuel and gas prices as well as inflation. He added that the goal is to increase public awareness against the run-away inflation and back breaking price rise which is "destroying livelihoods and adding to people's woes caused by the destruction of the economy, deepening recession, highest ever unemployment rate, farm distress and

escalating levels of poverty and hunger", he said.
The Jan Jagran Abhiyan will focus on these woes of people and raise voice against them. During the course of the 'Jan Jagran Abhiyan', Congress party workers will reach out to the maximum number of people across the country to strengthen the people's voice against the unprecedented price rise in the CNG, cooking gas, diesel, petrol, cooking oil, pulses and other essential commodities.
Bhalla demanded immediate restoration of the statehood before announcing Assembly elections in the Jammu and Kashmir. This, he said, will be in the larger interest of the country, people, central government and democracy. He said if the elections are held before restoring full statehood, it will be grave injustice with people of J&K. We don't want Delhi or Pondicherry like states where Lt Governor have all the powers, he said adding this is a border state where on one side there is China and other side Pakistan.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Secretary, Co-operative Department, Yasha Mudgal, on Thursday chaired a meeting of senior officers of Co-operative and allied departments to review implementation of various employment generation schemes in Jammu and Kashmir.
Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Shafqat Iqbal; Special Secretary Cooperatives, Rachna Sharma, Additional Registrar Jammu, Dr. Nirupa Rai besides Directors and other senior officers of Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, NRLM, Health, Tourism and Industries departments attended the meeting while representative of Chief General Manager, NABARD and Kashmir based officers participated online.
The meeting was held following instructions of Lieutenant Governor issued by him while chairing a meeting on employment generation held on 15th November, 2021 which was also attended by the Chief Secretary.
Secretary, while addressing the meeting, said that the

Cooperative sector provides a platform to individuals and groups who work in unorganized sector to register themselves as Cooperative Society which gives them the status of a legal entity called body Corporate. She stressed that the individuals can be organized to form Cooperative Societies which can be benefited under various schemes available with the departments.
The participating Directors gave an account of the schemes available with their respective departments which focus on employment generation. They expressed willingness to collaborate with Cooperative Department and venture into organizing the individual beneficiaries into Cooperatives. It was informed that several schemes like dairy farming, fruit cultivation, agriculture, sheep and goat rearing, trout and other fish farming, mushroom cultivation, tourism, floriculture and connected programmes can be implemented through Cooperatives which shall act as a game changer for the educated unemployed youth. Secretary asked for registration of FPOs under

Cooperative Act as there are less regulatory requirements under the Cooperative Act as compared to Companies Act apart from lesser maintenance costs.
It was informed that Nodal Officers shall be appointed at Divisional and District level who shall liaise with other departments so that hassle-free services are provided to the promoters in registering as a FPO Cooperative.
Secretary emphasized for involving women and forming good number of women Cooperative Societies and FPOs. She said that awareness and training programmes shall be held to accelerate the process of achieving targets so that at least 500 Cooperatives and FPOs are registered in a year. She added that area specific activities can be taken up for formation of Cooperatives which shall be beneficial for the members. She asked for synchronization of Cooperatives with other departments so that the problem of unemployment can be tackled to a considerable extent under Cooperative Sector.

CCI Jammu honours Mahant Rohit Shastri



CCI President Arun Gupta felicitating Mahant Rohit Shastri.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu, president Arun Gupta honoured Sanskrit scholar, social reformer and president of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri for his achievements in the field of Sanskrit language.
On this occasion, Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu, president Arun Gupta presented a certificate as a sign of memento to inspire Mahant to continue his activities in the field of Sanskrit.
CCI Jammu president Arun Gupta said Mahant Rohit Shastri is promoting Devvani Sanskrit in the state every day.
He has written many books and many of his articles have been published in magazines. He publishes and edits 'Kaliakh Sandesh Panchang Calendar' every year and distributes it free of cost.
Mahant Rohit Shastri has played his special role in the upliftment of the society by doing the important work of taking Sanskrit language and Indian culture to people.
He has been honored by the Governor, Lok Sabha, Rajya

Sabha members and eminent public representatives for his unprecedented contribution in various social and cultural works.
Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu, president Arun Gupta said if we talk about the contribution of youth in the efforts being made for Devvani Sanskrit in Jammu and Kashmir, then one name comes in front of us in the most powerful form.
And that name is young Sanskritist of Jammu, dedicated to the promotion of Devvani Sanskrit, Jyotishacharya Mahant Rohit Shastri. The discussion of Sanskrit or culture is incomplete without mentioning Rohit Shastri, who was devoted to Sanskrit language and Indian culture in the twenty-first century.
On this occasion Office bearers of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu, namely Rajeev Gupta Jr. Vice President, Gaurav Gupta, Secretary General, Rajesh Gupta, Secretary were also present.

ADGP Jammu launches Hotel Guest Registration, Tenant Verification Apps, Portal

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh launched two Apps # Tenant Sarthi App & Portal and Hotel Guest Registration App at Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu today in the presence of SSP Jammu Sh. Chandan Kohli , IPS , SP North Mohita Sharma ,IPS and SP South Deepak Dagra.
The main feature of Hotel Guest Registration App is that it allows registered hotels and guest houses to submit the guest record in real-time



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh launching App.

to the District Police.
This will provide an easy detection of suspicious residents and also provide great help during investigation of

monitor registration of rooms/guests even from home.
The Tenant Sarthi App and Portal on the other hand, aims to digitize the process of Tenant Verification minimizing paperwork and maximizing use of that data with easier access. Tenants are registered through the app or portal with all their important details i.e., Names, Age, Family Members, Present/Permanent Address, GPS Coordinates, IDs, Documents, Cellular and Vehicle Details, etc.
Each Police station in all subdivisions will have their

own credentials and dashboard, through which they can register/ search tenants. With digitization of tenant data, police can easily search for any person as needed during any investigation. Moreover any person need not report separately at Police station making it cost effective.
These mobile applications launched today have been developed with a purpose to provide better data security, ease of access and low cost data, maintenance of records along with better management. It will also help in crime investigation.

» Central rule in J&K for eighth time «

Jammu not responsible, secessionism in Kashmir is

■ **PROF HARI OM**
JAMMU: J&K has been witnessing Governor/President Rule at regular intervals since 1977. The Governor's rule was first imposed in J&K on March 17, 1977, when Lakshmi Kant Jha was the Governor. J&K remained under the Governor Rule for 114 days (March 17, 1977 to July 9, 1977). The Governor's Rule had to be imposed because Congress withdrew its support to the Sheikh Abdullah-led government, which, according to the then PM Indira Gandhi, had become "a threat to national security". Significantly, it was Indira Gandhi herself who had brought back the deflated Sheikh to power on February 24, 1975 under the 1974 Accord between her and the Sheikh after bringing down her own Congress party's Mir Qasim-led government.
J&K again was brought under the Governor/President Rule on March 6, 1986, when Jagmohan held the office of Governor. The Governor's Rule continued for 246 days (Mar 6, 1986-Nov 7, 1986). Again, the Governor's rule had to be imposed because Congress withdrew its support to the Ghulam

Muhammad Shah-led coalition government. GM Shah, son-in-law of Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah and brother-in-law of Farooq Abdullah, had toppled the government headed by Farooq Abdullah on April 26, 1984 with the support of 26 Congress MLAs and 12 NC defectors. PM Rajiv Gandhi brought down the GM Shah-led government on the ground that it posed a threat to national security like his mother PM Indira Gandhi had ensured the collapse of the Farooq Abdullah-led government on April 26, 1894 for the same reason (threat to national security).
J&K brought under the Governor/President Rule for the third time on January 19, 1990 and it continued till October 9, 1996. In other words, J&K remained under the Governor/President Rule for six years and 264 days. Jagmohan imposed it and Gen KV Krishna Rao revoked it. J&K remained Governor/President Rule because CM Farooq Abdullah fled away to UK on January 19, 1990 to escape the Kashmiri wrath. Secessionist and communal violence

gripped Kashmir in 1987 after NC and Congress rigged the assembly elections wholesale to capture state power. J&K never witnessed peace after that subversion of electoral process.
J&K witnessed Governor's rule for the fourth time for a period of 15 days (October 18, 2002 to November 2, 2002). The reason: Farooq Abdullah refused to function as caretaker CM as Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and Congress took time to manage the required numbers for forming coalition government. Farooq Abdullah's NC had suffered a humiliating defeat in the October 2002 assembly polls with PDP breaking its age-old monopoly over Kashmir's religio-political arena. Both Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah have been struggling to hard to recapture the space they lost in 2002 but with no result. Contrarily, their support-base continued to dwindle with each passing day.
J&K brought under the Governor's Rule for the fifth time on July 11, 2008, when NN Vohra was the Governor. The Governor's Rule continued for 178 days (July 11, 2008-

January 5, 2009). The Governor Rule had to be imposed because the Congress-led coalition government collapsed after the Muftis-led PDP withdrew its support to the government on June 28, 2008 on the issue of Baltal land, which had been allotted to the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board on a temporary basis for creating additional facilities for the Amarnath pilgrims as per the directions of the J&K HC and the Congress-led government had snatched that piece of land to appease the secessionists in Kashmir.
J&K was again brought under the Governor Rule for the sixth time on January 9, 2015, when the defeated CM Omar Abdullah refused to continue to function as caretaker CM. J&K remained under the Governor Rule for 51 days (Jan 9, 2015-Feb 28, 2015). NN Vohra was the Governor. The Governor Rule was revoked on March 1, 2015, when the PDP-BJP coalition under Mufti Sayeed assumed power.
The Governor Rule was imposed in J&K for the seventh time after the death of CM Mufti Sayeed on January 7, 2016. The state remained under the

Governor Rule for 87 days or till April 3, 2016. J&K had to be brought under the Governor Rule because Mufti Sayeed's daughter Mehbooba Mufti wanted the BJP to give her unbridled power to rule the state. Governor Vohra administered the oath of office to her on April 4, 2016 after she was assured the fullest possible cooperation by the BJP.
And J&K has been witnessing Governor/President Rule since June 19, 2018, when the BJP withdrew its support to her government, citing security reasons and asserting that her government was anti-Jammu. The Governor Rule continued June 19, 2018, when J&K was brought under the President Rule.
What does all this suggest? All this suggests that J&K had to be brought under Governor/President Rule for national security reasons and for the politics of competitive secessionism and communalism being played ruthlessly by the Abdullahs and the Muftis or for the sins committed by the Kashmiri parties in power. All this also suggests that the party politics between the Congress and the NC and between the

BJP and PDP too led to the imposition of Governor/President Rule. To be more precise, it's not nationalistic Jammu, which was responsible for the imposition of Governor/President Rule in J&K for as many as eight times; it's was divisive and unsettling politics in Kashmir, which left the powers-that-be in South and North Blocks with no other option but to bring the state under Central rule.
The question is: Why should the people of Jammu suffer for the follies committed by the Abdullahs, the Muftis and the ilk in Kashmir? If the people of Jammu are not to suffer anymore or if they have to have their own elected and stable government, the Narendra Modi Government has to separate Jammu from Kashmir and grant it full state status. It must remain a matter of regret that established political actors in Jammu have failed to raise the real issues, including the issue that Jammu will be 100% out of the State Council of Ministers as and when constituted after elections took place on the basis of new delimitation based on the 2011 fudged census figures.

