

JKEEGA calls on Managing Director JPDCL, highlights issues

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JAMMU: A delegation of Jammu and Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA) led by its General Secretary, Sachin Tickoo and comprising Vice President Ashok Kumar Dubey, Provincial Secretary M P Singh, Provincial Publicity Secretary Rajeshwar Jamwal, Organising Secretary Yash Paul and Treasurer Vipul Sharma called on Shiv Anant Tayal, Managing Director JPDCL Jammu on Monday.

During the meeting, the delegation apprised Managing Director JPDCL of various issues being faced by employees on account of non-disbursal of the salaries, in-ordinate delay in crediting GPF/NPS share in the employees NPS/GPF accounts causing huge loss of accrued interest and savings. JKEEGA also apprised MD JPDCL that despite lapse of considerable time since incorporation of corporations, there



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has been no reforms in respect of the working of corporations and restructuring as promised in the unbundling of the department has not been done, thereby defeating the very objective of corporatizing. The assets being managed by JPDCL are enormous and staff constraints are also known to the management. The Reorganization committee report at time of unbundling into corporations had called for creation of Divisions, Sub Divisions and accordingly increase in manpower down the line.

Others issues highlighted on the occasion included inviting Annual Maintenance Contracts at Circle levels, implementation of a fair & transparent policy for providing a fair chance to every employee to perform and deliver, holding comprehensive shuffling of employees from various maintenance Divisions to Sub Transmission Divisions and vice versa, according technical sanction for carrying out maintenance works, regularization of PDL/TDL & need-based employees as per SRO-381 of PDD etc.

Faculty Development prog on 'Authentic Leadership & Excellence' begins at CUJ

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JAMMU: A five day faculty development programme was initiated by the School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) on Monday.

The programme funded by the AICTE Training & Learning (ATAL) academy, is aimed at creating a better understanding of self, enabling the participants to improvise on certain life skills for excellence in personal and professional arena. The 5 day long FDP that commenced today shall be conducted in blended mode from 22nd-26th Nov, 2021. Prof. Ashok Aima, Vice Chancellor, CUJ, graced the inaugural session and appreciated the team at the Business School, CUJ, for organising an FDP in a theme of extreme relevance in the given turbulent times. He stated that self-leadership and excellence are the drivers to engage in the VUCA world. He further said that self-accountability is inspirational to build a collaborative work culture and more so in academics and deliberations.

The five days FDP is broken down into 14 sessions and topics of authentic leadership & excellence, emotional intelligence and personal Branding.

DSS urges Govt to open Mubarak Mandi Heritage complex for people



President DSS, Th Gulchain Singh Charak addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) has demanded that Mubarak Mandi Heritage complex should be opened for public, during fixed hours on all days, to enable citizens and tourists to savor the grandeur of historic complex and witness the steps being taken to restore it to its pristine glory.

It was stated by Th Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister and President DSS while addressing a press conference held at Dogra Bhawan on Monday.

Speaking further, Charak said that it also needs to be ensured that work is carried out in a transparent manner under close supervision of the experts of the Archaeological Survey of India as mandated in 8th meeting of the Governing Body of the Society, to ensure that conservation norms are adhered to in real sense.

Charak appealed to the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha to take personal interest in the matter so that the EOI is formally withdrawn and glorious heritage and cultural identity of the valiant and nationalistic people of Jammu is not extinguished in an illegal and surreptitious manner. President DSS also expressed grave concern over the press reports that the already inadequate staff in Directorate of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K was being further reduced by transferring a large portion of posts in the department to Union Territory of Ladakh. DSS President urged the concerned authorities to expedite conservation of heritage buildings, and house the archives following scientific norms within Mubarak Mandi.

Others present on the occasion included Col Karan Singh Jamwal, Brig M S Jamwal, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Amanat Ali Shah, Kulbir Singh, Dr V S Sharma, Janak Khajuria and Chander Mohan Sharma.

DGP J&K condoles demise of DySP Ajay Sharma

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JAMMU: The Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh has deeply condoled the sad demise of DySP Ajay Sharma who died this morning at GMC Jammu.

DGP J&K has expressed his sympathy with the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul. Born in 1968, Ajay Sharma was appointed in Jammu and Kashmir Police in 1990 as Sub Inspector. As Sub Inspector/ Inspector, he served in Jammu Zone, Crime & Railways, CID/Security, Traffic and SKPAU. After his elevation as DySP in 2009, he remained posted at DySP IR 2nd Bn, DySP JKAP 12th Bn, DySP AC HG Rasi, DySP Headquarters Kathua, DySP IR 9th Bn and DySP IR 1st Bn.

Sharma after a brief illness left for heavenly abode this morning at GMC Jammu.

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Atal Dullo, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, Youth Services and Sports; Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, CEO Mission Youth; Sarmad Hafeez, Administrative Secretary Tourism Department; Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, CEO, JK ERA; Athar Aamir Khan, Commissioner, SMC, and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

It is worthwhile to mention here that earlier Division Bench directed AAG Ravinder Gupta for the Education Department, to file another report as to the status of all the projects.

This significant direction has been passed by Division Bench after noticing that a fresh status report was filed by respondent No. 1 on 13.05.2019 and observed that in respect of various infrastructure projects mentioned therein, it is not clear whether those projects have been completed.

DFSS holds protest against Sidhu, Pakistan



DFSS activists burning Pakistani Flag during a protest.

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JAMMU: A number of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) led by its President Ashok Gupta took out a protest rally in Jammu against Navjot Singh Sidhu and Pakistan, amid raising anti-Pak slogans and torching flag of Pakistan.

Speaking on the occasion, Gupta said that it is most unfortunate for Punjab and country that Sidhu, while in Pakistan,

has no words of praise for his motherland but instead praising Pakistan Prime Minister who has been sending drones and tiffin bombs to Punjab. "It seems that Sidhu is more in love with Pakistan than India and is behaving like a Pakistan's agent. AICC President Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi should explain their party's stand on the situation," he added.

Gupta further said that

those who were present on the occasion included Youth Wing President Abhishek Gupta, Birbal, Kalu, Prem, Vikky, Bantu, Faaji, Ganesh, Ramesh and Daya Ram.

Being inclusive a matter of journalistic practice & ethics: Ritesh Kapoor

Felicitated with Global Youth Leadership Award

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JAMMU: Chief Editor-Daily The Excel Express, Jammu, Ritesh Kapoor, felicitated with the Global Youth Leadership Award-2021 by Vice President of Nepal, Nand Bahadur Pun at National Assembly Hall on the occasion of Global Youth Leadership Summit-2021 organised by Global Youth Parliament.

The Summit was organised from 18th to 21st November, 2021 at Convention Hall of Hotel Radisson, Kathmandu, Nepal where 104 delegates from 24 different countries

participated.

The 24 countries participating in the Summit were India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Thailand, Myanmar, South Africa, USA, UK, Iraq, Gambia, Norway, Kurdistan, Republic of Kosova, Istanbul, Veninsula and others.

21 delegates representing India were from 6 different cities where 8 delegates from Jammu, 8 from Mumbai, One from Uttar Pradesh, One from Gujarat, Two from New Delhi and One from Chandigarh.

Ritesh Kapoor, while speak-

ing on the keynote topic "Inclusive Journalism and how it is comparative with education and to provide career opportunities, said that in a time when trust in

the media is declining around the world, it has become even more important to support good, accurate journalism which actually is the content that is ethical, independent,

critical and of public interest. He added that the purpose of journalism is to provide citizens with the information they need to make the best possible decisions about their

lives, their communities, their societies and their government. Ritesh added that inclusion is a buzzword and the danger to buzzwords is that the true meaning gets lost and people use it solely to impress others.

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SRINAGAR: Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman, in presence of Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha, on Monday inaugurated works pertaining to Health, Education, Urban Infrastructure, and Disaster Management worth Rs 130.49 crore and laid the foundation stone for Union Territory Level Emergency Operation Centre and SCADA control building at Budgam, Kashmir (amounting to Rs 34.88 crore) under the Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP).

The sub-projects are part of the Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) which is assisted by a credit of \$250 million from the World Bank. The project was started in Jammu and Kashmir in the aftermath of the devastating floods of September 2014 which severely affected low-lying areas of Anantnag, Srinagar, and adjoining districts causing immense damage to housing, livelihoods and roads and bridges. It has been under implementation by Government of J&K as part of the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) for J&K since its effective date of 19.04.2016.

In a significant step towards

the self-reliance of the artisans of Jammu and Kashmir, many artisan clusters were developed under this project with the objective of reviving the traditional crafts and providing gainful employment opportunities to youth.

One major recent achievement of the project has been the enlistment of Srinagar city in the UNESCO world creative cities network. Srinagar became one of the 49 cities worldwide to join the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) under the Craft & Folk Arts category which is a moment of pride for all Indians.

On the occasion, the Union Finance Minister launched two Youth-oriented employment generation schemes of Mission Youth viz. Rise Together

(Community Entrepreneurship Development program) and Nav Parivartan (Youth Innovation Promotion Program). She also handed over cheques of Rs 1 lakh each to students of LG Super 75 scholarship.

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