Div Com Jammu reviews status of renewal of **Arm-Licences with District Magistrates**

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JAMMU: Taking cognizance of grievances received from ex servicemen & many individuals regarding difficulties being faced by them in the renewal of their Arms Licenses, the Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer on Friday chaired a meeting of the District Magistrates (DMs) of Jammu Division.

The Div Com discussed in detail various issues like Arms Licences whose renewal is withheld for not being made online on NDAL portal, Arms Licences whose renewal is withheld in view of Record being seized/ in custody of investigation agencies, Arms Licences wherein Licences have expired and legal heir has applied for transfer/ fresh issuance and other related

The Div Com instructed the District Magistrates to recommend all the cases whose renewal is withheld for not being made online on NDAL portal to the Home Department, so that necessary instructions can be sought



Div Com Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer chairing a meeting.

from the MHA, GoI.

Regarding the cases wherein Licences have expired and legal heir have applied for transfer/fresh issuance, the Divisional Commissioner instructed the DMs to put forth the details to his office, so that necessary directions can be sought from the Home Department.

It was observed by the Div Com that certain districts are renewing the genuinely issued licenses, issued during the period for which the record has been seized by the investigation agencies, on the basis of available scanned data and information on NDAL; however certain districts have kept the renewal process for such cases on hold. The Divisional Commissioner accordingly directed the Addl Secretary, Home Dept attending the said meeting to issue necessary instructions from the Government in the matter, to avoid any difficulty in future and not to have discrepancy in handling such renewal applications by the districts after due verification as provided for in the Arms Rules, 2016.

The District Magistrates of Kathua, Udhampur also raised the issue of giving clarification regarding the fate of such expired licenses which were issued decades back by

Tehsildars/SDMs & the deposition of such weapons thereof.

The Div Com advised the DM's to share the data of such old cases for further necessary action. It may be recalled that vide notification dated 2018, the Home Department has already imposed an embargo on issuing fresh Arms Licenses by the District Magistrates in view of the ongoing investigations.

The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner with Div Com Jammu, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Attorney while Additional Secretary Home department J&K, All District Magistrates along with Additional District Magistrates participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

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JAMMU: The scenes of

Rama's exile, the Ram

Darbar and the nature of

the old temples of South

India have been beautifully

depicted by the weavers of

Sri Kalahasti near Andhra

Pradesh on Kalamkari

Sarees, which are prepared

The smell of milk from

Kalamkari Saree is its iden-

tity. Weavers have brought

similar traditions and rare

fabrics and Sarees in

Weavers from 25 states of

the country are displaying

traditional art in the 'Silk

India Exhibition' organized

by Hastashilpi at Kala

Organizer T Abhinand

told that all the varieties of

silk like Kota, Tussar,

Uppada, Soft silk, Khadi

silk, Tissue silk, Dhaka silk

are present in the exhibition

in which weavers have put

their lives to life with their

fine art. Babu, a weaver

from Sri Kalahasti near

Andhra Pradesh, has hand-

Kanjeevaram

Kendra Jammu.

Moonga,

after soaking in milk.

Jammu.

J&K's unemployment rate highest at 22 pc under Modi Government: Sawhney

JAMMU: Under the ongoing Jan Jagran Abhiyan, Congress held a program at Talab Tillo, Block-5, which was chaired by former Minister J&K Yogesh Sawhney, while it was organised by President, Congress Committee Block-5, Sanjeev Sharma and was attended by a number locals besides Congress leaders and activists.

Started by Congress, Jan Jagran campaign is a mass awareness and outreach programme to inform people and empower them with facts and truth about true nature of BJP Government's policies and practices that are emerging as a great danger to India's economy, unity and democracy', said former Minister while address-

The senior leaders present on the occasion included Dr Ramakant Khajuria, Rajiv Saraf, Pandit Vishavanath, Santosh Bhagat, Ramesh Koul, Ajay Kumar Bhagat, Bunty Dogra, Janak Raj Mehra, Vijay Sharma, Karanjot Singh, Prithvi Raj, Sohan Baghat, Manik Uppal, Rajesh Uppal, Farooq, Guddu,



Former Minister J&K Yogesh Sawhney speaking during a meeting.

Sharma, Ganesh Sumit Sharma, Darshan Lal Verma, Harvinder

Harbajan Singh. Criticizing Modi-led government, former Minister Yogesh Sawhney said that India is suffering hugely on multiple counts because of ruthless policies of the government which is least considerate about common people and their troubles. "Unemployment rate under the government has increased to 22 %. Price rise is one of the biggest problems India is facing right now. Coupled with the meek condition of Indian economy after the pandemic and the consequent job losses and loss of livelihoods, the unprecedented and unreasonable price hike

came down heavily on the middle class and poor. A huge percentage of population slipped under the poverty line and yet the government kept increasing the prices of petrol, diesel, natural gas, and other essential commodities like edible oil. Many people who had already incurred huge losses during the pandemic, lost their jobs, businesses and livelihoods were forced to dig into their savings for their survival, while many did not even have their savings to depend upon," said Sawhney. On the occasion, party leaders made general public aware with the record breaking price rice reported under BJP's regime and said that people will continue to suffer under them.

Be bridge of faith between party, public: Yudhvir to cadre

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi on Thursday asked the party cadre to become a bridge of faith between the party and the common man and expressed confidence that the BJP will win the trust of people in the upcoming Assembly polls.

Senior BJP leader stressed that the BJP runs on the values of "Sewa, Sanklap aur Samparan (service, resolution and commitment)" and "does not revolve around a family.

Keeping in tune with the motto of Sewa, Sanklap Aur Samparan, Yudhvir Sethi along with BJP East Mandal President, Praveen Kerni today held an interactive session with party workers and general public at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan here today.

Addressing the interactive session. Sethi said that he has decided to sit at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan on every Thursday with a view to address the problems being faced by party workers in their day to day work and would also listen to the problems and issues of general public.

President +2 DPC Lecturers calls on Prpl Secy School Education

Secretary Law to file

Caveats in High Court

Double Bench Jammu and

Srinagar so that unscrupu-

lous elements do not create

unnecessary hurdles in

functioning of government

and implementation of the

government decisions .

Patient hearing was given

and number of issues were

A request was made for

holding of early DPC for

all remaining subjects at

an earliest. Principal

Secretary assured that

since vigilance clearance

and other formalities are a

prerequisite, as and when



others after meeting with Principal Secretary School Education, B K Singh.

directed

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A delegation of 20 in-charge lecturers headed by Amar Nath Thakur, President +2 DPC Lecturers called on Principal Secretary School Education, B K Singh in Civil Secretariat here to thank him for getting the stay vacated by ensuring regular filing of six urgency memos in CAT bench Jammu, as a result of which CAT dismissed the writ petition thus paving way for 100% utilization of vacancies for promotion and regularization of lecturers as one

received, subjects will be

Principal Secretary said that hard steps are being taken for non performers, list of whom is being prepared and they will be demoted.

Any kind of interference or corruption in transfers and other works would not be tolerated as has been done earlier. Non performing Principals and ZEOs or any officer /official has to taste the music of demotion and a list of principals and ZEOs is under consideration.

Principal Secretary said that violation of administrative directions would not be tolerated in the department any more.

Ravesh Saraf General Secretary, senior coordinators of forum Rajesh Gorkha and Jagdev also put forth their concerns $_{
m the}$ principal Secretary. Others who accompanied the delegation include Tara Mani. Rakesh Bhat, Hans Raj

Exhibition in Jammu at silk stalls. Sukumar from Kolkata has brought with him batik print sarees on

Crowd throng at Silk

his Tussar. People also like the work of hand embroidery on organza silk. Its specialty is that its weight is much less than other silks. The special collection of Bhagalpur is also attracting the customers, in which the main ones are Linen, Matka Madhumani etc. The collection of Banaras is also spreading its aura in beauty, in which the main ones are fabrics, suits, sarees etc, he said adding that it takes two months for an artisan to make a dress from the

Their range is from Rs 11.000 to Rs 36,000 he said adding that today this material is available very

T Abhinand said that the exhibition will run till November 28 and invites all art lovers to see the art of silk weavers in this exhibition from 10:00 AM to

Councilor Ward-73 inaugurates construction work of house under PMAY-U

JAMMU: Fulfilling dream regarding own house of a poor handicapped person Dharminder Kumar, resident of Chak Sardar Attar Singh, Block Phallain Mandaal, the Councilor JMC, Ward-73, Prof (Dr) Youdhvir Singh inaugurated construction work of his house under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban (PMAY-U) Mission with release of installment on first

A number of locals were also present on the occasion, who expressed gratitude towards present Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for launching such a people-friendly schemer for welfare of poor people. They also lauded the efforts of Councilor Prof Youdhvir Singh for taking assisting Dharminder Kumar to complete all official formalities. The beginning of construction process of

Councilor Ward-73, Prof (Dr) Youdhvir Singh inaugurating construction work of a house under PMAY-U.

PGCIL organises medical

camp at Drass

of Dharminder Kumar, a ray of hope has also emerged among many other poor people as they too have got registered themselves under the scheme and awaiting final approval.

While speaking on the occasion, Prof Youdhvir Singh appealed to the publie to help complete all pending formalities besides helping others in completion of all formalities and have patience, as the money will be directly transferred by Union Government into their bank accounts. He also congratulated the beneficiary and his family for getting their dream fulfilled.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Dalbir Singh Saini Lamberdar, Darshan Rana, Hans Raj, Mani Ram, Charan Dass, Gopal Dass and Prithvi Raj.

BJP SC Morcha to undertake Samvidhan Gourav Abhiyan

STATE TIMES NEWS

Morcha will undertake Samvidhan Gourav Abhiyan from November 26 to December 6, 2021 to pay tributes to the Architect of the Indian Constitution Baba Sahib Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

This was shared by J&K BJP SC Morcha President Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat (former MLA), while addressing a press conference at ${\rm BJP}$ headquarter, Trikuta Nagar,

Member National SC Morcha & J&K Incharge Samvidhan Gourav Abhiyan Mohan Thappa, SC Morcha Vice-President & Co-Incharge of the Abhivan Gulshan Bhagat, Morcha General Secretary Mohinder Kumar



J&K BJP SC Morcha President Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat addressing a press conference.

were also present in the press conference

Prof. Gharu Ram told that Samvidhan Gourav Abhiyan will start on November 26, 2021 with the celebration of "Samvidhan Divas" at BJP headquarter Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, in

which J&K BJP President

conclude on December 06, 2021 at R.S. Pura, which will observed "Mahaparinirvan Divas" of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Prof. Bhagat insisted that these programmes will help to lay stress on the importance of the Indian Constitution and the prominent role of Baba Sahib in its drafting.

Gourav Abhiyan" will be cele-J&K.

The office bearers of J&K BJP, MPs, former Ministers, MLAs, DDCformer Chairpersons, BDCs and all elected DDCs, Sarpanchs, Panchs and Councilors will participate in the "Samvidhan Gourav Abhiyan" in their respective districts to address the people and pay tributes to Dr. Ambedkar, he added.

It was further informed by the SC Morcha President that different programmes will be organized including public rallies to honour the outstanding persons and students of the society, seminars on the life of Dr. Ambedkar and the Constitution, Kavi Sammelan, sports events, cycle Yatra etc.

Union Govt committed to overall development of people: Kavinder

Chief Minister and senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta kickstarted black topping work of roads in Ward No 68 here on Thursday.

The traditional commencement of this significant work was carried out in the presence of District President Vinav Gupta and Corporator Anil Kumar:

In his address, Kavinder Gupta said that the execution of works which had got stalled to a great extent due to the ongoing pandemic have now been initiated and all the roads pending will be macadamized in a phased manner and there will be no compromise with quality of work. He asserted that special care will be taken in its execution of different works

so that the quality can be maintained and people don't have to suffer in the future.

> The senior BJP leader said that after the completion of current macadamization of the roads in Ward No: 68, the life of the roads is also going to increase thus leaving less scope for dilapidation. He said due to the relentless efforts of the concerned Corporator Anil Kumar, this ward will definitely get transformed into a model ward and providing good roads is the first step towards that direction. He asserted that before 2014, all the lanes of the aforesaid Ward were in deplorable condition but soon after coming of BJP regime in Jammu and Kashmir since 2014 all the roads of Ward No 68 were

> macadamized. Kavinder said that BJP and Central Government stand fully committed for the development of Jammu and Kashmir He asserted that the unprecedented overall development of J&K witnessed today is the result of this sincere commitment of BJP led Government at the Centre for the progress and prosperity of this sensitive Union Territory and its people.

During his interaction with the residents of the area, the former Deputy Chief Minister was apprised by the public about the lack of other basic facilities. He listened keenly and patiently to them.

Taking note of all the genuine demands. Kavinder assured to get their grievances redressed at the earliest. He asserted that it is his duty to fight and work for the public of his constituen-

Among others present on the occasion were Capt Jameet Singh, Darshan Grover, Baldev Dutta, Tara Chand, Mandeep Chowdhary, Nanak Chand, Narinder

Doctor examining a patient during the camp. **STATE TIMES NEWS** from the four villages of Grid Powerdrassi.e. India Corporation of

organised free orthopedic and cardiac camp at Drass Substation.

Power,

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Around 100

Muradbagh, Holyial and Trongjun benefitted from the camp.

On the request PGCIL, CMO Kargil had deputed Dr. Shujat and Dr. Zameer for the camp. Free medicines were also distributed in the camp.

Mayor inaugurates 'Firstcry.com' outlet



Mayor Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta after inaugurating Firstcry.com outlet.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Mayor Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta on Thursday inaugurated Firstery.com-a big store for little one, at Swastik Food Mall, Raghunath Chowk, here on Thursday.

"Firstcry is the ultimate destination for kids clothes, toys, cycles etc thus a favourite Baby and kids shopping platform, selling genuine products and top brands. Not only kids but Firsterv.com also offer a

variety of products for the mothers of babies whose health needs to be taken care of at utmost priority are also available in the outlet," Pawan Kumar Shastri, said.

On the opening ceremony of the Firstery.com, prominent personalities of Jammu were also present.

Pawan Shastri invited kids with their parents to visit showroom which provide them opportunities to serve them betters with all facilities.

Ravinder Raina will be the He said that the "Samvidhan Chief Guest. The Abhiyan will CS reviews implementation of Smart City Mission in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday chaired a meeting to review the progress of the Smart City Mission in Jammu and Kashmir.

Secretary Administrative Housing &UD, Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu divisions and Chief Executive Officers of Jammu Smart City Limited and Srinagar Smart City Limited participated in the meeting.

CEO, SSCL informed that out of 137 projects to be executed under the project, 42 projects have been completed while 35 projects are ongoing. Out of the remaining projects, 23 projects have been tendered out while in respect of 47 projects, detailed project reports are being prepared.

Giving details of the heritage sites being developed under Smart City Mission, CEO,

SSCL informed that Khanka-imosque, Nagshband Sahib, Raghunath temple. Luke's church and Jamia masjid are being developed to leverage the heritage tourist potential of the area.

Further, beautification drive underneath Jehangir chowk-Rambagh flyover is also underway at a cost of Rs. 0.68 cr.

It was further informed that integrated command and control centre is being set up under the Smart City Mission at a cost of Rs. 48.11 cr.

This will help in the development of property development approval system. PS, U&DD informed that under the project, software applications have been installed and installation of hardware will be completed and the project made functional by 31st December, 2021.

It was informed that 2 lakh properties have been mapped so far and mapping of all the properties will be completed by April 2022. CEO, SSCL further informed that an intelligent traffic management system will also be taken up for execution at a cost of Rs. 35 er in Srinagar city. This will enable smooth traffic management in the city and help reduce travel time for the residents of the city.

The CEO informed that testing and calibration of various junction points is being done and the project execution will be expedited.

The Chief Secretary expressed concern at the delay in the execution of the projects saving that even after 4 years of commencement, many projects are far from completion.

Dr Mehta asked the department to develop the entire ensemble of the surroundings along with the heritage sites in the downtown Srinagar to create real aesthetic impact for the visitors. "If one or two heritage

sites are developed in isolation and its ambience remains underdeveloped, this will not lead to any positive gains from the perspective of development of heritage tourism potential of the area." he added. He also emphasised on alter-

nate routes in Srinagar otherwise the real heritage potential of the heritage sites in the downtown Srinagar will remain

The Chief Secretary asked the development to look at all the different projects under the canopy of Smart Project Mission in totality and think of ways in which they can be dovetailed for maximum sensual/visual impact.

He advised the department to fix timelines for each of the ongoing as well the project that are yet to be taken up and work earnestly to achieve those time-

The Chief Secretary also

Commissioner, Kashmir to coordinate with R&B department and SMC in ensuring that the shrubs/plantation on the road sides and in the partition of the roads are regularly pruned. Dr Mehta directed the department to ensure that

riverfront beyond Hatrick point

on River Jehlum is developed

and beautified by planting flow-

ers on the slopes on the either sides of the river front. Giving details of the progress under Smart city Project, CEO, JSCL informed that out of 133 projects to be completed under the Scheme, 40 projects have been completed while 49 projects are in varying stages of

completion. It was further informed that 22 projects have been tendered while remaining 22 projects will be tendered by 31st December, 2021.

Sikka and B.M Khajuria.