

# Empower Jammu province to strengthen J&K & Nation: Rana

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JAMMU: Terming empowerment of Jammu province as a mission, former MLA and BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Friday called for collective efforts in this regard, saying this will eventually lead to empowerment of Jammu and Kashmir and thereby a strong nation.

"Let's work with sincerity of purpose and single-mindedly in achieving this objective", Mr Rana said while interacting with devotees after joining the Goverdhan Puja at the historic and heritage Ram Mandir at Purani Mandi here.

He said Jammu has to grow as an equal player in the developmental and economic odyssey with the feeling of fair play ending the era of despondency, deprivation and dejection among the people.



BJP leaders during the Goverdhan Puja at Ram Mandir, Purani Mandi, Jammu.

All, irrespective of region, religion, caste or creed must have equal rights on the resources and role in the decision making and governance, he added.

He prayed for peace, tranquility and harmony in Jammu and Kashmir, as also the nation.

Offering good wishes to the

devotees after paying obeisance, Rana hoped the auspicious occasion to spread the universal message of Samanam Dharma for peace and amity besides inspiring the people to rededicate themselves to the service on humanity.

Priya Sethi, former Minister, Yudhvir Sethi, Purnima Sharma, Dy Mayor JMC, Parveen Kurni, Som Nath Khajuria, Dharamveer Singh Jamwal, Anita Sharma, Corporator, Narotam Sharma, Corporator, Sham Singh, besides others were present on the occasion.

Rana invoked the great message of Holy Gita, hoping that each one of us will do

the 'Karma' with best intentions and leave the reward to Almighty. "Once imbibing this spirit, the society will grow harmoniously with ill will for none", he said.

Complimenting Mahant Rameshwar Dass Maharaj for keeping up the tradition of observing the Puja as per traditions, Rana hoped that blessings of Lord Krishna will help in eschewing the tendencies of hate and foster love for humanity.

He exhorted the people of Jammu to maintain their hospitality towards pilgrims being the natives of the Temple City, the gateway to revered Shri Mata Vaishno Deviji and Shri Amarnath Shrines. The pilgrim tourism has been the biggest blessing for this part of the country, which has sustained the local economy in a big way.

## Court rejects bail plea of online fraudsters

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JAMMU: 2nd Additional Sessions Judge Srinagar Mohd Ashraf Bhat rejected the bail plea of members of fake KYC gang.

While rejecting the bail application, Court observed that Online fraud involving cyber crime is an enormous rise in the country, therefore, courts should deal such matter with iron hand. Now-a-days, these offences have become much more worrying as they are being conducted through electronic means, the prevention of which requires strict and prompt action for the safety of innocent citizens. The modus operandi of the crime suggests meticulous planning and deft execution. The petitioner no.1 as claimed by the counsel is a postgraduate student and petitioner no.2 a well established businessman and instead of using their qualification or expertise for some novel purpose, they chose to earn their livelihood by cheating

gullible people by using fraudulent methods. The augmentation of cyber crimes, particularly in cases where people operate a network to lure gullible people into fake schemes or fraudulent means and cheat them of their hard-earned/ hard money, is a serious threat to society. The offences alleged are admittedly heinous and serious in nature. Having said that, the nature of the offences alleged and their heinousness along with the circumstances in which the offences are committed, do not in my view support the plea of bail of the petitioners, particularly at this stage of case, investigation of which is yet to be culminated. And grant of bail to the petitioners/accused would be at the cost of prejudice to the prosecution and the society at large.

With these observations, Court rejected the bail applications of Mohammad Hanzala Beig and Mohammad Rajab Khan.

## HC vacates stay on CBT test for AMVI

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JAMMU: Justice Sindhu Sharma of J&K High Court while modifying the stay order of Computer Based Test for the posts of Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspector and Sub-Motor Vehicle Inspector, directed SSB to conduct the Computer based Written Test (CBT) for the post of Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspector (AMVI) and Sub-Motor Vehicle Inspector to be held on 08.11.2021 in terms of Advance notice dated 07.10.2021 for the Item Nos. 86, 88, 89, 90, 92, 93 and 94 also. Court further directed SSB not to declare the result for the same without prior permission of this Court.

Applicants in the present application seek modification of the interim order dated 27.10.2021 vide which the Advanced Notice dated 07.10.2021 has been stayed.

Deputy AG Lone submitted that the Service Selection Board has made extensive and elaborate arrangements for conducting the Computer based written test (CBT) for the post of Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspector and Sub-Motor Vehicle Inspector on 08.11.2021 as the same has been made by booking various IT Labs, Setting question papers, deploying man

power like Centre Observers Magistrates, District Observers, besides taking other measures like deployment of Security/Police for ensuring fair and transparent conduct of Computer based written test. If the interim order is not modified, it would create difficulty as the preparation in conducting the examination in large scale would come to a halt and all the candidates, who have to appear in the same, would suffer.

The respondents vide Advance notice had notified the Computer based written test (CBT) for the post of Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspector and Sub-Motor Vehicle Inspector on 08.11.2021 and vide order dated 27.10.2021, notice dated 07.10.2021 was stayed. Justice Sindhu Sharma observed that in view of the aforesaid submission and keeping in view the interest of the candidates as well as public, the interim order dated 27.10.2021 is modified. The respondents may conduct the Computer based written test (CBT) for the post of Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspector and Sub-Motor Vehicle Inspector to be held on 08.11.2021 in terms of Advance notice dated 07.10.2021 for the Item Nos. 86, 88, 89, 90, 92, 93 and 94 also. However, they shall not declare the result for the same without prior permission of this Court.

## BJYM Jammu Kashmir extends State Team

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JAMMU: BJYM Jammu and Kashmir President Arun Prabhakar in consultation with Ravinder Raina, State President BJP JK and Ashok Koul, State Organizational General Secretary extended its team.

Youth leaders included in the team were Dr. Himja Mengi, Vikas Sharma, Rajat Singh Manhas, Dikshant Sharma, Sanjay Sharma (All State Secretaries); Chetan Wanchoo (Media

Secretary), Darshan Kumar (Office Secretary), Sumedha Arora (Additional Office Secretary), Vansh Mahajan (Social Media Secretary), Gourav Pargal (Publicity Secretary), Rakesh Gupta (Treasurer), Adv. Kanav Sharma (Legal Coordinator) and Rohit Manhas (Incharge, Publication Cell). Gourav Gumble, Avinash Bhalla, Adv. Manik Wazir, Ashish Sharma, Er. Jasvinder Singh (Jassi), Varinder Thakur have been appointed as Spokesperson, Sanjeet Khajuria, Rudra Sharma, Rohit Verma as State Executives. Ramprasad Thakur has been appointed as Prabhari for Doda as well as Kishtwar districts. While extending best wishes to team, Arun Prabhakar said "BJYM will not let any stone unturned for meeting the Mission 50+ in the upcoming Assembly Elections".

## Unannounced internet curbs irking Valley residents

## ■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: The frequent unannounced internet curbs, from last more than one month, are irking residents of Srinagar city. Not only traders, but common people including students are also facing problems due to it as examination time is near and thousands of students of class X and XII are going to take annual examinations.

Meanwhile, Traders Association of Downtown area of Srinagar has appealed to IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar to consider their request for restoration of mobile internet services in Old City area. "We make a fervent appeal to IGP Kashmir to restore mobile internet facility in downtown areas in larger interest of traders and student community," the Chairman, Shehar-e-Khas Traders Coordination Committee said.

Earlier this year, the Government imposed a complete ban on sale, transportation, storage and use of drones in Srinagar and Baramulla districts to avert any attack of terrorists by using drones, like one at Jammu Air Force Station, few days back leaving dozens of commercial drone operators in a state of lurch.

According to police official, "We are keen to curb terrorism in valley and these arrangements are necessary for welfare of people." Before that, a series of hit-and-run attacks in Srinagar led to an unofficial 'ban' on Pheran, a loose Kashmiri winter garment made of tweed, with commuters being asked to take them off at police and CRPF checkpoints. Recently, J&K police started a seizure drive against bikes and two-wheels, which is still underway and hundreds of bikes and scooters, including those whose riders were in possession of necessary documents, were seized by police.

Criticizing Jammu & Kashmir administration's move, PDP President Mehbooba Mufti

has said that it step would have a bad impact on online delivery business as there are hundreds of educated boys, who are engaged with online distribution sectors.

Now, people of Srinagar city are unable to understand new policy of administration, as in parts of Srinagar, continuous spells of internet shutdowns, at regular intervals, are being reported. STATE TIMES correspondent talked to several users including academics, entrepreneurs and journalists, who said that the outages are unannounced, unforeseen and sudden.

Authorities have been snapping internet sporadically in several parts of Srinagar especially in aftermath of a series of attacks targeting members of minority community and migrant workers. Nowgam area of Srinagar city is one of the worst affected areas where even phone network is not functioning properly.

On November 3, STATE TIMES correspondent met many patients and attendants, who were on way to Ahmad Hospital and alleged a mobile internet ban in the area. Earlier, on October 19, these restrictions were reportedly lifted, but many users still complained that their internet access remains shut for most time of the day. Services, they say, resume mostly between 10 PM and 11 PM and continue throughout night.

Residents of some parts of Srinagar posted reports on social media to register their outrage against internet shutdowns at 'selected' hours. People from various other parts of Srinagar city, such as SafaKadal Nowhatta, Soura etc also confirmed similar intermittent restrictions in their areas. As per sources, there is no official order from J&K administration regarding latest restrictions and if there is any legal order in this regard, it has not been made public.

Customers complain misbehavior at 'Pahalwan Di Hatti'

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JAMMU: In a high-voltage drama at 'Pahalwan Di Hatti', famous sweet shop located at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, a big clash and ransacking was averted with timely intervention of some elderly people.

As per reports, as there was a heavy rush of customers in shop due to ongoing festival season, some staff-members of Sweet Shop misbehaved with a customer regarding selection of various varieties of sweets. A small issue soon got flared-up and a large number of other customers also came forward in support of humiliated customer, resulting in hatred comments while some over-angry youths also attempted to drag the salesmen out of the shop.

Sensing the gravity of the situation, some elderly persons, present on the occasion, immediately intervened into the matter and condemning misbehavior of staff, pacified agitated customers. Salesmen and other staff of sweet shop were admonished regarding rude behavior with customers.

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JAMMU: Dr Ravi Shankar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu has been nominated as the Industry Representative for the Board of Studies in Education, University of Jammu.

According to an official communication issued by the University of Jammu, Dr Ravi Shankar Sharma has been nominated to the Board of Studies for the Triennial period of 2021- 2024. The Board of Studies is a statutory body that looks into academic matters like Introduction of a new Academic Programme, Revision of a programme/ course, review of academic rules, etc.

Dr Ravi Shankar Sharma, who is currently posted as Director School Education Jammu, has earlier served as Director, Technical Education J&K and Director, Industries and Commerce, Jammu.

Born on January 10, 1956 in Aarni village of Mendhar tehsil of Poonch district, Dr Gupta's early education took place in the village itself. In the year 1965, he came to Jammu and took admission in Middle School Rehri. After this, he studied upto 10th at Central Basic School, Old Mandi. In 1972, he passed 12th from GGM Science College, Jammu and in 1974; he took admission in MBBS at Government Medical College, Jammu.

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Bhai Dooj

## Name new Airport terminal after Maharaja Hari Singh: Dr Karan Singh urges LG Sinha

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JAMMU: Former Member Parliament, Dr Karan Singh on Friday appealed to the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to recommend Centre to name the upcoming airport terminal at Jammu after the name of Maharaja Hari Singh ji.

In a letter to LG Sinha, the former Member Parliament said "As you know the Jammu airport was first constructed by my father Maharaja Han Singh for his private plane and was used for several years. Now



Hari Singh Terminal."

Dr Karan Singh further said "I wrote to the Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia who said that the request can be considered on the recommendation of the State Government, duly supported by a Resolution passed in the State Legislative Assembly. As we do not have an Assembly at present, perhaps you may like to make a recommendation to the Ministry. I am sure this will be greatly appreciated by the people of Jammu."

## Advisor Bhatnagar reviews progress on infrastructure audit, manpower, courses of Polytechnics, ITIs



Advisor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar chairing a meeting on Friday.

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JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, on Friday chaired a meeting to review progress on implementation of report of various committees constituted for audit of infrastructure, manpower and courses offered at Polytechnic colleges and ITIs across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon; Director SDD, Sudershan Kumar; Secretary, Board of Technical Education, Principals of various Polytechnic colleges and ITIs besides other concerned officials of SDD both in per-

son and through video conferencing.

Advisor Bhatnagar said that SDD has major role to play in present world of technological innovations and knowledge explosion which requires multi-skilled persons.

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## AIIMS Jammu to start OPD services from April 2022: Dr Shakti

## ■ MALU SHARMA

**T**he son of the Soil Dr Shakti Gupta, first Director of AIIMS Jammu has made Jammu proud. The Central Government appointed Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta as first Executive Director of upcoming All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu, which is coming up at Vijaypur in Samba district.

AIIMS, Jammu will not only establish itself as a centre of higher learning and healthcare services for thousands of native populace, but shall also open up immense academic and occupational opportunities.

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studies, published more than 75 research papers in national and international journals of repute. He has been the Chairman of Expert Committee for Formulation of National Ambulance Code and Working Group on Emergency Care Relating to Road Safety under Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. The National Ambulance code has been notified in the Gazette of India. He was elected as Member of the Advisory Board of Centre for Health Systems Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Oklahoma State University, USA, National Accreditation Board for Hospital and Healthcare Providers, Task Force on Health Sector Reforms for J&K, Expert Group for establishing AIIMS like Institutions in the country.

Dr Gupta is expert Consultant of Ministry of External Affairs for establishing two hospitals in Bhutan and Trauma Centre in Nepal. These projects at Bhutan and Nepal have actually translated into tertiary healthcare facilities. He has been a Consultant to Government of Goa to form a roadmap for best utilization of existing infrastructure; consultant to the Govt. of Maharashtra for establishing EMS system; and Consultant to Govt. of Tripura and North East States for improvement in healthcare provisioning.

For his tremendous contributions to field of Healthcare Administration Dr Shakti Gupta has been conferred with the coveted Capital Foundation National Award in 2018.

While talking to STATE TIMES, Dr Gupta shared, "My top priority is to collaborate with Israel and Germany. Israel has excellent trauma care and we are looking forward to it. Moreover, I am planning to have a trauma centre here and also establishment of a skill development centre. There will be a centre of excellence here which will provide best medical services to patients. Presently, there are 2,700 workers working 24X7 to get work done at a fast pace. I am planning to start it by Dec 2022 and am hopeful that we will get work done within stipulated time. Moreover, I would like to share that AIIMS Jammu will start OPD services from April 2022."