

Secy GAD visits Mathwar; inspects healthcare centre, schools

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JAMMU: Secretary, General Administrative Department (GAD), Dr Piyush Singla, on Monday visited Mathwar panchayat of Jammu district as part of ongoing 'Back to Village' phase IV programme.

Pertinently, 'Back to Village' Phase IV is a unique initiative launched by the Jammu and Kashmir government for reaching out to the people at grassroots level creating an earnest desire for a decent standard of living among the rural masses. The programme is aimed at to involve the people of the UT and government officials in a joint effort to deliver the mission of equitable development. The prime objective of this programme is to strengthen Panchayats through outreach, transparency and prompt service delivery with focus on youth skills, self-employment, good governance and Panchayati Raj along with Nasha Mukt and Rozgar Yukt J&K. Dr Singla



Secretary GAD, Dr Piyush Singla interacting with people during visit to Mathwar Panchayat in Jammu.

held a panchayat level meeting with PRI members and the officers and field functionaries of various line departments.

During the meeting, the local people put forth their demands and issues urging for an early redressal of the same.

Secretary issued on spot instructions to the concerned departments for speedy redressal of the projected issues on priority. He emphasized the need of strong coordination among the government departments and local PRI members for enhanced grievance redressal and

implementation of development works on ground.

On the occasion, Secretary also inspected the stalls being installed by different departments and enquired about the progress achieved under various schemes by the line departments with respect to set saturation targets.

On the second day of his visit to the panchayat, Dr Singla inspected the facilities at Health Sub Centre Mathwar, Government High School Mathwar, Anganwari Centres and Middle School Kalyar.

Secretary also administered the integrity pledge on the

occasion of Vigilance Awareness week 2022.

He also inspected the works taken up by the Rural Development Department in the Panchayat including community hall construction and works under Back to Village phase III besides assessing works being done under Jal Shakti department.

Dr Singla also inaugurated 63 KVA transformer in the panchayat.

Later, Secretary visited Middle School Mawa and Niyawat Mathwar and inspected the facilities being provided by the Revenue Department.

He directed the concerned officers to expedite the pace of ongoing development works in the area and take up sanctioned new works at the earliest for overall development of the panchayat. He assured the PRI members and the locals that regular monitoring of development works will be ensured at all levels in the panchayat.

Azad visits Salman Nizami's residence in Banihal to condole his father's death



Chairman DAP Ghulam Nabi Azad offering condolences to Salman Nizami in Banihal.

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BANIHAL: Former Chief Minister and Chairman Democratic Azad Party Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday visited DAP senior leader Salman Nizami's residence in Banihal to offer condolence on his father's death.

Azad visited Nizami's residence in Kharpora, Banihal today at around 12 noon to offer his condolences on the demise of Mohammad Imtiyaz Nizami, father of Salman Nizami. Mr Azad expressed sympathies with the

bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace of the deceased.

Nizami's father passed away on 27th October at Jammu and was laid to rest at his native village graveyard in Kharpora of Banihal. Ex Minister Abdul Majeed Wani, Ex MLA Mohd Amin Bhatti, Ex MLC Naresh Gupta, Aslam Goni, Ab Gani Khan, Arun Singh Raju, Amir Rasool, Inayat Rather, Sharukh Bhatti, Amin Bhat, Muneeb Mir and other leaders of DAP were also accompanied with Azad.

GMC Jammu organises Integrity pledge taking ceremony



Principal GMC Jammu, Dr. Shashi Sudan Sharma, along with all faculty, staff and students of GMC Jammu taking the integrity pledge.

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JAMMU: Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu performed Integrity pledge ceremony for the organization in college auditorium on Monday.

Dr. Shashi Sudan Sharma, Principal and Dean along with all faculty, staff and students of GMC Jammu took the integrity pledge.

Prominent among those present were Dr Subhash Bhardwaj, Dr Meena Sidhu, Dr Sunil Sachdev, Ashwani

one has to strive to maintain highest level of integrity in the organisation & there is zero tolerance for corruption in any organisation in the present era.

A galaxy of faculty, Junior Doctors, staff and MBBS students attended the pledge ceremony.

Prominent among those present were Dr Subhash Bhardwaj, Dr Meena Sidhu, Dr Sunil Sachdev, Ashwani

Khajuria, Administrator, Associated Hospitals, Dr ADS Manhas Medical Superintendent GMCH, Dr Snadhy Arora, Dr Seema Gupta, Dr Rakesh Bahl, Dr Kailash Thakur, Dr Sharminde Kour, Dr Sangeeta Gupta, Dr Mrityunjay, Dr Nusrat and other faculty members. The pledge was administered by Dr. Rakesh Bahl.

Dr. Shashi said that every

HC quashes dismissal of cop after 13 years

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JAMMU: Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court quashed dismissal of a police cop after 13 years.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, while allowing the petition, directed that the order impugned dated 15th June 2009 by virtue of which the petitioner came to be dismissed from service cannot sustain test of law and is hereby quashed/set-aside as the same is shockingly disproportionate to the misconduct.

Court further observed that the order impugned is also quashed/set-aside for the reasons that the same has been passed in contravention of the provisions of Clause (2) of Article 20 of the Constitution of India as the petitioner has been punished for the same offence twice which falls within the realm of double jeopardy, since he has already

undergone the punishment of confinement of Quarter Guard for 28 days with salary and allowances in pursuant to order of respondent No. 5 dated 15th June 2009 and after undergoing the aforesaid punishment, the petitioner has again been inflicted the punishment of dismissal from service for the same offence and directed respondents to reinstate the petitioner and allow him to join the duties, as such.

Court further directed respondents to release the withheld wages/salary of the petitioner for the period he remained out of service owing to the above referred impugned order dated 15th June 2009, if he is not gainfully employed, elsewhere and all consequential benefits in favour of the petitioner in consequence of his reinstatement in the respondent department.

JAMMU: In a contempt petition filed by Pardeep Singh and others for initiating contempt proceedings against the respondents for violating / disregarding clear

directions of High Court passed in SWP No. 1563 of 2009 and whereby Single Judge vide Judgment dated 28-4-2011 passed in SWP No. 1563 of 2009 Titled Vinod Kumar & Ors. Versus

DB disposed of PIL seeking release of unpaid wages under MGNREGA

Vinod Chatterji Koul disposed of PIL with the observations that the subject of the PIL squarely comes within the domain and powers of the executive, therefore, we dispose of this PIL with direction to the petitioner to approach the competent authority/ forum for seeking the relief as claimed.

In the PIL, it has been submitted that this is serious issue with regard to non-payment of wages to around 23,500 workers, out

of which 15,4300 are active workers, who are the residents of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and had undertaken manual labour work under MGNREGA. Despite the express provisions for disbursement of wages within a maximum prescribed period of 15 days, these children of lesser gods and forsaken souls, had not been paid fully by the respondents and from the year 2015 till date a huge amount of around Rs 29108.96 lakh stands as

Mula Ram, Hari Singh pay tributes to Indira Gandhi on 38th death anniversary

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JAMMU: District Congress Committee Jammu Rural under the leadership of Hari Singh Chib, President DCC Jammu Rural on Monday paid glorious tributes to Indira Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India on her 38th Death Anniversary in a function organized at Muthi Camp falling in Jammu North Assembly segment.

On the occasion, Mula



Vice President JKPCC, Mula Ram addressing a public meeting.

tributes to former Prime Minister and Iron lady Indira Gandhi.

The senior Congress leaders recalled the rich contribution of Indira Gandhi and said that leaders from all over the world had tremendous respect for her.

Speaking on the occasion, Mula Ram, former minister and Vice President JKPCC along with other Congress leaders Uday Bhanu Chib, President Youth Congress Jammu and Kashmir, Som Nath Sharma Block President Patta Paloura Block, Om Parkash President Guru Ravi Dass Sabha, Dr Raj Pal Hans former Director Animal Husbandry, Dr Chander Mohan Sharma, Dev Raj, Madan Singh, Bal Krishan Sharma, Sat Chib, Virender Mehta, Gulshan, Tarun Vaid, Rahul Padha, Ramash Chander and others paid

unprecedented contributions of the late Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi especially that of achieving a historic victory against Pakistan taking thousands of its soldiers into captivity and liberating East Pakistan that is now an independent country called Bangladesh.

Hari Singh Chib, President DCC Rural, Jammu, in his address, said the life of Indira Gandhi ji is a source of inspiration for all. She represented strength and epitomised sacrifice.

"Indiraji enhanced the image of India in the community of nations by her farsightedness and unflawed stewardship and India

During her tenure as Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi took many decisions which changed the course of India's history.

Uday appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the principle for which Congress party and Indira Gandhi always stood for a threat to the unity and integrity of the country.

PSPS Govt PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar bids farewell to Dr Suresh



Principal, Prof. Minu Mahajan and faculty members according farewell to Dr. Suresh Bhat, HoD Chemistry Deptt.

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JAMMU: Padma Shri Padma Sachdev (PSPS) Govt.PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu bade farewell to Dr. Suresh Bhat, HoD Department of Chemistry on his superannuation on Monday in the College Auditorium.

He has rendered more than 30 years in teaching as a diligent worker. He gave a great contribution as a teacher in the holistic growth of students in his service years and cherished the beautiful moments and

Commitment and Attitude towards work as work is NAAC Coordinator really inspired everyone.

Prof. Mala Bhasin, HOD Botany and Staff Secretary of the College welcomed the guests. Prof. Minu Mahajan, the Principal of the College congratulated and wished him happy, healthy and contented post-retirement life a head. Dr. Suresh narrated the Odyssey of his service years and cherished the beautiful moments and thanked everyone for their

warm and cordial gesture - overwhelmed on seeing the Comprehensive Presentation jotting down his years of Service by Prof. Malti Rajput.

The programme concluded with the presentation of memento as a Souvenir. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Revika Arora and coordinated by the team- Prof. Neelam Thapa, Prof. Sania Hamid, Prof. Sugandha Mahajan, Prof. Suman Bala and Prof. Eisha Gohil.

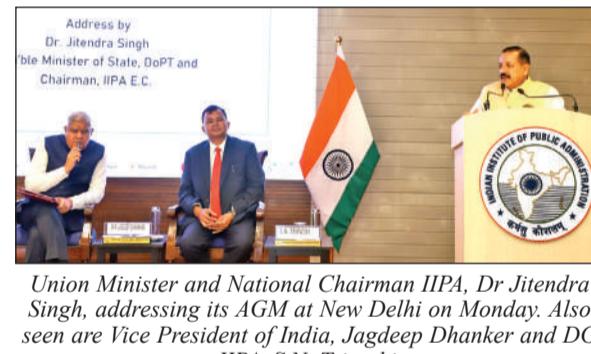
&K gets IIPA award

2047 can't be visualised through prism of 2022: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Monday cautioned that 2047 can't be visualised through the prism of 2022 and therefore the Vision document 2047 for civil services and governance must be based on scientific evaluated indices for the future. He said, the document will be prepared jointly by Department of Administrative Reforms in Ministry of Personnel, Capacity Building Commission (CBC), Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) and other related agencies.

Addressing the Annual General Body (AGM) of IIPA as its National Chairman, on the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it is a tribute to the Iron man of India who is also known as the Father of Civil Services in



Union Minister and National Chairman IIPA, Dr Jitendra Singh, addressing its AGM at New Delhi on Monday. Also seen are Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankar and DG IIPA, S.N. Tripathi.

India. The first three best IIPA State branch annual awards went to Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and J & K respectively.

Welcoming the Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankar, who is also President of IIPA,

Dr Jitendra Singh apprised him that IIPA is not only imparting training to the

'Selected Civil Servants' but

IIPA is contributing to the field

also to 'Elected People's Representatives'. The Minister informed that it has started a series of programs for the elected representatives of Urban Local bodies and has held 04 programs for those from Jammu and Kashmir which is now a priority area for the present Govt. Dr Jitendra said, IIPA is contributing to the field

of Capacity Building very proactively, but during the pandemic, it was able to conduct more than 100 offline and online training programs and quickly transformed itself into a powerhouse of Digital Training, preparing digital infrastructure as well as digital contents.

Dr Singh said, with the guidance and direction of the Prime Minister of India, the Government has launched Mission Karmayogi (National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building) with the objective to bring complete transformation in the capacity building of the civil services.

IIPA has become an important partner in this mission extending whole-hearted support in the form of online courses on iGOT, workshops and conferences.

Dr Jitendra said, under the active guidance of our ener-

getic Vice President, the challenge before IIPA is to build capacities of public Representatives to transform them into future ready Karmayogis. Dr Singh said, his dream is to make IIPA a Rainforest of thoughts where wild ideas from citizens, even from space technology are allowed to bloom under the academic guidance of our learned faculty. He said, IIPA @ 2047 should be a proud Global Institution promoting Indian ideas of management, economic thought and cultural thought.

IIPA should prepare the young generation into a model bureaucracy of tomorrow catering to the needs of the citizens as Citizen-centricity is the core of Minimum Government, Maximum Governance, the Minister added.

after hearing Adv Inderjeet with Adv Yatin Mahajan for petitioners to file statement of facts, failing which, Director General of Police shall appear in person on next date of hearing.

Sessions Judge Srinagar directed to take necessary steps for closure of Cafeteria in DCC Moominabad

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JAMMU: Chief Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, in an order, directed inviting of bids for same and its allotment after completion of process. As far as present arrangement is concerned, the same being without any authority, is to be closed. Accordingly, necessary steps in this regard shall be taken by the Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar, to ensure closure of cafeteria. However, the applicant shall be liberty to participate in bidding process.