

# Secy GAD visits Mathwar; inspects healthcare centre, schools

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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 Mukht 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.

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

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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 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



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 said the iron lady Indira Gandhi shall always be remembered for her vision and leadership qualities, who was also credited for making the Nation as strong in respect of defence, economic, education and on various other fronts, while she remained committed to serve and empower all sections of people. He recalled the

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 far-sightedness and unflawed stewardship and India

emerged as a strong nation under her leadership. She contributed immensely towards national unity and integrity. Her sacrifice, determination and grit to take the nation ahead will always remain in our collective memories," he added. Uday Chib recalled Indira Gandhi as one of the most powerful and inspirational figures in Indian history, saying that the former PM played an important role in establishing India as a strong country. 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 and laid down her life. He urged to fight against the forces of communalism and fundamentalism who pose a threat to the unity and integrity of the country.

# 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.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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 Bhatt, Ex MLC Naresh Gupta, Aslam Goni, Ab Gani Khan, Arun Singh Raju, Amir Rasool, Inayat Rather, Sharukh Bhatti, Amin Bhat, Muneer Mir and other leaders of DAP were also accompanied with Azad.

# GMC accords warm send-off to Dr ADS Manhas on superannuation

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A warm farewell was accorded to Dr A.D.S Manhas, Medical Superintendent, Govt. Medical College (GMC) Jammu, on his retirement. Dr. Shashi Sudan Sharma, Principal and Dean, said that Dr. Manhas is known for his

prosperous and healthy future life. She said that he is an epitome of integrity and has set new benchmarks of integrity and fiscal honesty for others to eulogise & follow. With his working he has contributed immensely to the development of GMCH

she added. Dr. Manhas's Administrative acumen, fiscal honesty and services have been recognized by the Govt. of UT of J&K by conferring on him the LG award for Meritorious services and integrity. He has an unblemished service record of 25 years. It is pertinent to mention that he has also served BSF for 03 years and since 1997 has been working in Health and Medical Education Department with full commitment and dedication in whatever responsibility he was assigned to. During his service, he has served as BMO Marh, Ramgarh, Dy. CMO Rajouri, Jammu, DIO Rajouri, Programme Manager, NHM, Medical Superintendent, District Hospitals of Sarwal, Samba, Kathua and Gandhi Nagar.



Dr. A.D.S Manhas, Medical Superintendent, GMC Jammu speaking at a farewell function.

commitment, dedication, discipline, punctuality and administrative capabilities and wished him happy,

and set highest standards accountability and transparency while working in the interest of patient care,

# 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 Dept.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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 person and Institution in general. His Dedication,

Commitment and Attitude towards work as 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.

# 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.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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. Dr. Shashi said that every-

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 Snadhya Arora, Dr Seema Gupta, Dr Rakesh Bahl, Dr Kailash Thakur, Dr Sharminder Kour, Dr Sangeeta Gupta, Dr Mrityunjay, Dr Nusrat and other faculty members. The pledge was administered by Dr. Rakesh Bahl.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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

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.

# HC quashes dismissal of cop after 13 years

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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.

# File response within two weeks failing which DGP will have to appear in person: HC

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
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

State & others, the Court directed the state to treat petitioners at par with the private respondents and consider their case for appointment and absorption in Police Department as

Constable Drivers with all consequential benefits including seniority, within a period of three months from the date private respondents were appointed. Justice Sindhu Sharma

after hearing Adv Inderjeet with Adv Yatin Mahajan for petitioners observed, "Despite numerous opportunities granted, statement of facts has not filed till date and as such last and final

opportunity of two weeks is granted to the respondents' counsel to file statement of facts, failing which, Director General of Police shall appear in person on next date of hearing."

# DB disposes of PIL seeking release of unpaid wages under MGNREGA

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation filed by All Jammu & Kashmir Panchayat Conference seeking directions to release unpaid wages to around 23.5 lakh poor workers, who worked and many still working since 2015 in J&K and respondents has not paid full wages as provided under MGNREGA, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court Comprising Chief Justice A M Magrey and Justice

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

liability against the respondents for the due payment of wages, out of which an amount of Rs 19224.69 lakh, is due against the payment of wages of unskilled workers and an amount of Rs 9884.27 lakh is due on the payment of wages of skilled and semi-skilled workers. The workers are living economically and socially distressed life during the most testing times of current pandemic for non-payment of their due wages.

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

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chief Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, in an arbitration, observed that as applicant is running Food Court in District Court Complex, Moominabad without any extension of allotment made in his favour for period specified, therefore, there shall be no difficulty for Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar, to initiate process of allotment of space for running a cafeteria in tune with the policy.

CJ directed Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar to ensure 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 at liberty to participate in bidding process.