

EPFO holds Pension Adalat for November 2022

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JAMMU: In continuation to the public outreach program, the "Pension Adalat" for the month of November, 2022 was on Thursday conducted by EPFO Regional Office, Jammu for the Pensioners of Jammu & Kashmir here from 10:00 AM to 04: 00 PM. The EPFO is servicing the entire area from Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh with regard to settlement of claims, redressal of grievances, and facilitating stakeholders and so on. Considering the large number of grievances and to ensure service delivery at doorstep, various online initiatives of EPFO such as balance enquiry, filing of online claims including transfer and Covid-19 advance claims and members' basic details were explained with hands-on demonstration.



An EPFO official clearing claim of a senior citizen.

Surinder Kour, PPO No. LDASR00017310 visited the office to update her Digital Life Certificate which was updated using Face

Authentication Technology (FAT) Shiv Kumar Sharma, PPO No. LDASR00010218 from Basoli ,

Banso Devi (above eighty years) , PPO No. LDASR00017219, Ved Prakash visited the office to update their Digital Life Certificate. The endeavor of the "Pension Adalat" programme has always been to redress the maximum number of cases/grievances the same day or at the earliest. Since November, EPFO Jammu has been constantly updating the Digital Life Certificate of the pensioners so that the pensioners receive their pension on time. Ankush Sharma son of Late Shri Kuldeep Kumar Sharma also visited the office and enquired about his Mother's pension and was assisted by the office by calling the required documents on EPFO Jammu's official whatsapp helpline number. Many pensioners came to the office with their grievances which were resolved by the office and some more pensioners updated their Digital Life Certificates.

Dernier Cri conducts campaign shoot to fulfill dreams of aspiring models

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JAMMU: A Campaign shoot was organized by Dernier Cri at Lemon Tree hotel, here on Thursday. Young aspiring models from all over Jammu came for the audition. Dernier Cri has taken this initiative to give wings to the dreams of young aspiring models who want to build their career in the Fashion industry. This event aims to provide a better platform, exposure and knowledge to all the young aspiring models of JKU.T. The jury members included famous Designer Osman Watali, Dr. Palki Sharma (Dermatologist), Isha Sharma (Mrs India 2020), Gautam Bali (Makeup artist), Garima (Winner/Face of Campaign Shoot), Devrshi Sharma



Dernier Cri representatives during audition for Campaign shoot at Lemon Tree hotel, Jammu.

(Director DernierCri), Mohit Kapoor and Amit Tyagi along with other famous TV stars were also present at the event. They also gave important tips related to modeling, fashion, beauty, fitness & skincare to aspiring models. The selected models from this event will get a chance to participate in the upcoming Fashion Week which will be held in Jammu in January by Dernier Cri. After the selection of the models from the Campaign shoot, they will be trained properly by experts of the fashion industry and they will also get as a bonus a free Gym subscription where best training and fitness tips will be given to them that will eventually help the selected models to achieve a well toned figure. Known for his amazing art of makeup Gautam Bali will also give make up tips and impart makeup knowledge to the selected few.

AAP, other political parties no match to BJP: Ravinder, Priya



BJP J&K Chief Ravinder Raina and former Minister Priya Sethi along with others at joining programme.

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JAMMU: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and other political parties are no match to BJP because these outfits are by and large working as private limited companies with decision making power restricted only to their never changing presidents. This was stated by BJP J&K Chief Ravinder Raina and former Minister and BJP National Executive Member Priya Sethi while welcoming senior AAP leader and party's Jammu-Poonch Incharge Pooja Grover after she joined BJP in a function held here on Thursday. MP

(Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, former Minister Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, former MLA Devender Singh Rana, Rekha Mahajan, Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta, Prabhari Jammu West Rajeev Charak and other senior party dignitaries were present on the occasion. Ravinder said that there is no exaggeration in the fact that no party matches the qualities possessed by BJP because it is the only nationalist party in the country in which the nation stands first and everything comes after this priority.

SBI Mutual Fund moves to new office in Jammu

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JAMMU: SBI Mutual Fund, the largest fund house in the country, announced the move to its new office at Bahu Plaza, Jammu. The branch was inaugurated by Vinod Jaiswal, Chief General Manager, SBI Chandigarh Circle, in the presence of Pawan Kumar, Deputy General Manager, SBI Jammu Administrative Office, Munish Sabharwal, SVP & Zonal Head, SBI Mutual Fund, and other dignitaries from SBI. Vinod Jaiswal said that there has been increasing awareness of mutual funds amongst people as seen by the interest visible in Jammu and its adjoining areas. State Bank of India is committed to create value for its customers and provide them mutual fund solutions for their financial goals. D P Singh, Deputy MD & CBO, SBI Mutual Fund, said that the branch will serve as a touch-point to interact with potential investors who prefer in-person interactions to know more about mutual funds and our offerings. With this aim, SBI Mutual Fund has added over 55 new branches across the country since January 2020 thereby increasing its presence in the country.



Vinod Jaiswal, CGM SBI Chandigarh Circle, inaugurating branch office at Bahu Plaza, Jammu.

Source Segregation Campaign to make Jammu clean: Mayor

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JAMMU: When it comes to waste segregation, the biggest challenge - after setting up civic infrastructure and manpower - is to bring change in people's attitude towards responsible waste disposal. In this regard Jammu Municipal Corporation will launch a drive to segregate waste at source, said Rajinder Sharma, Mayor JMC, here on Thursday. In order to make Jammu clean, the garbage segregation campaign will be initiated in all wards of JMC. The move aims to inculcate the habit of source segregation among residents and education campaigns regarding it have already been started on the ground to promote the concept. "The initiative for waste segregation at source will be initially started from 100 houses" said the Mayor while addressing the media persons today at the Conference hall of JMC.



Mayor JMC, Rajinder Sharma talking to reporters.

Besides, a massive campaign will also be launched to educate the general public about the ill effects of single-use plastic items and the need for waste management, added the Mayor. He added that Children can prove great change-makers when it comes to waste segregation. "We have plans of taking the concept to schools so they will in turn inspire their parents to follow through. There's a better response when children are involved," he added. Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria and Chairman Swachh Bharat Committee, Hardeep Singh Mankotia were also present on the occasion.

Ikkjutt Jammu demands reconstruction of temples in Kashmir



Ikkjutt Jammu Legal Cell President, Adv Amzi Arthur John talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Ikkjutt Jammu, Legal Cell President, Adv Amzi Arthur John along with central team demanded restoration of Dharma or Hinduism in Kashmir. While addressing a press conference, Adv Amzi Arthur John along with Secretary Vir Vikram Aditya and Member Kanwar Tiku stressed on the need to

reconstruct demolished temples in Kashmir not as an archaeological sites but as a worshipping places. He pointed out that LG made 8 members committee but no output came out till date. He demanded rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits and reconstruction of demolished temples especially Martand, Naranag and others as a worshipping temple.

Sham, Rana listen to public grievances

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice-President & former Minister Sham Lal Sharma, former-MLA Devender Singh Rana and BJP Secretary Rekha Mahajan, listened to the grievances of a large number of people belonging to different areas of Jammu & Kashmir at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Individuals and Deputations of people from various areas narrated their woes and sought intervention of the party leaders to get their problems solved. A deputation raised the issue of Jammu Doordarshan on satellite which was immediately taken up with the Union Information & broadcasting Minister Anurag



J&K BJP senior leaders Sham Lal Sharma and Devender Singh Rana listening to public issues.

Thakur. Other issues were related to the departments like PHE, PDD etc. Sham Lal, Rana and Rekha gave patient hearings to the problems of the people, which were taken up with the concerned officials of the departments stressing for early resolution so that the people are not made to suffer. Sham said that people in large number visit the BJP office with a strong

'Democratic Ideals & Institutions of Sikhs' conducted at CUJ

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JAMMU: The Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) under the University Grants Commission (UGC) special lecture series organised a lecture entitled "Democratic Ideals and Institutions of the Sikhs" at Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium here on Thursday. The keynote speaker for the lecture was Dr. Mohinder Singh, Professor and Director, National Institute of Punjab Studies, New Delhi. The special guest was welcomed by Dr. J. Jeganaathan, Head, Department of NSS. Dr. Mohinder specifically

explained the meaning of "Khalsa Raj", the ideal which was given by one of the greatest Sikh warriors known as Banda Bahadur. Terming India as the "Mother of all democracies" he said that the inseparability of religion and politics has been one of the chief characteristics of Sikhism. Author of several standard works on Sikh history and religion including "The Akali Movement" and "The Golden Temple" Dr. Singh is in the Advisory Boards of several national and international organisations. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Archana Kumari, Department of Mass Communication and New Media.

'SAST has authorized none to deal with Taposthals'

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JAMMU: Executive Members of Shri Alakh Sahiba Trust (SAST) convened a meeting in premises of Mata Roop Bhawani Bhawan, Tirath Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu, under leadership of General Secretary, B J Raina. During the meeting, the members unanimously desired to publicize the information for the knowledge and awareness of people and other organization (s) that in order to maintain the sanctity of all Taposthals, maintained and managed by Trust in Srinagar and Ganderbal, Shri Alakh Sahiba Trust has not authorised any executive member. Any person(s) or organisation(s) directly or indirectly if found dealing unauthorisedly with SAST affairs will be dealt with under the law of the land.

People baffled over demolition & construction of footpaths in Srinagar city

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SRINAGAR: Is demolition of old and construction of new footpaths a part of development in Srinagar city under 'Smart City Project'? It is completely illogical for a common people to understand why main and busy roads of Srinagar city are in a demolition and construction mode during winter season. Various official agencies are demolishing footpaths in the city to recreate them, thereby causing inconveniences to people. Many footpaths were recently demolished, and, in certain cases, recreated in parts of Srinagar city, leaving people curious about these developments. People failed to locate logic in destruction and reconstruction and believe it is a misuse of taxpayers' money.

Given traffic pressure on the roads, developmental activities have added to the pressures on movement of commuters. With footpaths being redone, the people have no option but to use road edges, which is a risky business, looking at the quantum of traffic on Srinagar roads. Most of footpaths are already occupied by the vendors. The roads within or around Lal chowk and Hari Singh High Street, which see the massive flow of traffic and masses throughout the day, have most of footpaths with the vendors. Right now, the footpaths are being re-laid at Karan Nagar, Baba-Demb, Munwaar chowk and Batamalo. Even part of Lal Chowk is in sort of a mess as main centre is being reconstructed.

One side of the Residency Road and Mulana Azad road are also witnessing huge earth-remover activity. "We are creating the city at par with the country's modern cities; there are certain guidelines concerning kind of footpaths that we should have, especially height and width," officials of Srinagar Smart City Limited said, adding, "Many of our footpaths were not constructed as per guidelines as it were not providing continuous access, making it difficult for pedestrians to walk and posing a threat for accidents. We are designing city on modern lines and footpath reconstruction is necessary for ensuring smooth pedestrian movement." It is pertinent to mention here that as per Indian Road Congress, footpaths cannot be

more than 150 mm or 6 inches from road, and the width of a path should not be more than 1.8 mtrs or 6 ft width. People however, insist that if this logic is implemented in Srinagar city, every footpath would require demolition every time when fresh blacktopping will take place. Normally, for a fresh blacktopping, the old one is undone first, a practice that is in vogue across the world but in Kashmir, however, it has never happened. The peculiar engineering tradition is so old and normal that tens of thousands of houses in so-called posh colonies now have their plinths far below road level. What is being pointed out by people is that entire government is focused more on the uptown and nothing much is happening in rest of the city.

Mirpur massacre one more blunder of Nehru: Jasrotia

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JAMMU: November 25 will be remembered as a Black Day as it reminds us of Mirpur massacre, an ill-fated incident that reminds us of injustice and infringement, brutality & bloodshed. 35,000 Hindu & Sikh refugees of Mirpur were slaughtered and women were raped. In a press statement issued here on Thursday,

Abhijeet Jasrotia, Spokesperson & Prabhari Social Media BJP, said that Pakistan army threatened people of Mirpur that they have to hoist green flag on their roof tops to show their consent to let Pakistan Army to make pickets. The people of Mirpur refused & didn't agree to succumb to Pakistan for strategic reasons of importance. The res-

Dharma Temple. There lied a large lake & deep well in between them. In one incidence, its being said that an Arya Samaj school hostel had some 100 girl students. The hostel superintendent asked girls to tie their dupattas on their head & jump into the wells and pray to god before dying that may they take re-birth as men and not women in next life.

On this day Pakistan army caught around five thousand Hindu girls. Many of these were raped, exploited and later sold in Pakistan, Afghanistan & Arab countries," he added. Jasrotia further said, "Indian army was stopped just 20 miles from Mirpur by Nehru & were not allowed to enter into Mirpur which led to all these killing. Politics was played on

the dead bodies & dignity of innocents & our then prime minister kept on playing politics though Maharaja Hari Singh had already signed the treaty of accession with India but Nehru let all this happen because he was never prepared to take Mirpur as he was guided by Sheikh Abdullah who had no mercy for these non-Kashmiri speaking people."