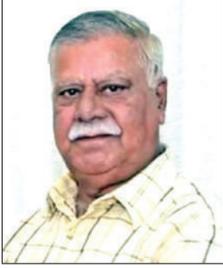


# BJP Ex-Minister Ch Sukhnandan apprises J&K LG about CLU rate of JDA land; LG gives assurance

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JAMMU: Former Minister and Senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar has apprised LG Manoj Sinha about the higher CLU rate in case of land falling under JDA even in rural Jammu areas.

In a written communication, Ch Sukhnandan Kumar has stated that the JDA is charging 5 per cent of the highest stamp duty rate for C.L.U for all lands



falling under its Master Plan. Moreover, the stamp duty

rates are different in every village falling under the JDA master plan.

The former Minister said that the stamp duty rate of village Shamachak is Rs 10 lakh per kanal and stamp duty rate of Gandhi Nagar is Rs 2.10 Crore per kanal and the JDA is charging the 5 per cent of the highest rate everywhere, even in rural Jammu areas. Ch Sukhnandan Kumar said that the people living in

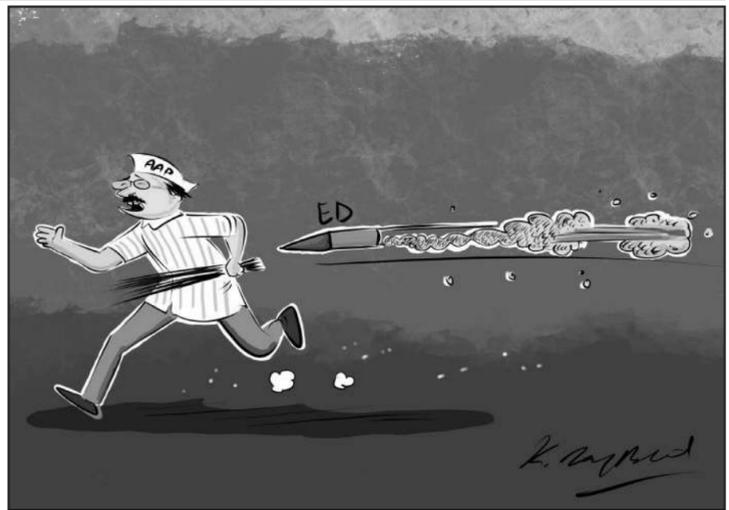
different villages recently notified by the JDA in Master Plan have to pay the CLU fee which is higher than the actual rate of their land.

Keeping in view the above, the former BJP Minister has demanded that the JDA authorities be directed to reconsider the fee of CLU and the fee for CLU be charged as per stamp duty rates of different villages falling under Master Plan in the interest

of justice for all the residents of rural Jammu.

The senior BJP leader has also written a representation to the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu for consideration of CLU rate in respect of the land falling under JDA, Master Plan.

LG Manoj Sinha has agreed to our demand and in few days the orders in this regard are likely to be issued, said ex-BJP minister Sukhnandan Kumar.



## CGPWA holds interaction with BALGRAN Inmates



CGPWA members interacting with inmates of BALGRAN.

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JAMMU: Continuing with its new initiatives, the Central Govt. Pensioners' Welfare Association, Jammu (CGPWA) today organised an interaction with inmates of BALFRAN, charitable Home for Destitute children, at its premises at Channi Rama.

First of its kind, J K Vaid, former Director, GSI and Life Member of both CGPWA & BALGRAN, held the interaction which was attended by 115 inmates of the Home.

In a free-wheel interaction, Vaid talked about inculcating discipline, vital for developing a holistic personality, acquiring skills, and choosing right career. He explained various opportunities that would be unfolding before them and they have to make a choice best suited for them. Coming with the background of Geological Survey of India, Vaid explained that it related to the science of Geology and investigation of mineral resources of the country.

The students of the tenth class were asked about their dreams and careers. While three of them wanted to be teacher to spread education to areas where quality education has not yet reached; two wanted to be Doctor to give heal-

ing touch to the suffering humanity; one girl from Doda wanted to join the Indian Air Force as she wanted to go beyond the clouds and see the nature while defending India's borders. One boy wanted to be a classic musician as he wanted to preserve the culture and roots of Bharat. He even sang a beautiful bhajan on SHREE RAM and all present joined him in the concluding lines SIA RAM, SIA RAM. One student wanted to be a cricketer. Every one of them spoke about serving the nation in their own way.

Advising them to start taking steps towards realization of their dreams, they were also asked to acquire good moral values and be a good human being which is an essential tenet for everyone. Defeating the design of enemies of India they were sensitized against falling in the trap of anti-social and anti-India elements to ensure the country's integrity and progress.

The General Secretary of CGPWA K B Jandial, Secretary BALGRAN V K Raina and Treasurer Dr. Shashikant Goswami also spoke on the occasion.

Vaid's grandchildren presented Diwali gifts to the children and interacted with them.

The inmates liked the interaction.

## DGP to meet people twice every month to address grievances

**Greets people, police personnel martyrs families on Deepawali**

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain will hold two-hour public grievance meetings twice every month, police said on Saturday.



Swain, who took over as the police chief of Jammu and Kashmir on October 31, has urged those coming with complaints or grievances to submit a written statement or application, the police headquarters said in a statement issued here.

The DGP has "decided that on every second and fourth Saturday of the month, two hours would be reserved (2 pm to 4 pm) for meeting persons who have grievances pertaining to police administration", it said.

The decision was taken after the DGP came to know that people had been approaching or coming to the police headquarters in Jammu without prior appointment as grievance redressal seekers, with some of them raising concern over lack of clarity about the pro-

cedure to meet the DGP, the statement said.

The DGP noted that they should have approached junior officers who have the mandate to redress grievances, it said.

"In other words, directly approaching the DGP without giving an opportunity to the officers concerned in the field is not a healthy practice for obvious reasons. Hence, it was decided that priority would be given to those who had approached field police units and yet their grievances remain unresolved," the statement said.

Meanwhile, Director General of Police J&K R.R. Swain extended Deepawali greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir; all ranks of J&K Police and security forces, families of martyrs and police personnel.

In his message, the DGP said, the Diwali festival symbolizes victory of light over darkness and good over the evil.

## Enforcement Central Wing Jammu of State Taxes Deptt celebrates Diwali



Ritu Mahajan, Dy Commissioner, Enforcement (Central), Jammu with other dignitaries after inaugurating Diwali Mela.

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JAMMU: Enforcement Central Wing Jammu of State Taxes Department in collaboration with Department of Handicrafts, celebrated Diwali by organizing Mela Exhibiting art and craft things by local artisans thereby promoting Viswakarma Scheme recently launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Ritu Mahajan, Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement (Central), Jammu inaugurated the Mela.

All the staff members

comprising of Assistant commissioner, State Taxes Officers, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors and Ministerial Staff were present on the occasion.

SHO GRP Jammu, Inspector Niaz Ahmed along with other officials also participated in the event.

Harivinder Singh, Chief Parcel Supervisor Railways also made his presence. Besides locals also showed their participation.

Local Artisan displayed various items like Diwali Pujas made of cow dungs, candles, purses, watches, beautifully designed made

of resin. Besides Suits Dupattas (with Kashmiri work) Bed sheets fully embroidered were also displayed.

The main motive of this Mela was to promote the handmade products made by the local artisans. People participation was overwhelming. Artisan felt happy that their handmade products were being acknowledged by the people.

By encouraging such activity, it boosts up national economy and sense of nationalism among masses. This is how eco-friendly Diwali was celebrated by the Department.

## IGP Jammu Zone greets people on Deepawali

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JAMMU: Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, has felicitated all citizens of Jammu Province, Police personnel and their families on the eve of Deepawali.

In his message IGP Jammu said that Deepawali symbolises the triumph of good over evil, of light over darkness, of truth over untruth.

"May the noble ideals of the festival prevail usher in peace, prosperity and happiness in our lives".

He further said that the occa-



sion teaches us to rededicate ourselves for the service of people, reaffirm our commitment towards brotherhood and selfless service to humanity.

IGP Jammu Zone has also prayed for peace and prosperity of the UT J&K. "Let's celebrate real Deepawali by spreading happiness", not pollution; he added.

Moreover, IGP Jammu Anand Jain, made an appeal to the people of Jammu province to help the Police in maintaining highest level of security during the festivities by keeping a close eye on any suspicious object or vehicle or person and if noticed report the same to the nearest police personnel or police picket.

## DM reviews arrangements for annual Jhiri Festival

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JAMMU: District Magistrate, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Saturday visited the shrine of Baba Jitto and reviewed the arrangements for the smooth conduct of the annual Jhiri Festival. The annual Festival will commence from November 26 and culminate on December 5. He was accompanied by SSP Jammu, Dr Vinod Kumar; SSP Security; SDM Marh, Manu Hansa; ACD Jammu, Preeti Sharma and other concerned officers. The DM inspected the shrine and its surroundings and took stock of the preparations for the festival. He directed the officers to ensure road connectivity, improvement of roads by fixing potholes, provision of basic amenities such as drinking water and toilet facility, security and parking facility for the devotees. He also stressed on maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in and around the shrine and asked the officers to deploy adequate sanitation staff and dustbins. He said that the festival is a great opportunity to showcase the rich cultural heritage of the region and attract tourists. He asked the officers to ensure that the visitors get a memorable experience during their visit.

The DM also interacted with the members of the local organizing committee and assured them of full support from the administration.

The Jhiri Festival is celebrated every year in the memory of Baba Jitto, a farmer Saint who sacrificed his life for the cause of justice and righteousness. Thousands of devotees from different parts of the country through the shrine to pay their obeisance and seek blessings. Later during the day, the DM also visited Purani Mandi, Raghunath Bazar and other bazaars in the heart of the old Jammu city in view of the coming Diwali festival. He spoke with the shopkeepers and the locals and greeted them on the occasion. He also reviewed the security arrangements during the visit.

## Five-Day Ram Katha concludes successfully

### Yudhvir emphasizes upon preserving temple heritage in J&K



Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President and others performing Aarti.

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JAMMU: The five-day Ram Katha organized by Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President, concluded successfully on Saturday at Shri Haumam Mandir, Gummat, Jammu.

The Katha was performed by Pt Sunil Sharma, who threw light on the seventh incarnation of Lord Vishnu as Shri Ram and the significance of the Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

Hundreds of people of nearby areas attended the Katha, which was a resounding success. The Katha was marked by its spiritual fervor and its emphasis on the importance of Ram Rajya, a society based on the principles of righteousness, justice, and equality. In his address, Yudhvir Sethi thanked Pt Sunil Sharma for delivering a spiritually uplifting Katha. He said that the Ram Katha had served to rekindle the faith of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in Lord Ram and his ideals. He said that the Katha had also inspired people to work towards the establishment of Ram Rajya in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said temples are our heritage and we must invoke some efforts to save the pristine glory of our rich heritage. "Temples are not just religious places, but also cultural and historical landmarks. They represent our rich heritage and culture. We must do everything we can to pro-

tect and preserve our temples," he added.

Sethi said that the Ram Katha was a fitting prelude to the consecration of the Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya on January 22, 2024. He appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to participate in large numbers in the consecration ceremony.

The senior BJP leader emphasized upon maintaining communal harmony and brotherhood in the Jammu region while asserting that these are the hallmark of the City of Temples. He added that in the current times when the anti national and anti-social elements are hell bent upon disturbing the communal fabric, it is essential for the people of Jammu not to be led away by the provocative statements of such elements and maintain communal harmony at all costs.

Among others who were present include Priya Sethi (ex Minister), Vijay Gupta (President Gumnat Bazar Association), Sanjay Mahey (ex-Corporator), Gulshan Mahajan (Ex-corporator), Harvinder Singh (President Steps Traders Association Gummat), Parveen Kerni (President East Mandal), BJP leader Vipin Sharma, Chakshu Kapoor (General Secretary Mahila Morcha Jammu District) and Anuradha Sharma (President East Mandal).

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