

# J&K witnessing unprecedented development under visionary leadership of LG Sinha: Gaurav

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), Jammu, has expressed his admiration and commendation for the extraordinary developmental strides made in Jammu and Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

Under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha, the Union Territory has embarked on a significant journey towards progress and prosperity.

Pertinent to mention here that Gaurav Gupta has had several opportunities to

meet with the Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir. In each of these interactions, he emphasized the importance of enhancing the Jammu tourism circuit to increase the footfall of tourists.

He appreciated the proactive approach of the Lieutenant Governor and acknowledges his dedication to the growth and development of the region.

"Under the current administration led by LG Manoj Sinha, Jammu and Kashmir have seen tangible changes and developments, especially in the tourism sector," he said.



"Projects like the Bahu Fort ropeway, Jambu Zoo, Suchetgarh border, development of Wetland Gharana at RS Pura, upcoming Legends League Cricket, Replica of Tirupati Balaji Temple, Retreat Ceremony at Suchetgarh Border, the musical fountain, as well as

the installation of lighting and water fountains on the Tawi Bridges, and the sky-walk at Vaishno Devi Bhawan are not just infrastructural achievements, but they also hold the potential to significantly boost tourist footfall in Jammu," he said.

He further appreciated the Lt Governor for fulfilling the dreams of people of Jammu city with the inauguration of much awaited Tawi lake in the first week of December 2023. He said after missing several deadlines, finally the Tawi lake Project is going to see the day of light and all the credit goes to LG Sinha.

# CISF jawan's CRP therapy saves life of man visiting Taj Mahal

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) saved the life of a 70-year-old Odisha resident by administering Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) when he fell unconscious while standing in line to go through the security check at the Taj Mahal in Uttar Pradesh's Agra.

Upendra Kumar Pal's health deteriorated and he fell unconscious at about 4.25 PM on Thursday. He came to see the Taj Mahal with his relatives.

CISF said its sub-inspector, Shailendra Kumar, who was performing duty at the Taj Mahal, acted promptly and administered life-saving CPR to the visitor.

"Due to his immediate response, the visitor was successfully revived," said the force in a statement.

Subsequently, the CISF said Pal was transported by ambulance to Shanti Mangalick Hospital for further medical treatment.

"Pal's family profusely thanked Sub



*CISF official shifting visitor to Hospital.*

Inspector Shailendra Kumar for saving his life. The proactive and quick actions of the CISF personnel played a pivotal role in saving a valuable life," added the CISF.

# Women Club Meri Pehchan presents Maharaja Hari Singh Dogra Samman Awards 2023

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chairperson of Women Club 'Meri Pehchan', Sandhya Gupta along with Sunny and Parvinder Singh organized Maharaja Hari Singh Dogra Samman Award-2023 function in Jammu.

The function was started by the recitation of Mantras by the 11 respected priests who prayed for the well being of the country.

Chief Guests on the occasion were Maj Gen. Goverdhan Singh Jamwal and Padma Shri Prof Nirmohi while the Guests of Honour were Sohail Qazami, Rohit Shastri, Shalani Khanna, Anil Paba



*Chairperson WCMP, Sandhya Gupta with others after distributing awards.*

and Jeet Sahja.

The celebrity guests were Amar Sandhu Singer and Rakhi Sapera and Vijay Dance Academy Performance

Dogri Dance, Deepak Kapoor, Dr Shivankur Bharti Singer. Awardees of the award function were Padma Shri Gulabo Sapera, Dr Radhika Chopra

# AJKPWA slams Govt for ignoring road accidents, demands Rs 25 lakh for each deceased

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: All J&K Passengers' Welfare Association (AJKPWA) held a meeting under the leadership of its president Pt R.C Sharma expressed shock and grief over the recent accident in which 39 passengers killed and 17 injured, whereas accused the government for deliberately ignoring frequent occurrence of the road accidents in J&K, which clearly indicates the failure of UT administration.

Besides, demanded to constitute a higher level 'Reasons Finding Committee of Road Accidents and its Prevention' headed by Chief Secretary.

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Sharma said that UT government must open its eyes over the frequent occurring of road accidents as it is the prime duty and responsibility of the UT administration to toto.

He said that roads have been converted into slaughtering machines and the vehicles are being taken as feeders.

He suggested the government that there is a dire need to fix responsibility for this unfortunate incident and also that happened in past too. He demanded effective measures to ensure public safety, rather than making tall claims on so-called development in J&K in media.

The AJKPWA suggested the government to constitute a higher level com-

mittee 'Reasons Finding Committee of Road Accidents & its Prevention'. He said that it is matter of shame for government the road terror has become more dangerous than terrorists' terror in J&K.

He asked the government to grant Rs 25 lakhs as an ex-gratia in the favour of next of kin of each deceased and Rs 5 lakhs to the injured. He said that the owner of the vehicle must come out for the help of the accident victims as he has earned lot of money from the passenger fraternity.

Others who spoke in the meeting included SS Jamwal, Jaspal Singh, Ashwani Sharma, Sunny Kumar, etc.

# PD&SJ's Pulwama, Kupwara condole demise of father of Justice Sanjeev Kumar

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Principal District and Sessions Judge (PD&SJ) Pulwama, Naseer Ahmad Dar and PD&SJ Kupwara, Shazia Tabasum on Friday condole the demise of Shri Utam Chand Shukla, the father of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

In this connection, two separate condolence meetings were held at District Court Complex (DCC) Pulwama and DCC Kupwara chaired by PD&SJ Pulwama and PD&SJ Kupwara respectively. In the condolence meeting held at DCC Pulwama, the PD&SJ Pulwama, Naseer Ahmad Dar extended condolences and expressed deep sympathies on behalf of all the participants to the bereaved family particularly to Justice Sanjeev Kumar. The Condolence meeting, attended by all the Judicial Officers of the District and other staff members, empha-

sized the solidarity and support of the legal fraternity of District Pulwama with the bereaved family at this difficult time. Judicial officers from mufassil courts of District Pulwama joined the meeting through virtual mode. The PD&SJ Kupwara, Shazia Tabasum on the occasion shared words of solace, acknowledging the immense loss suffered by the bereaved family. She expressed deep sympathy for Justice Sanjeev Kumar, recognizing the profound impact of losing a beloved father. The memories of Late Utam Chand Shukla will forever be cherished, and his contributions to the legal fraternity will be remembered with deep respect, added Shazia Tabasum.

Meanwhile, Judicial Officers of District Kupwara also expressed heartfelt condolences to Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla and members of the bereaved family, on the sad demise of his father.

Ghazal Singer, Dr Parkash Tata international spiritual Guru Ayurved & Yoga ,Narinder Singh Jassal social activist, Ashok Kumar President Teacher Awardee, Ali Khan Indian Actor, Vishal Batra brother of PVC Captain Vikram Batra, Satyadev Prasad, Vikas Manhas soldiers Story teller, Surinder Farishta Actor & comedian, Lokesh Tilakdhari Indian Actor, Sargam Koushal Mrs World, and Dr Dazi Parihar.

On the occasion Sandhya Gupta thanked everyone for their presence to grace the occasion.

Sandhya told that she is organizing the function since 2018 with support of her son Sidhant Gupta, a well known actor sponsors of the award function.

She said that she feels proud while organizing such function on the name of Maharaja Hari Singh and wants to organize such functions outside Jammu also.

# Jammu Dogra Association Uganda hosts Diwali celebration



*JDAU members during Diwali celebration at Kampala, Uganda.*

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Dogra community living in Kampala, Uganda, took an initiative and formed "Jammu Dogra Association Uganda" (JDAU).

JDAU on November 11 arranged the Diwali celebra-

tion at Hotel Four Points Sheraton, Kampala, Uganda.

This was a first of its kind initiative when the Dogra community came together and planned such an event. A cultural event was planned, followed by dinner.

During the event, members showed their talent by singing Dogri songs and dances. Members shared their memories and experiences both of J&K and Uganda. This was the first get-together planned by JDAU. In the coming time, the association will be more vibrant. Dinner was planned on the theme of Jammu delicacies, which was enjoyed by the members.

# Reach every household with Modi govt schemes: Raina to party activists



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Stressing upon the party activists to reach every household, Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina asked them to carry the schemes initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government for the socio-economic upliftment of all the sections and the mega development projects.

He was addressing a meeting of BJP senior leaders, district presidents, Prabharris, seh-prabharris and morcha presi-

dents, at party headquarter, Jammu, alongwith general secretary (org.) Ashok Koul and general secretary Vibodh Gupta. Raina said that different programmes are being organized at booth and Panchayat levels across the entire length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir and the party leaders are supervising each programme minutely.

Through these programmes, the party cadre is assigned the task of making people aware about the good governance,

mega development projects, and welfare schemes of the Narendra Modi government.

Ravinder Raina said no doubt the graph of BJP is too high but still each one of us has to put more efforts to make people realize that it is the BJP only, which has real concern for the nation and its population of about 140 crore people.

Ashok Koul sought details from each president and district Prabhari related to the progress and the public response in the ongoing Booth Jan Sanvad Abhiyaan programmes at booth levels in the UT.

He was of the view that reaching the doorsteps of the people on a regular basis with the authentic information of the good works of Modi government and exposing the opposition parties for their false and misleading claims, is the prime duty of each activist of the BJP.

# Manipulating poll delay BJP Govt's assault on democracy in J&K: Sadhotra

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A meeting of J&K National Conference functionaries of Jammu District Urban was held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan Jammu.

The meeting was attended by senior National Conference functionaries included Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary and former minister and Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, JKNC, Jammu. Senior Party leaders Binla Luthra, Ayub Malik, Abdul Gani Teli and others. At the outset of the meeting, Chander Mohan Sharma, President NC's Jammu District Urban, apprised the senior functionaries of the party about the hardships being faced by the people of Jammu city in absence of popular government in Jammu and Kashmir. Addressing party workers, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra observed that manipulating delay in holding Assembly polls in J&K is a



*JKNC Addl Gen Secy Ajay Sadhotra talking to reporter.*

glare example of BJP Government demolishing the basic concept of democracy in this part of the country. He said that BJP Government has demeaned Indian democracy, which at one point of time is considered as the biggest democracy of the world, by showing reluctance on holding Assembly elections in J&K fearing its devastation due to anti-people policies which it has been implementing on the name of reforms and development. He said that elections are

Rattan Lal Gupta, NC Provincial President Jammu, in his address, said that the entire world is gazing at J&K and how the BJP Government is denying democratic rights to people. He said that BJP's model of democracy is authoritarian because it wanted to impose governance without holding elections thus marring the very spirit of democracy, which the Constitution of the country has guaranteed to the citizens.

"National Conference firmly believes that the development of our cities and towns is essential for the overall growth and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir. We promise to provide state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructures such as roads, parks, playgrounds, public toilets, waste management systems, and uninterrupted electricity

and water supply," he said. Rattan Lal Gupta asked the party workers to gear up for the upcoming polls by spreading awareness among voters about the betrayal by the government at the Centre. He called on the people to support the National Conference in the upcoming polls. The Provincial President emphasized that only National Conference has the will and potential to ensure equitable development in Jammu and Kashmir and also to get all the amenities without any denial.

Those who were present in the meeting included Harshvardhan Singh President NCSU, Sandeep Singh Wazir, Tejinder Singh, Gurnam Singh, Ashwani Charak, Haji Maqbool, Parvinder Singh, Dharminder Sharma, Anoop Sharma, Ajay Kumar and others.

# BJP ruled States more accountable to Centre: Dr Jitendra

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAIPUR: BJP ruled states are more accountable to the Center as compared to the other states, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said on Friday.

Addressing meetings during the election campaign in different Assembly segments of Jaipur city, Dr Jitendra said, whether it be budget allocation or the implementation of flagship programmes of the Modi Government, in the BJP ruled States, there is better coordination in reaching out to the benefits of welfare schemes to the common man in the BJP ruled states, he said. Dr Jitendra said, funds meant for welfare schemes for uplift of the poor, peasants and downtrodden are squandered by vested political interests in non-BJP ruled



*Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing a series of meetings during the BJP election campaign at Jaipur.*

states. This is where the concept of Double Engine governments arises, he said. "People want development, people want prosperity, people are sick and tired of hollow promises, people don't want Rajasthan to go down the way of West Bengal or Delhi," he added. Dr Jitendra Singh said, States with Double Engine governments are also the States where Law & Order

reaching to the needy without any leakages through a transparent and efficient delivery mechanism. "Not a single charge of corruption has been levelled against the Modi Government till date and PM Modi has succeeded in giving a transparent and delivery-oriented administration," he said.

Dr Jitendra said, in BJP ruled States, purely objective parameters were followed to meet the requirement, wherever the requirement was not met in the past and to deliver justice wherever justice had been denied in the past. This, he said, is quite a departure from the past practice followed by Congress and its allied governments wherein vote bank politics pre-determined the selective rolling out of State benefits.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Rich tributes were paid to former Deputy Chief Minister & veteran Congress leader Pt Mangat Ram Sharma on his 91st birth anniversary in a function at Jagat resorts, here on Friday.

Prominent leadership of Congress party and different political parties, social and trade organizations and members of civil society participated in the function organised by Pt Mangat Ram Sharma fan club and family members.

JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani was the chief guest while CWC member G A Mir presided over the function which was attended by former BJP President & Ex- MLA Ashok Khajuria, Senior Vice President & Chief Spokesperson Congress Ravinder Sharma, Sheikh Bashir Ex-MLC and senior NC leader, former ministers & Vice



*Congress leaders paying tributes to Pt Mangat Ram.*

Presidents PCC Yogesh Sawhney, Yash Pal Kundal SS Channi, besides Rajnish Sharma Mian-Vice President and Treasurer PCC, Dr C L Gupta, Yash Pal Gupta Traders Association, Kanta Bhan, Zorawar Singh Jamwal -Ram Jammu Chairman, Capt Murti Gupta, Adv Shah Mohammad, Pranab Shagotra, Zahida Khan, besides several other prominent political & social leaders attended and paid rich tributes.

JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani paid floral tributes to him, stating that his qualities of leadership impressed everyone irrespective of political affiliations and caste, colour, region or religion. Mir shared the description of his personality who was approachable to everyone irrespective of caste, creed, colour. He left an indelible mark on every one who approached him in any manner.

Bhalla described him as great leader who had lot experience, understanding and patience. He treated every body alike and fought for the due rights and share to Jammu region.

He encouraged younger generation in the politics and we all learnt a lot from him. Ashok Khajuria also paid rich tributes to Pandit ji and recalled his great contributions in public life in different capacities. Ravinder Sharma described him as a great leader and stalwart of the party who was respected by the people of all walks and trusted by Congress leadership. Yogesh Sawhney also paid rich tributes to him and described him a leader of masses who always stood for the cause of people especially Jammu region for equitable share.

The speakers appreciated Rajnish Sharma for following his father's footsteps and to organize the tributes paying function every year in his memory. Family members, relatives and fans of Pandit ji attended. Senior Congress leader Sanjeev Dubey conducted the proceedings.