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NOTICE

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STATE TIMES

Sadhotra questions land purchase for JK House in New Delhi despite having 114 kanals own land

Urges LG to get 97 kanals land at Rajaji Marg vacated from Army

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Former Minister and National Conference Additional General Secretary Ajay Kumar Sadhotra today questioned the logic behind approving Rs 26 Crore by the Administrative Council headed by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for purchase of land to build an additional building for Jammu and Kashmir House in New Delhi, even as the UT Administration owns nearly 114 Kanal or prime land at Rajaji Marg in the National Capital, major chunk of which is under the occupation of the Army.

"It would have been sagacious for the J&K Administration to get the prime Rajaji Marg land vacated from the Army, given the unique opportunity of the so-called double engine government in place", Sadhotra said in a statement, adding that the Lieutenant Governor ought to have spoken to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for resolving the issue, instead of putting additional pressure on the state exchequer.

Sadhotra hoped that the Lieutenant Governor's Administration will reconsider the decision and get

the considerable chunk of 97 kanals out of the total 114 kanal land vacated from the Army to have a magnificent Jammu and Kashmir House, keeping in view the growing needs of the downgraded state.

Sadhotra recalled the written reply of the then Jammu and Kashmir Government, to which the BJP was a coalition partner, to the Legislative Assembly on June 2, 2016 informing that "the Government of Jammu and Kashmir owned property comprising of 14.32 Acres (114K-11.2M) of land with built up area popularly known as Kashmir House New Delhi.

A major portion of land is under the occupation of the Ministry of Defence and so far only 17.4 kanals of land which houses the 75 number of staff quarters is in possession of the Jammu and Kashmir government.

The government has said that the issue with respect to vacation of land has already been taken up with the Ministry of Defence Government of India and Directorate of Estates, Government of India".

He also recalled the visit

of the House Committee of J&K Legislative Council, constituted to look into the restoration of State properties situated outside the State, to Rajaji Marg and 5-Prithvi Raj Road on July 22, 2013 to have on-the-spot inspection of the assets.

The Committee passed certain observations and directed the officers to come up with a comprehensive plan to make optimal use of the available land with the Government. The Committee, inter-alia, suggested that Delhi being Capital of the country, the State Government must maintain the standards of its offices and residential accommodation according to the norms of Metropolitan city and create adequate accommodation for the visiting people from the State", he added.

In this backdrop, the NC Additional General Secretary Sadhotra hoped that the LG Administration will take a call on this important issue, speak to the Union Ministry of Defence and have the matter sorted out for creating adequate accommodation for the visiting people of Jammu and Kashmir to New Delhi And save State Exchequer.

Altaf Bukhari pays obeisance at Gurdwara Raika Labana in Ramgarh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMGARH: Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari along with senior leaders of his Party on Monday paid obeisance at the Gurdwara in Raika Labana village of Ramgarh in District Samba on the eve of birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Altaf Bukhari was accompanied by Senior Vice President, Ghulam Hassan Mir, Provincial President Jammu, S. Manjit Singh and other leaders of the Party during his visit to the Gurdwara in Ramgarh.

The Apni Party President paid obeisance at the Gurdwara and participated in Kirtan whereas hundreds of Sikh community members were also present to mark the celebration of Gurupurab.

On this occasion, the Gurdwara Management Committee presented Siropa and Kirpan to Altaf Bukhari sahib as a mark of respect.

In his speech, Altaf Bukhari



Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari speaking at a programme.

greeted the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the eve of Gurupurab and hoped that the auspicious occasion will show the right path to the people across Jammu and Kashmir, the nation and the world.

The teachings of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji are most important in the present times when the world is facing conflicts, said Altaf Bukhari while speaking on the occasion. Bukhari said that "The teachings of Guru Ji are

important because the world is in conflict and there is dire need to have peace at global level."

Contrary to the existing turbulent situation across the world, he recalled how the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji have emerged as a ray of hope for the society.

"These teachings have become more important and emerged as a ray of hope for humankind to spend a peaceful co-existence and promote communal brotherhood

among people of different faiths," he stated, asking the people to follow the footsteps of Sikh Guru Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

He also said that the teachings of Gururji also advocate empowerment of women, equal rights and help them to have a progressive life while fighting against the harassment they face in the society.

He elaborated how Guru

Nanak Dev Ji fought against injustice and inequality in the society.

"Guru Ji's fight against injustice brought equality for the neglected class of society religiously and socially. Besides, the teachings also encouraged people to stand against injustice," he stated.

Besides, prominent people, PRIs, businessmen, the Apni Party District President, Samba, Raman Thappa; District President Legal Wing, Sahil Bharti, Block President Ramgarh, Bachan Choudhary, Provincial President Youth Wing Jammu, Vipul Bali, District President Youth Wing Samba, Mangat Ram, Naveen Choudhary, Amrik Singh, Additional Media Coordinator, Sandeep Vaid, and others were also present to attend the Gurupurab at the above said Gurdwara.

Director School Education Jammu accords farewell to Sr. vice-president JKTF

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: A farewell function organised by Ganesh Khajuria, UT Chairman JKTF and Central Executive Body of the Forum in favour of the stalwart Trade Union Leader Surat Singh Toofani, Headmaster and Sr. Vice President JKTF, at Hotel Jammu Darbar.

The function was graced by the benign presence of Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director School Education, Jammu and a galaxy of officers of School Education Department including Mamta Sharma, Deputy Director Planning, Suraj Singh Rathore, Jt. Secretary JKBOSE, Jagdeep Padha, Chief Education Officer Jammu, T. S Blowria, DEPO Jammu and a number of Headmasters of different Institutions.

In his more than thirty four years of Teaching profession Toofani rendered his services at different Government Institutions and remained outstanding teacher throughout his service. Moreover, as a Trade Union leader, he also



DSEJ, Ashok Kumar Sharma speaking at a programme.

touched new heights and set a benchmark for the generations to come.

He never raised any questions mark on the decisions taken by the Chairman Ganesh Khajuria and actively participated in the movements for the welfare of the Teaching Community and remained in different Jails of Jammu and Kashmir for fighting in favour of different demands of Government employees and to give them their due legitimate rights.

Surat Singh Toofani is always known for his boldness to take decisions and for his knowledge and suggestions in the tough times to handle the different situations.

All the speakers highlighted the achievements of S.Surat

Singh Toofani as a teacher and as a Trade Union leader. All the participants appreciated his brotherly relationships with all teaching community and said he is a Secular leader in real sense.

Ashok Kumar Sharma also appreciated the services of Surat Singh Toofani and appealed the gathering to follow the footsteps of such honest dedicated and hardworking Teacher and to do the justice with the students of poor and downtrodden families and highlighted the theory of Karma.

He said the Almighty will definitely pay for your good deeds if you give your hundred percent at your workplace. Director School Education, Jammu wished a

happy and healthy Post-retirement life to Toofani ji and appealed to keep the good works on. Ganesh Khajuria appreciated the dedication and honest working of the stalwart leader and said the vacuum created with his retirement can't be filled. The Chairman prayed to the Almighty for his healthy and prosperous Post-retirement life and appealed the retiring personality to continue his services as a Trade Union leader and to continue his support to the Jammu Kashmir Teachers Forum.

Suraj Singh Rathore, Jt. Secretary JKBOSE, Jagdeep Padha, CEO Jammu and Mohd Shafi Rather also showered their blessings on the retiring personality. Surat Singh Toofani in his address shared his experiences as a teacher and as a Trade Union leader. He said he always worked with the philosophy of giving 100% in Classroom and never paid any heed to his own children to whom Almighty have taught in their Classrooms and I got my rewards in the form of well educated and sincere children. The proceedings of the func-

tion were performed by the District President Jammu Bharat Bhushan Sharma in a very disciplined and effectively way.

Prominent who attended the function Mohd Shafi Rather president, Darshan Sharma, Bashir Ahmad Thokar, Rajinder Gupta, Javed Bhat, Gopal Singh, Hamid Kulgami, Raj Singh, Ravinder Singh, Kuldeep Verma, P.D. Singh, Gautam Singh, Rajeshwar Singh, Surinder Sharma, Ravinder Tripathi, Mohd Sayeed, Mustasin Malik, Gurnnam Singh, Sanjeev Sharma, Rashpal Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Rashpal Khajuria, Onkar Singh Parihar, Jugal Dubey, Pritam Singh, Sanjay, Suresh Kumar, Yash Pal Sharma, Bishan Sharma, Ashok Sharma HM, Rakesh Singh, Subash Sharma, Ashwani Raina, Jagdish Sharma, Surinder Choudhary, Dharam Paul Sharma, Saiqa Akhtar Khan, Kanchan Menia, Razul Tak, Nirmal Kaur, Gulam Hussain, Pawan Sharma, Ashwani Sharma, Parveen Sharma, Abhishek Khajuria, Gurmeet Singh, Ajay Manni, Bharat Bhushan, Vinod Uppal and Romesh Kumar Sharma.

Sacking of employees for terror links reiterates its resolve to end terrorism: Sham Langer

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Sham Langer, Convenor Trade Cell, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir has appreciated the J&K Union Territory Administration for sacking four more Government employees, including a doctor and a policeman, for their alleged terror links in the Union Territory. He said that people at large are happy over such section and want it to continue its tirade against every such person working against the nation.

He asserted that the UT Administration led by the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in coordination with the BJP Govt at the Centre led by PM Narendra Modi stands fully committed to show zero tolerance against the terrorists and their supporters in order to root out this men-

ace once for all. In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP Leader said that the recent incidents of termination of services of a number of employees goes out to prove beyond doubt that the Administration is quite serious in fight against terrorism leaving no scope at all for this monster headed evil to raise its ugly head again in future. It is pertinent to mention here that the Jammu and Kashmir administration the other day sacked four more Government employees, including a doctor and a policeman, for their alleged terror as per the information provided by the officials. Sham Langer said that during the last three years, the Union Territory administration has invoked Article 311 (2)(c) of the

Constitution to sack more than 50 employees, who were allegedly operating in shadows within the government and were drawing salary from the public exchequer.

He said that successive governments in J&K led by National Conference and PDP are responsible for nurturing such employees in Govt service intentionally to help Pakistan and its terror outfits by providing logistics to terrorists, propagating terrorists' ideology, raising terror finances and furthering secessionist agenda.

He said that the people across J&K are happy with such punitive actions by the Administration and want this tirade against antinational and secessionist forces to continue till the annihilation of the last terrorist in India.

Rat-hole mining: Rescuers in U'khand resort to traditional method after failure of modern machine

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UTTARAKASHI: Rescuers have fallen back on the rat-hole mining technique to evacuate 41 labourers trapped in a tunnel in this Uttarakhand district for 15 days, following the failure of a heavy machine to drill through the rubble to create an escape passage for them.

Rat-hole mining is often associated with Meghalaya, where holes are drilled for mining small amounts of coal.

At the Silkyara tunnel in Uttarakshi, at least 12 experts have been called by Trenchless Engineering Services Private Limited and Navayuga Engineers Private limited for applying the rat-hole mining technique horizontally in the collapsed part of the main structure. They have come from Delhi, Jhansi and other parts of the country. "They will have to drill at least 10 to 12 metres with their own hands. They will mostly use two tools - hand-held drilling machines to remove the rubble and gas cutters for cutting the iron hurdles," an official said.

According to Neeraj Khairwal, Additional Secretary, Uttarakhand government and the state nodal officer for the rescue operation, a skilled team of workers called to apply the rat-hole mining technique will remove the rubble with their hand.

Lawyers treating legal aid as stepchild cause for concern: AG Venkataramani

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: Legal aid is not an alternative charity and the "sin" of lawyers treating the pro bono work as a "step child" remains a cause for concern, attorney general R Venkataramani said on Monday and condemned such an attitude.

The law officer said those who think that the progress in legal profession is through corporate or governmental work alone are blind to the fundamentals of their professional calling.

"The original sin of lawyers treating legal aid as a step child continues to be a cause for concern. Legal aid is not an alternative second charity, I squarely condemn such an attitude," he said while speaking at the inaugural session of a two-day regional conference hosted by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) on access to legal aid.

He said that despite several progresses in the areas of activities under the Legal Services Authorities Act, the question remains "how do we generate dignity and reputation to legal services work?" The attorney general said participation in socially relevant legal services should be a proud, ethical and moral dimension of the profession.

"If you want to aspire for Padma awards, if not Magsaysay Award, as a moral doctorate conferment, be a part of the legal services and be a part of enabling people to have freedom from unequal opportunity in the legal and unequal justice system," he told the gathering.

He also advocated that the government must set up legal services watch to take stock and report on corrective measures.

"Maybe we should move away from political freebies to non-political engagements," he added.

The conference has been hosted by NALSA with the support of the Government of India and in collaboration with the International Legal Foundation (ILF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

Besides Venkataramani, the inaugural session was attended by Chief Justice of India D Y

Chandrachud, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, who is the executive chairman of NALSA, Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal. The law officer said poverty, inequality and economic deprivation are generally the causes for lack of access to justice.

The solution to the problem of people being unable to secure equality within the justice system cannot merely be a matter of enabling an equal contest by unequally placed parties within the adversarial system, he said.

"All developmental talks will be meaningful if citizens have the same sense of comfort and belonging to and participation in justice administration," the attorney general said.

He said the connection between equal distribution of income, poverty reduction, employment generation, rural growth, social sector development such as education may have to be seen as seamless programmes.

"The next generation of legal services would be to engage into these connections and to provide assistance and guidance. This would call for setting up of legally empowered centres in rural and the rural part of urban areas to be socially empowered sectors. What political and social education can do in the hands of partisan political agencies, legal empowerment can do by structured education just as adult education programmes do," he said. Venkataramani said even as law schools have legal services provisions, the attendance is not a necessary component of clinical legal education. Clinical legal education will be incomplete if students are not exposed to the travails of citizens encountering an unequal legal and justice system, he said.

It is now being clearly recognised that the greater the investment in justice delivery and equal justice, greater the increase in gross national happiness index, he said.

He further said that in recent times, reduction has been seen in the quantum of central funding to the legal services umbrella and the figure of Rs 140 crore in 2018-19 has gone down to Rs 100 crore in 2021.

Gujarat Titans appoint Shubman as captain team respects Pandya's decision to move to MI

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: Gujarat Titans on Monday appointed Shubman Gill as their captain for the 2024 season of the Indian Premier League (IPL) following Hardik Pandya's decision to move back to Mumbai Indians.

GT Team Director Vikram Solanki acknowledged Pandya's contribution to the team's success in then last two seasons.

"As the first captain of Gujarat Titans, Hardik Pandya has helped the franchise deliver two fantastic seasons that resulted in winning one IPL championship and one appearance in the final," Solanki was quoted as saying in a statement.

"He has now expressed a desire to return to his original team Mumbai Indians. We respect his decision and wish him all the very best in his future endeavours," the former England batter further added.

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"This brings back so many wonderful memories. Mumbai. Wankhede. Paltan. Feels good to be back," Pandya commented on 'X' on a video depicting his entire journey for Mumbai Indians.

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in cricket," Solanki opined.

"His maturity and skill is evident in his on-field performance and we are extremely excited to embark on a new journey with a young leader like Shubman at the helm," the head of GT think-tank said.

Mumbai Indians owners Nita Ambani and Akash Ambani both termed Pandya's return as a "happy homecoming".

"We are thrilled to welcome Hardik back home! It's a heartwarming reunion with our Mumbai Indians family! From being a young scouted talent of Mumbai Indians to now being a team India star, Hardik has come a long way and we're excited for what the future holds for him and Mumbai Indians," Ambani said.

Her son Akash spoke about the balance that the all-rounder lends to any team.

"It is a happy homecoming. He provides great balance to any team he plays. Hardik's first stint with the MI family was hugely successful, and we hope he achieves even more success in his second stint," Ambani junior said.

RSS chief at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay's birthplace to inaugurate projects on Tuesday

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
MATHURA: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Monday reached Nagla Chandrabhan (Deendayal Dham), the birthplace of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay located in the Farah area here.

"The RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) chief paid obeisance to late Deendayal Upadhyay by putting a garland on his statue and then lighting an earthen lamp in front of it," Mukesh Sharma, the prachar pramukh of the Dham, said.

Bhagwat will spend the night at the dham's rest-house and on Tuesday, he will inaugurate a project completed in the first phase of a project of the Deendayal Gau Vigyan, Research and Training Centre at Parkham village, according to RSS officials.

On this occasion, he will also lay the foundation stone of AYUSH Veterinary Institute and release the poster of the film 'Godaan'.