

Retirees Police League District Jammu holds monthly meeting, discusses issues

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JAMMU: The monthly meeting of the Retirees Police League District Jammu was organized on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Karanjit Singh, DSP (ret'd), who is also the President of the Retirees Police League District Jammu. The meeting took place in the Police Officers Mess. During the meeting, several important issues were discussed, and Shaheen Wahid, SSP City South, attended the meeting to listen to the concerns raised by the retired police personnel.

The retired police personnel highlighted the need to review and update welfare schemes for retirees to align them with the current ground-level situation. They expressed their concern that many of these schemes remained on paper and were not effectively implemented.



Retired police personnel during monthly meeting with Shaheen Wahid, SSP City South.

They suggested that local police units should be directed to maintain records of retired police personnel within their respective jurisdictions and hold regular meetings to understand their welfare needs and address any problems they might be facing.

Retired police personnel faced difficulties in renewing their gun licenses, and they proposed simplifying the renewal process. They suggested that this could be

achieved by informing the Deputy Commissioner of Jammu and other districts about the expertise of retired police personnel, who could contribute during emergency situations.

The retirees requested that special reservations be made for retired police personnel in all government department recruitments.

They emphasized the importance of inviting retired police personnel to all police functions and

national festivals, such as Independence Day and Republic Day. The retirees proposed that a doctor from Police Hospitals should be available during the meetings or that special medical camps be organized in DPL Jammu to address the medical needs of retired personnel. Mahadeep Singh Jamwal, SSP (ret'd) and President of the Retirees Police League District Jammu, also participated and advocated for the con-

cerns of retired police personnel. SSP Shaheen Wahid assured the retirees of her support and was requested to forward their demands to the Director General of Police (DGP) immediately.

The retirees also requested DGP to hold meetings for retirees at both the Zonal and District levels.

Numerous retired police personnel and officers participated in the meeting, including Ch Chirag Din, SSP; Makhan Lal Sharma, Mahadeep Singh Jamwal, M L Mehra, Mukesh Kumar; S R Datta, Ch Gulzar Ahmad, V S Kundal, Kr Yoginder Singh, Khalil Ur Rahman, Kamal Sharma, P R Shan, Mohinder Singh, Ch Vijay Nugyal, S M Jangral, Parshotam Bali, Mohd Sadiq (Vice President), Dhian Singh, Brahm Datt, Insp Satpal, Ghulam Nabi (SIs), and Ashok Kumar (ASI).

Carmel Convent School Kunjwani celebrates Annual Sports Day

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JAMMU: Carmel Convent School Kunjwani on Tuesday celebrated its Annual Sports Day on "Hi Noi embei fitl die theme "One Earth! One Family! One Future!"

The event was attended by Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu as the Chief Guest.

Others distinguished guests included Chief Engineer Rajesh Kumar Gupta, PWD(R&B), and Ivan Peroira, Bishop of Jammu Srinagar, with Sister Pavita A.C.

Ramesh Kumar hoisted the School Flag and declared the event open. The performance by the students showcased their immense talent in dance, drill, and music, revolving around the theme of "One Earth! One Family! One Future!"

The highlights were the



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar at Annual Sports Day celebration at Carmel Convent School Kunjwani.

series of track events, where students participated in races designed to challenge their speed, agility, and teamwork.

Winners were honoured with medals by the dignitaries.

The dignitaries also honoured the Green House with the best March Past trophy. The event also celebrated the achievements of previous race winners. The taekwondo presentations by the skilled Carmelites showcased discipline, strength, and precision, leaving everyone awe-inspired.

Ramesh Kumar applauded the flawless performances and emphasized the need for physical and extracurricular activities in a student's life.

He congratulated the school management and Principal Sr. Maria Swati, for providing all facets of education to the girl child.

The Chief Guest also honoured 25 students who participated in various events at the national level.

LFO-BHF, J&K Bank distribute sanitary napkins



LFO-BHP volunteers and students during a programme.

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SHOPIAN: Live for Others - being helpful foundation, in their joint initiative with J&K Bank, "Mission R-SAP (Remove Shyness Apply Pads)" distributed more than 25,000 sanitary napkins at Shopian, complemented by five impactful awareness lectures targets more than 2500 people.

The resource person for these seminars was Hafsa Arshad and Saqib Rehman. These activities were carried out in both government and private schools and colleges located in peripheral areas, namely Govt. Degree College, Shopian;

Springdales Educational Institute Shopian; Mohammadiya Institution, Shopian; Shah-I-Hamdaan Memorial Institute, Shopian; Rainbow International Educational Institute, Shopian.

"We are thrilled with the progress of 'Mission R-SAP' and the positive impact it's having on women's health and hygiene and currently we are looking forward to others districts and our team is simultaneously working on it," said Shah Aamir Muzaffar, Secretary (National Body).

Saqib Rehman extends their gratitude to the Chief

Patron of Govt Degree College Shopian, Principal & staff members of all the schools and colleges for giving their full support in organising such seminars on this important topic and as well as students for showing their active participation and support.

Members who were present were Afreen Barkat, Maroofa Shah, Urfee Yousuf, Hafsa Arshad, Haadi, Tahir Maqbool, Aisha Farhana, Syed Gulnaz, Seema, Danish Ahmad Kumar, Uzaiba, Ifra Jan, Sheikh Shahid, Rasik Riyaz, and many more.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief Vikar Rasool Wani on Tuesday urged the party workers to proactively prepare for elections in the Union territory, whenever they are held, and accused the BJP of "avoiding" polls fearing defeat.

In a meeting held here, Wani instructed the Congress' district in-charges, district presidents and leaders of its frontal wings to regularly hold meetings with representatives of panchayats and municipal bodies and take feedback from grassroot workers. "The goal is to ensure that the Congress is well-prepared to face elections and we should teach the BJP a lesson", he said.

He alleged that the BJP was "avoiding the Assembly elections in the union territory because they fear a negative response and potential defeat." Asserting that Congress was committed to contesting all elections with full vigour and thorough preparations, Wani said, "The



JKPCC chief Vikar Rasool Wani chairing party workers meeting.

aim is to defeat the BJP, which has failed to meet the expectations of various sections of society and caused significant hardships."

The Working President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee, Raman Bhalla alleged the BJP was denying the people of the Union Territory their fundamental democratic rights.

He blamed the BJP for failing to generate employment opportunities for educated youth, which resulted in many employed individuals losing

their jobs due to economic setbacks. The meeting also expressed shock over the loss of lives in a road accident in Rajouri where an over loaded tempo traveler rolled down into a gorge near Palma on Rajouri-Budhal road Yesterday. The meeting conveyed deep sympathy with the bereaved families and prayed for early recover of the

injured. Senior leaders who attended and gave their inputs in the meeting include Vice President PCC I/C Jammu Urban Yash Pal Kundal, General Secretaries I/C Samba Pawan Raina, I/C Kathua Shashi Sharma, I/C Jammu Rural Narinder Gupta, I/C Udhampur Balbir Singh, I/C Poonch Shakeel Mir, I/C Ramban Pyare Lal

Shan, DCC Presidents Shabir Ahmed Khan(Rajouri), Th. Manmohan Singh (Jammu Urban), Th. Shamer Singh Chib (Jammu Rural), Rajinder Singh Kaka (Poonch), Sanjeev Sharma (Samba), Pankaj Dogra (Kathua) Aasif Naqeeb(Kishtwar) Sheikh Mujeeb (Doda) Pravez Ahmed Wani (Ramban), Vinod Khajuria(Udhampur), Bhapinder Singh Jamwal (Reasi), besides heads of Frontal Wings Shiv Kumar Sharma (INTUC), Vijay Sharma (Seva Dal), Aakash Bharat (PYC), Ajay Lakhotra (NSUI), Bhano Mahajan (Mahila Congress), Rajinder Singh Nathua(Minority), Shamsheer Bhagat(SC) Madan Lal Chalotra (OBC), H.L.Pandita (KP Cell), Bilal Ahmed (Social Media), Rakesh Wazir (Trade & Commerce) and others.

Ritika admires BRO for extending road connectivity up to Amarnath Cave

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JAMMU: Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Moreha J&KUT Ritika Trehan applauded BRO which has created history by driving its vehicles right up to the Amarnath cave after widening the pedestrian track that passes through rugged mountainous terrain from Baltal to the shrine.

In a hand out issued here, Ritika said the responsibility for this crucial infrastructure project was entrusted to the Border Road Organization (BRO), which has dedicated numerous workers and machinery to make this initiative a reality.

For the past two years, the BRO has diligently labored to connect the holy cave of Amarnath, ensuring that pilgrims have a more accessible and convenient journey.

Ritika further said that this initiative is met with anticipation and enthusiasm from pilgrims and authorities alike, as it promises to make the sacred journey to Amarnath Ji more convenient and accessible for the devotees, particularly in

challenging terrains and high altitudes. The development of a vehicular road to the holy cave marks a significant milestone in the facilitation of the annual pilgrimage to this sacred site.

This development is poised to make the pilgrimage more comfortable and accessible for devotees in the coming years, added Ritika.

Meanwhile Ritika hit back at the PDP saying laying of the concrete road up to the holy cave shrine is being done after proper environmental impact assessment and no trees have been cut.

"With the shrine of Baba Amarnath, lakhs of people have their faith. PDP by opposing and finding faults in the road stretch is trying to repeat the 2008 land row, but people are wise enough and won't fall prey to politics of deceit again," Ritika said.

Rekha highlights various welfare measures taken by Modi Govt

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan speed up the "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan" and gave a ring to the general populace of Jammu South in kunjwani Mandal Booth No 131 and 132.

Rekha Mahajan along with Deputy Mayor Baldev Billowria addressed the public gathering highlighted that this would further accelerate the swiftness of development across the entire nation, under the vibrant leadership of PM Modi, particularly in the Union territory of J&K.

Meeting Incharge General Secretaries Pawan Chib, Jyoti Parkash, Inderjeet Kour, Rajinder Poppy, Kiran Salathia, Captain Narinder Singh, Booth Presidents Joginder Singh, Balvinder Singh and residents of Booth were present in the programme.

Rekha Mahajan highlighted various welfare measures taken by his government, such as the provision of toilets for women, the opening of bank accounts, and water connections provided by the Modi Government since 2014. Rekha Mahajan has also enlightened that India would jump from the 5th position to become the 3rd largest economy in the world under the visionary supreme leadership of PM Modi during the current decade.



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan and others at a programme.

BJP District President Rekha Mahajan said India has smashed barriers under the umbrella of the Modi-led

government in real perceived and exaggerated, over the past decade to bolster the self-confidence of Indians and put the nation firmly on the path to becoming a developed nation by 2047.

Jitendra Salathia a young speaker addressed the gathering He said that whole world is appreciating the potential and the power of Bharat due to the relentless efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. PM's efforts have brought development to every village as well as prosperity and peace everywhere.

DB directs SSB to redraw merit of Audio- Visual Technician, frame final select list afresh

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Puneet Gupta while setting aside the order of Central Administrative Tribunal, directed Service Selection Board to redraw the merit for the Audio-visual Technician posts having regard to the fact that both the petitioners are eligible for the posts in question and, accordingly, frame the final select list afresh. The respondent-Board shall do well to issue the select list within two months so that the selected candidates are appointed without any further loss of time. DB further provide that in case it is possible to accommodate the writ petitioners without disturbing the selection made, the official respondents may proceed accordingly.

This petition by the petitioners filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is directed against an order and judgment dated October 25, 2021 passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu Bench, Jammu in T.A No. 61/606/2020 titled 'Ramnik Singh vs UT of Jammu and Kashmir and others, whereby the T.A. filed by the petitioners herein challenging the selection of respondent Nos. 6 and 7 as Audio-visual Technician/Technician in Audio-visual Aids in Government Medical College, Rajouri and as Telephone Supervisor as well as Audio-visual Technician in GMC, Anantnag respectively has been dismissed.

DB after hearing both the sides hold that, for the purposes of case in question, the qualification of Degree in Electronics and Communication held by the petitioners, is necessarily a higher qualification than the minimum qualification prescribed in the Advertisement Notifications i.e Diploma in Electronics and Communication and that the higher qualification possessed by the petitioners is in the same line. DB further clarify and hold that the qualification of Degree in Electronics and Communication presupposes the acquisition of Diploma in Electronics and Communication which is the

minimum qualification prescribed for the twin posts in question.

The petitioners were, thus, eligible to participate in the selection process. The Tribunal has not correctly appreciated the position of law and has wrongly held the petitioners ineligible for the posts in question. As a result, DB allow this petition and set aside and quash the order of Tribunal impugned in this petition by issuing a writ of certiorari. A writ of mandamus is issued to the respondent-Board to redraw the merit for the posts in question having regard to the fact that both the petitioners are eligible for the posts in question and, accordingly, frame the final select list afresh.

The respondent-Board shall do well to issue the select list within two months so that the selected candidates are appointed without any further loss of time. DB further provide that in case it is possible to accommodate the writ petitioners without disturbing the selection made, the official respondents may proceed accordingly, judgment passed by us.

SSP Jammu tours city ahead of upcoming festive season



SSP Jammu Dr. Vinod Kumar interacting with shopkeeper.

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JAMMU: In view of the upcoming festive season and to control the heavy rush of people in the mar-

ket, SSP Jammu Dr. Vinod Kumar alongwith SDPO City North Sunil Kumar Kesar and other police officials toured areas of

Jammu city on Tuesday. SSP Jammu visited the city Haat and other old city areas like Pacea Danga, Parade, City Chowk, Raghunath Market, Hari Market and other adjoining areas.

During the visit SSP Jammu interacted with the shopkeepers of the area as well as civilians to get firsthand knowledge of the problems faced by them at grassroot level.

Moreover he wished people for the upcoming festival of Diwali and ensured them every possible help from Police if needed.

He also ensured them that Police is always there to help people in every matter.

Youth Congress launches poster campaign



Youth Congress during launch of poster campaign.

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BUDGAM: As per the direction of President Aakash Bharat, Jammu & Kashmir Youth Congress, Jammu & Kashmir Youth Congress Kashmir Division launched "Mera Pehla Vote For India", a poster campaign To empower new voters of Jammu & Kashmir.

The event was chaired by Umar Fayaz incharge Headquarters & Budgam in presence of President District Congress Committee Er Muzaffar Dar & District

Youth President Budgam Rameez Raja.

In the meeting they announced the launch of its "Mera Pehla vote for India" which is aimed to inspire and guiding young voters who have recently turned 18 and are eligible to cast vote.

Umar Fayaz Highlighted the role of youth played in shaping the nation & emphasized the significance of their votes in electing a Government committed to the welfare of the people.

JJAR shines at Rari Jammu, organises institutional visit for students

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JAMMU: Jammu Institute of Ayurveda and Research (JIAR), Jammu started the series of events for celebration of 8th National Ayurveda Day 2023 under the theme "Ayurveda for One Health "Har Din Har Ghar Ke Liye Ayurveda". Students of JJAR Jammu on Tuesday participated in an event "Run for Ayurveda" organised by Regional Ayurveda Research Institute Bantalab Jammu for celebration of 8th National Ayurveda Day 2023.

The run started from Rari, Jammu having route from Rajinder Nagar to Rajinder Nagar via Swarn Vihar at 8 AM.

Arushi from 2nd prof won



JIAR students with other dignitaries at an event.

2nd prize and Dhruv from 4th prof won 3rd prize.

JIAR Jammu also organised an Institutional Visit for the students of Neelkamal Public School, Thathar in which students visited the JIAR college and Hospital where they went to different depart-

ments, laboratory, OPD, IPD, Emergency, Pharmacy, Herbal Garden in which various medicinal plants were demonstrated, Yogasanas were demonstrated to students with their benefits.

The teachers were facilitated with plant saplings.