

Rakesh Wazir appointed Chairman PHD CCI Jammu Region Chapter

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry President Hemat Jain appointed Rakesh Wazir as Chairman of Jammu Region Chapter.

Hemat Jain while speaking on the occasion said that Rakesh Wazir is no stranger to leadership within PHDCCI and has previously served as Chairman and Mentor for Jammu Chapter. His commitment to fostering economic growth in the region is further demonstrated by his role as President Hotel & Restaurant Association, Katra and is a respected member of the Tourism Advisory Board for J&K government.



PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry National President alongwith Rakesh Wazir newly appointed PHDCCI Chairman for Jammu Region Chapter.

He said that we look forward to strengthen the business community in the Jammu Region and create new opportunities for collaboration and innovation under his leadership.

He further said that PHDCCI has been working as catalyst for the promotion of industry trade and entrepreneurship for

past 119 years and is acting as the voice of Industry & trade reaching out to more than 1,50,000 large, medium and small industries has forged ahead leveraging its legacy with the industry knowledge across multi-sectors to take Indian Economy to the next level.

Prior to that Ram Sahai, Vikrant Kuthiala and Rahul Sahai has served as Chairman of PHDCCI Jammu Region Chapter

Wazir while speaking on the occasion thanked Hemant Jain for giving this responsibility to him and said that he alongwith the whole team of Chapter will leave no stone unturned to mitigate the

problems of the industry and bringing them to the knowledge of the Authorities and will act as a bridge between business fraternity and government.

He said that his prime focus would be to broaden the base of PHDCCI in each and every nook and corner of Jammu Region and have its members everywhere, with proper units over there so that they may not have to come to Jammu for each & every small matter and the units heads and their team may settle the issues on their own after meeting authorities and where need be the Region team will also intervene.



All J&K +2 Lecturers' Forum holds monthly meet, urges for immediate Regularisation, ACP

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Under the leadership of Pardeep Singh Rakwal, Shakeel Ahmed Butt (Presidents Jammu and Kashmir), R.S Salathia, Fida Gulzar (Chairmen , Jammu and Kashmir), All J&K +2 Lecturers' Forum--an umbrella of officers of +2 cadre, right from lecturers to Joint Directors, on Sunday held a monthly meet on virtual mode to discuss issues, objectives and goals with respect to academic excellence and rights of the lecturers in particular and +2 officers in general.

Besides Rakwal, Butt, Salathia and Gulzar the virtual meet was attended by Ghar Singh (General Secretary), RK Padroo, BK Tickoo (all senior leaders), Gh Nabi Malik (Legal Advisor), Kamal Lal, Renu Lengoh (Vice President), Surinder Mandhyal (District President Kathua), Pardeep Koul (District President Kishtwar), Jagjeet Singh (District President Poonch), Ashok Kumar (District President Udhampur), Mohar Singh Parihar, Rajeev Sharma, Rajnish Raina and representatives from all districts of J&K.

In the opening remarks, the forum expressed gratitude to Sakina Masood Itoo, Minister for Education for conceding the demand of the

Forum for restoration of October- November academic session in Kashmir division and winter zone areas of Jammu division.

Rakwal and Butt said that this step would save a lot of time of the students for self studies.

Attaching top priority to the issue of regularisation of incharge lecturers, top leaders of the forum including Pardeep Singh Rakwal, Shakeel Ahmed Butt, RS Salathia, Fida Gulzar, Ghar Singh, Pardeep Koul, Renu Langeh, RK Padroo, Gh Nabi Malik, BK Tickoo, Surinder Madhyal, Jagjeet Singh, Mohar Singh, etc , assured all the incharge lecturers that they would fight tooth and nail to get regularisation done.

They said that since there is no additional financial burden on the exchequer on account of regularisation of incharge lecturers in view of provision of salary component already in the budget, there should be no hitch for the Govt. to deliver justice to incharge lecturers by regularising them.

The forum members said that they have been suffering due to bureaucracy during President rule in the UT as they kept everything in limbo.

But since the popular Govt. headed by CM, Omar

Abdullah is in place, the issue of regularisation would be the next good news from the Govt. after decision of restoration of October-November academic session.

Requesting CM, Omar Abdullah to intervene the Lecturers ' Forum urged Sakina Masood Itoo, Education Minister to address the issue of regularisation on top priority after taking bold decision of restoration of Oct.-Nov academic session, the forum resolved that it would redouble its efforts to cooperate with the Govt on all issues of students and public.

The forum leaders urged CM, Omar Abdullah and Sakina Masood Itoo to direct Principal Secretary School Education Department to issue regularisation orders in favour of incharge lecturers as they have fulfilled all the formalities umpteen times.

Welcoming the 'Action Mode' of the present dispensation, the forum hoped that it would address the issue of regularisation of incharge lecturers within less than a month.

The other issues that were discussed in the virtual meet, include grant of ACP and filling up of all vacant posts of Principals by elevating Senior Lecturers in the best interest of students of the J&K.

Dogri translation of "Shiv Tandav Stotram" released

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Today marks a significant milestone in Duggar literature with the release of the Dogri translation of "Shiv Tandav Stotram," beautifully recited by Rakesh Janwal and filmed at various historic locations.

For the first time, this sacred hymn dedicated to Lord Shiva has been translated into Dogri, the native language of the Jammu region, allowing the community to connect with the profound themes of destruction and creation embodied in Shiva's cosmic dance.

Renowned writer Parkash Premi, a Sahitya Akademi Award winner, meticulously crafted this translation, ensuring that the original meaning and poetic flow of the Sanskrit stotram resonate deeply with Dogri speakers and listeners.

Rakesh Janwal's melodious rendition, complemented by Sursham's innovative musical composition, brings this ancient text to life, making its divine energy accessible to all and preserving the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Rakesh Janwal is also a police officer serving in the JKP. His performance in the Dogri "Shiv Tandav" has been widely praised, as his deep and powerful voice complements the spiritual intensity of the hymn.



Chief Guest, Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG of Jammu Kathua Range and other dignitaries at releasing ceremony.

The musical composition for this version has been created by Sursham (Shamu), who skillfully blends traditional and modern elements to bring out the hymn's divine essence.

The production team behind this groundbreaking release is equally impressive.

The music video has been produced by Dhanjal Films Production, featuring a cast of accomplished performers including Madhu Shivrj, Srodh Jeevan Jasvantraj, Sinth, and Zahid Gill.

The video captures the sacredness of Lord Shiva's cosmic dance, visually depicting the power and grace of the Tandava.

The tabla, played by Varun from the Varun Art Group Jammu, with support from Piyush, Vikash, Rohit, and Rahul Sharma, adds a pulsating rhythm to the hymn,

enhancing its spiritual fervour.

Makeup for the cast was done by Ravinder Thakur, and the video has been directed by the H.S. Dhanjal, who has been lauded for his direction and ability to present the hymn in a captivating manner.

The launch event of the Dogri "Shiv Tandav Stotram" was graced by several distinguished guests.

The chief guest of the event, Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG of Jammu Kathua Range, commended the initiative, calling it a remarkable moment in the region's literary and cultural history. He praised the efforts of all those involved, especially highlighting the dual role of Rakesh Janwal, not just as an outstanding police officer but also as a gifted singer who brought the "Shiv

Tandav Stotram" to life in Dogri.

Other prominent guests included Padma Shri awardees Balvant Thakur, Mohan Singh Salathia, and Romalo Ram. Darshan Darshi, SP South Ajay Sharma, SDPO South Kartikeya, AADC Raehpal Singh, senior journalist Sunny Dua, Prominent cartoonist Shekhar. Each of these distinguished figures took to the stage to share their thoughts on the importance of such translations in enriching the cultural heritage of the Dogri language.

They praised Parkash Premi for his literary brilliance and thanked the entire production team for their dedication and creative vision.

Their speeches highlighted the significance of making spiritual and sacred texts

accessible in regional languages, fostering a deeper connection with tradition among the local population.

The evening culminated with a vote of thanks delivered by Rakesh Janwal, who expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the guests, performers, and the production team for their invaluable contributions to the project.

He emphasized how this rendition of the "Shiv Tandav Stotram" is not just an artistic achievement but also a spiritual offering to Lord Shiva.

He thanked Parkash Premi for the honor of performing such a sacred text in Dogri and expressed his hope that this translation would inspire more such initiatives in the future.

The release of the Dogri "Shiv Tandav Stotram" is a monumental step forward in the preservation and promotion of the Dogri language and culture. It bridges the gap between ancient Sanskrit texts and the local language, making the spiritual and poetic grandeur of the "Shiv Tandav" accessible to the people of the Jammu region. This project will undoubtedly inspire future generations to continue exploring and translating sacred literature into regional languages, further enriching the cultural tapestry of Duggar literature.

Mahant Rohit, Neeraj Prajapati call on LG

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President, Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust on Sunday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan and submitted a memorandum, urging him to name the newly sanctioned Government Degree College Aghore after late Devender Singh Rana.

The memorandum reads, "The sudden demise of MLA from Nagrota Assembly, Devender Singh Rana, a few days ago, has been an irreparable loss to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Rana had earned popularity in political, industrial, and social spheres. Known for his cordial nature and dedication to his duties, Devender Singh Rana considered social service as an integral part of his faith and undertook various welfare initiatives for the upliftment of society. His



President, Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri and Neeraj Kumar Prajapati calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

contributions towards safeguarding the interests of the society have always been commendable, and his untimely demise has left the entire Jammu and Kashmir grieving." In the memorandum, Shastri drew attention to the fact that just recently, due to Rana's relentless efforts, the government sanctioned a Degree College in Aghor, in the Nagrota Assembly constituency.

He earnestly requested that this college be named as

"Devender Singh Rana Government Degree College Aghor" in memory of the late Devender Singh Rana, as a true homage to his departed soul.

"Such an initiative would not only add prestige to the Nagrota Assembly constituency and your leadership but also serve as appropriate encouragement from your side for us and the devoted and patriotic public of the region," Shastri said.

Subsequently, Neeraj

Kumar Prajapati, popularly known as "The Bicycle Man of India" also called on Lieutenant Governor and briefed him about his 4,200-kilometer cycle ride from Kashmir to Kanyakumari to promote millets and their nutritional, health, and environmental benefits. The Lt Governor lauded the endeavour of Neeraj Kumar Prajapati for promoting sustainable agriculture and raising awareness about millets.

Muslims are safe in India, It is Congress's votes that are not safe: Khatana

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
DELHI: Reacting sharply to Maulana Arshad Madni's comment about the safety of Muslims which he made at the event "Save Constitution" held at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Delhi, saying that government should stop unfair policies against Muslims, Rajya Sabha MP Shri Gulam Ali Khatana said "If Muslims are behind today, it's because of Congress". He also added, "Muslims are safe here. It is Congress's votes that are not safe. They create fear to keep Muslims away from the mainstream." Khatana further accused Congress of creating fear among Muslims keeping them uneducated and stopping them from helping the country grow. Khatana urged the Muslim community not to be afraid. He said, "This country belongs to all of us. No one should feel fear or insecure".

Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 celebrations conclude at Jammu Airport

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Closing Ceremony of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 has successfully concluded today, marking the end of a week-long observance from October 28 to November 3, 2024.

The theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity" resonated throughout the events, emphasizing the importance of ethics and transparency in governance and public administration.

S.K. Kapahi, Joint General Manager (Civil), honoured the winners of the slogan writing and essay writing competitions with prizes, recognizing their contributions in promoting awareness and integrity.

The competitions aimed to inspire individuals to



S.K. Kapahi, Joint GM (Civil), honouring a winner.

uphold values of honesty and transparency in their daily lives.

The ceremony concluded with a renewed commitment to fostering a culture of integrity and combating corruption. This initiative is part of the Central Vigilance Commission's

efforts to promote participative vigilance and bring together stakeholders in the fight against corruption.

The success of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 demonstrates the collective commitment to eradicating corruption and promoting a culture of integrity.

DC Shopian visits several areas to inspect WSS

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SHOPIAN: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar, on Sunday conducted an extensive visit of different areas of Shopian to take first hand appraisal of ongoing Water Supply Schemes (WSS) & filtration plants under execution under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and other schemes of Jal Shakti Department.

On the occasion, DC assessed various WSS which includes, Reshnagri, Tenggpora, Ramnagri, Adijan Gadipora, Dangan, Ratnipora, Wangipora 1st Muradpora Chakoo, Manzipora, Herman Old, Rampathri A, Transit accommodation, Batamurran Wampora, Mughalpora Panjira and Shadab Karewa.

During his visit, DC evaluated scheme progress and emphasized for maintaining quality and timely completion of works to ensure drinking water facilities to the people in

the specified quantity, envisaged under the Mission.

During his visit, Shahid Saleem highlighted the objectives of JJM and emphasised upon concerned to ensure the delivery of desired outcomes of JJM by speeding up the works and providing the water in ample quantity and desirable quality. He said JJM is at a very critical phase in the district, with a majority of work already accomplished. He instructed for accelerating the momentum before the onset of the winter season and ensuring the projects are completed within the stipulated timeline.

He said that the long term and durable infrastructure development in the Jal Shakti has been a phenomenal achievement under the JJM in the district and every effort must be taken to ensure the benefits reach the target population on a sustainable basis.

These inspections also focused on identifying bottle-

necks and their timely removal for expediting the ongoing construction work of Water Supply Schemes. DC instructed for securing work sites through CCTV installation and other security measures.

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti, Ab Rashid Wani on the occasion apprised the DC about the status of ongoing works including pipe networks, Rapid sand filtration plants, Overhead tanks and borewells.

Total Schemes approved for the district are 62 involving 153 works (including 45 newly awarded works for leftout areas) out of which 21 schemes have been completed and balance are at final stage of completion. In terms of functional household tap connections (FHTC's), the cumulative progress is 92.27% in the district.

ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Fazaz and other officers and officials of Jal Shakti accompanied the Deputy Commissioner.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Two Books titled 'Divya Aalok' and 'Jugno' authored by former Associate Professors in the J&K Government Higher Education Department, Dr. Sangeet and Dr. Aneeta Kiran, were released on Sunday in a function held in the premises of Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra.

Eminent Educationists Padma Shri Dr. K. N. Pandita was the Chief Guest on the function. A very well known writer, poet and former Professor Dr. R. L. Shant presided over the function.

A. K. Trakroo welcomed the Chief Guest Dr. Pandita and the presiding dignitary by presenting them a bouquet.

Prof. R. L. Talashi, former Reader Department of Kashmiri, University of



Dignitaries releasing books at Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra.

Kashmir, read paper over the two books.

In his address, he said that in depth study of the book 'Divya Aalok' has led me to say that the writers have related some memoirs of discourse/interviews they had with some personalities whom they hold in esteem due to their ideal principles in life and career. 'Divya Aalok' is collection of write ups/memoirs regarding some per-

sonalities viz., their teachers, relations, acquaintances whom both hold in high esteem because of their traits, preferences, noble values of life, intellect and professional acumen.

The other book 'Jugno' is Hindi poetic rendering/translation of few verses of the poetic work entitled 'Fire Flies' authored by noble prize winner Gurudev Ravinder Nath Tagore. He said that

the authors/translators have successfully brought out in Hindi the English poems/verses of Gurudev Tagore, adhering all principles of translation.

In his address, Padma Shri Dr. K.N. Pandita said that it is really a moment of great pride for entire community and writers' fraternity and that two women writers have brought out their creative writings.

The Presiding dignitary of the function Prof. (Dr) R. L. Shant highly praised the work and effort put in by the writers in bringing out the two Books.

Dr. M. K. Bharat, while presenting vote of thanks to dignitaries on dice, the participants of the function and Media persons, said that the creative work brought out jointly by the two women is a unique example.

Quoting examples, he said that we have found and heard of joint working/joint venture of two persons in Art (music, dance etc.), in different professions, skill and business but never a joint venture in Literature sharing views and thoughts reaching at similarity.

Rajinder Chhangoo coordinated the stage on the function.