

## CAT directs Secy H&UDD to clarify whether Directorate ULB is State Govt organisation or not

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JAMMU: In a controversy over whether Directorate, Urban Local Bodies (ULB) is a State Government organisation or not, a Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) at Jammu comprising Dr Bhagwan Sahai (A) and Rakesh Sagar Jain (J), directed the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development (H&UDD), State/UT of J&K to submit written reply clarifying whether the Directorate ULB is a State Government organization or not. This significant order was passed in a petition filed by one Jeet

### DGP sanctions Special Welfare Relief in favour of NoKs of deceased cops

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JAMMU: Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh on Thursday sanctioned Special Welfare Relief of Rs 28 lakh under two different orders of PHQ.

He has also sanctioned meritorious scholarship of Rs 58,000 in favour of thirteen wards of serving Police personnel. Rs 22 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of NoKs of deceased HC Abdul Rashid, who passed away due to illness while in service. Similarly Rs 6 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of NoKs of deceased

Singh for release of salary.

When matter was taken-up, CAT after hearing both the Counsel on last date, directed Deputy AG to file reply of respondents clarifying that CAT is not convinced of Deputy AG's submissions, and directed to submit a written reply from Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, State / UT of J&K clarifying whether Directorate ULB is a State Government organisation or not.

Deputy AG, Rajesh Thappa submitted that as per instructions, Directorate ULB is not a State Government organisation but an organisation set up by ULBs themselves, and, therefore, the applicant employed by Director Local Bodies are not employees of State Government. Thappa also relied on earlier orders of Tribunal in which his

stand was accepted.

CAT after hearing Sr Adv Rahul Pant for petitioner whereas Deputy Rajesh Thappa for UT, observed that CAT is not convinced of Deputy AG's submissions, and directed to submit a written reply from Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, State / UT of J&K clarifying whether Directorate ULB is a State Government organisation or not. Deputy AG, Rajesh Thappa submitted that as per instructions, Directorate ULB is not a State Government organisation but an organisation set up by ULBs themselves, and, therefore, the applicant employed by Director Local Bodies are not employees of State Government. Thappa also relied on earlier orders of Tribunal in which his

## Court rejects bail of fraudster

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JAMMU: Railway Magistrate Jammu R K Lalhal rejected bail application of one Sanjeev Kumar Manotra, who duped money from innocent people on pretext of providing jobs.

According to case, police received an application wherein one Sajal Singh Slathia, son of Mohan Singh, resident of Gurah Slathia, Samba and his friend Rakesh Randhawa, son of Roshan Lal, resident of Randhawa colony, Vijaypur alleged that they had given an amount of Rs 4 lakh to one Mandep Singh alias Harmeet, son of Harpal Singh, resident of Devar Tral, Kashmir for providing them jobs of

driver in NHPC Jammu. They further told that had given Rs 3,90,000 on June 2 at Jewel, Jammu to accused and later transferred Rs 10,000 in Bank account as told by accused.

Mandeep Singh has assured them to provide them job and after considerable gap of time no job was provided, they requested him to return their hard money back which he refused. As per contents of the application offence under Section 420 of IPC was made out and case FIR No. 190/2021 under Section 420 of IPC was registered in Police Station and investigation of case was entrusted to PSI Amreek Singh.

Railway Magistrate

Jammu RK Lalhal, after hearing APP Vikram Parihar for police, observed that in entirety of facts and circumstances and considering socio-economic nature, gravity and heinous manner, in which the offence was alleged to be committed along with other facts and circumstances, law laid down supra, stage of investigation, interest of society, the court is not inclined to grant bail. "In case, bail is granted, people will lose faith in judicial system. Apart from this there is every reasonable apprehension of accused fleeing/thwarting the course of justice," the Court observed and rejected bail application.

## Various political, social organisations celebrate 73rd Republic Day with fervour

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JAMMU: 73rd Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour in every nook and corner of the Jammu region by various political, government, social and trade organizations.

Celebrating the spirit of Republic Day with full charm and



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina after unfurling Tricolour.

enthusiasm, distributing sweets and dancing, J&K BJP led by its senior leaders unfurled the "Tiranga" across the region. J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina along with former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul, party General Secretaries Sunil Sharma, Adv. Vibodh Gupta, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal and other senior leaders hoisted "Tiranga" at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar. Former MP Shamsher Singh Manhas, BJP Chief Spokesperson Sunil Sethi, District Prabhati Karan Singh, District President Munish Khajuria and others hoisted "Tiranga" at BJP office, Kachi Chawni, Jammu.

MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, BJP Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi, Mayor JMC Chander Mohan Gupta, BJP NEM Priya Sethi, Dy. Mayor Adv. Purnima Sharma, District President Vinay Gupta and others hoisted "Tiranga" at City Chowk, Jammu.

Ravinder Raina, while addressing the enthusiastic leaders and activists, congratulated them on the occasion of Republic Day. He said that Bharat is land of brave, which is not just a piece of land but a living emotion. He said that our Constitution was enacted on this day in 1950 after uncounted sacrifices and contributions for Indian Independence. He also said that we also salute on this day to our brave warriors in Indian Army, BSF, CRPF, ITBP, JKP, CISF, Assam Rifles, SPOs, VDCs, social workers and all others for their contributions. He asked all the citizens of this great Nation to work for the integrity and progress of the Country achieving the aim of "Vishav Guru Bharat".

In Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy (SKPA) Udhampur celebrated 73rd Republic Day with fervour and enthusiasm. ADGP/Director Police Academy Dr. S.D. Singh Jamwal, unfurled the National Flag and took salute of the parade contingents. Gathering of the staff of SKPA Udhampur, their children and the trainee officers/officials of SKPA Udhampur was approximately 700. He stressed upon the trainees and Police officers/officials for strengthening brotherhood, fraternity and promoting secular character of the constitution of India.

Horticulture Department Jammu celebrated Republic Day with full gaiety and favour at Directorate of Horticulture, Talab Tilla, Jammu. Director Horticulture, Jammu unfurled the National flag. He emphasized on the importance of Republic Day and highlighted the achievements of the current year. Joint Director Horticulture, Jammu, Deputy Director (Adm/ Plg), Deputy Director Horticulture (Central), Jammu and other District and Block level officers were also present on the occasion.

Sheep Husbandry Department celebrated 73rd Republic Day at Sheep Husbandry Complex Jammu. Director, Sheep Husbandry Jammu, Krishan Lal unfurled the National Flag amid singing of National Anthem in presence of staff members of Sheep Husbandry Complex Jammu. During the occasion, COVID guidelines/protocols were strictly adhered.

Department of Wildlife Protection held a programme for Republic Day Celebrations at Manda Jammu. The National Flag was hoisted by Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K and field staff participated in Guard of Honour. The Chief Wildlife Warden highlighted various initiatives like Institution of awards for wildlife conservations by Jammu & Kashmir Government, preparation of management plan of Wetland Conservation Reserves for the first time, declaration of Kalij Pheasant at UT bird and quick response of the staff to address the Human-Wildlife conflict issues. The programme was attended by Regional Wildlife Warden (Jammu), Wildlife Warden (Jammu), Wildlife Warden (Jambu Zoo), Wildlife Warden (Technical), Wildlife Warden (Headquarter), Assistant Engineer, Office and Field staff of the department.

Agriculture Department celebrated 73rd Republic Day at the

Lawns of Krishi Bhawan, Jammu with great fervor and enthusiasm. Director Agriculture Production & Farmers welfare Jammu, K. K. Sharma, hoisted the National Flag. The programme was organized jointly by the associates of All J&K Agriculture Officers Welfare Forum (AJKAOWF), Non-Gazetted Agriculture Graduate Association (NGAGA), J&K Agriculture Technocrats Association (JAKATA), All J & K Agriculture Employees Association and Agriculture Drivers Union. A number of officers and employees of Agriculture Department participated in the function following COVID-19 SOPs.

Directorate of Health Services Jammu celebrated 73rd Republic Day with great patriotic fervour in the office complex of Directorate of Health Services Jammu to commemorate the day on which the Constitution of India came into effect and the country became a Republic. The event started with unfurling of the National Flag by Director General Family Welfare, MCH & Immunization and Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Saleem-ur-Rehman followed by singing of National Anthem and patriotic songs by officers and officials of the Directorate. The DHS paid rich tributes to the Constitution makers and also the Corona warriors of Health Department who lost their lives in the fight against corona. He also appreciated and encouraged the health workers for their dedicated efforts in the battle against corona. He said that the health department is fully geared to tackle any untoward situation in case of any potential surge in corona cases and also exploring new ways to improve health care delivery services. The event concluded with the distribution of sweets amongst the staff.

Airports Authority of India, Jammu celebrated 73rd Republic Day at Jammu Airport with zeal and enthusiasm. Staff of Airports Authority of India, CISF, all airlines and other stake holders participated in the celebrations. The National Flag was unfurled by Airport Director S.K. Garg. Airport Director stated that the runway extension work has been completed and the airlines are operating with full load now. The construction work for New Airport Terminal at



Airport Director, S.K. Garg after unfurling Tricolour.

Belieharana Side is going to start soon. On this occasion certificate were distributed among the employees of different organization for their outstanding performance at work. He also appreciated the role of CISF, Security agencies, in maintaining passenger friendly operations at the airport.

Provincial President National Conference Rattan Lal Gupta unfurled Tricolour on Republic Day at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan. He stressed the need for preserving and promoting the secular ethos, saying unity in diversity is the biggest strength of the nation. Gupta exhorted the people to maintain harmony and strive for peace and unity.

Welfare Society Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu celebrated Republic Day. On the occasion National Flag was unfurled after which mementos were distributed among to Sanitary Supervisors Lucky Chida and Subash Gill, Nagrans Deepak, Karanjeet Singh and Ankush Sharma in appreciation for their work and support. Prominent among those present were A.S Khera Advocate Chairman, Balwinder Singh Rinku President, Vicky Bhardwaj Vice President, Sanjeev Talwar Vice President, Maninder Singh General Secretary, Jatinder Kumar Bittu Secretary, Rahu Khajuria, Pardip Nanda, Malwinder Singh Shanti and Sunil.

Adarsh Bhartiya Samaj celebrated 73rd Republic Day with enthusiasm and gaiety. Hav (Retd) Mohinder Singh unfurled the National Flag on behalf of Samaj. Prachi Raina alongwith Suryanshi, Mansavi Sharma, Manbi Raina, Agamya Sharma, Virat, Arpit, Ashmit and Shayala Bali presented a variety of cultural programme in the form of songs. Col (Retd) R K Sharma- Chairman, Daljeet Singh- President ABS and Dr Ved Parkash Shastri also spoke on the importance of Republic Day and desired the participation of every Indian in such occasions.

Prominent among others who participated were Dr Charanjeet Sharma, Dr Neha Sharma, Dr Tejinder Sharma, Dr Arun Sharma, Guljar Singh, Vinay Sharma, Ujjagar Singh, Ex

## Dogri Sanstha Jammu organises 'Kahani Goshti'

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JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu organized a special 'Kahani Goshti' through virtual mode in which three prominent short story writers of Dogri Krishna Sharma, Sudesh Raj and Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', an eminent writer of English, Hindi and Dogri who read Kisli Nei. Thereafter Sudesh Raj, a prominent short story writer read an emotional story 'MAA' revolving around the sufferings of mother after her young son expires. Krishna Prem, a well known short story writer read 'Yug-Yugantar', a thought provoking story in the back drop of infamous 1947 partition. Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu who presided over the function said that Sanstha had planned to go offline and organize the literary functions with live gathering but sudden spurt of covid19 pandemic has again proved obstacle and Sanstha is forced to continue its regular literary activities online. The programme was conducted by theatre activist and Dogri poet Pawan Verma.

## Shiv Sainiks protest with Border Battalion aspirants

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the new notification and early conduct the written examination and recruitment process under the earlier notification. The party raised the aforesaid demands during a strong protest staged led by Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit has appealed to the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to intervene to provide relief to the applicants/aspirants who had applied for recruitment in Border Battalion, and have been victimized due to new notification issued for the same.

The Shiv Sena President urged the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to immediately quash the notification issued on 11th January 2022 and issue instructions to carry out the written test and recruitment for Border Battalion under the earlier notification.

## J&K Bank celebrates 73rd Republic Day

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JAMMU: As part of the country-wide celebrations on the 73rd Republic Day, J&K Bank MD & CEO Baldev Prakash on Wednesday unfurled the national tricolor in the lawn of Bank's Zonal Office at Jammu in presence of President Sunit Kumar, Zonal Head Shareesh Sharma besides a good gathering of Bank staff while following proper Covid protocol.

This year's Padma Shree Awardee, Prof Vishwa Murti Shastri was Chief Guest on the occasion and felicitated by MD & CEO on behalf of the Bank.

Meanwhile, two other Padma Shri awardees from Ladakh Tsering Namgyal and Akhona Asgar Ali were also felicitated by Bank's Zonal Head Ladakh Tsewang Dorjee and Head Business Unit Kargil respectively.

In Srinagar, Executive President Sunil Gupta unfurled the national flag at Bank's Corporate Headquarters in presence of Presidents Rajni Saraf, Chetan Paljor, Ashraf Ali, Karanjit Singh, Ashutosh Sareen, Peer Masood Ahmad, Anil Deep Mehta and Syed Rais Maqbool, Vice Presidents and other senior officers of the Bank.

Sharma unfurled the National Flag.



DBPS Parade during Republic Day celebration.

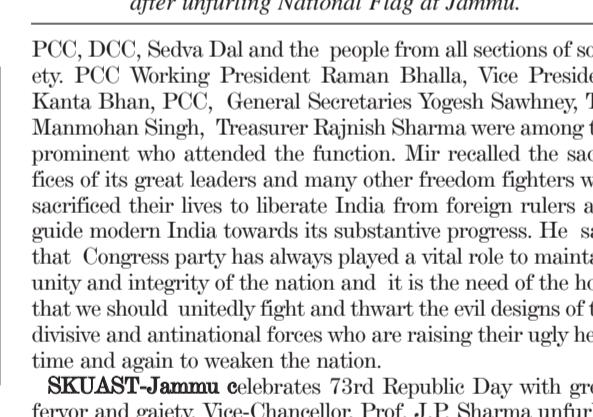
President of DBPS, Ved Parkash Sharma and Senior BJP Leader Chander Mohan Sharma paid rich tributes to the heroes of freedom struggle and highlighted the importance of this great Day. Those who were present on the occasion included Satya Nand Sharma, B.S. Jamwal (Retd. Dy. Commissioner), Subash Shastri, Shiv Ram Sharma, Jagannath Sharma, Gurdas Sharma, Corporator Anita Sharma, Lal Sharma, S.S. Baru, Raman Sharma, Ramesh Sharma, Devinder Sharma (Babu), Anku Khajuria, Balbir Singh, Rohan Sharma, Rahul Gupta, Ashwani Sharma, Rajesh Borthgata, Anshu Sharma, and Jitendra Sharma.

JKAP-7th Security Battalion celebrated 73rd Republic Day at Battalion Hqrs. APC, Channi Himmat. The Flag was unfurled by Suneel Raj, Commandant JKAP 7th Security Battalion at Battalion Hqrs.

During speech the officers and Jawans were congratulated for celebrating Republic Day and also for continuously performing COVID-19 duties as well as others assigned duties in



President JKPCC Ghulam Ahmed Mir and other leaders after unfurling National Flag at Jammu.



PCC, DCC, Sedva Dal and the people from all sections of society. PCC Working President Raman Bhatta, Vice President Kanta Bhan, PCC, General Secretaries Yogesh Sawhney, Th. Mamnoon Singh, Treasurer Rajnish Sharma were among the prominent who attended the function. Mir recalled the sacrifices of its great leaders and many other freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives to liberate India from foreign rulers and guide modern India towards its substantive progress. He said that Congress party has always played a vital role to maintain unity and integrity of the nation and it is the need of the hour that we should unitedly fight and thwart the evil designs of the divisive and antinational forces who are raising their ugly head time and again to weaken the nation.

JKAP-7th Security Battalion celebrates 73rd Republic Day with great fervor and gaiety. Vice-Chancellor Prof. J.P. Sharma unfurled the National Flag followed by National Anthem.

In his address, Prof. Sharma highlighted that the share of agriculture in the economy of J&K has increased to 30 per cent



Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-J, Prof. J.P. Sharma addressing a gathering during R-Day celebrations.

in 2021 earlier which was 25 per cent only. He informed that as per NITI Ayog report Jammu and Kashmir UT has secured third place in all India ranking in terms of farmers' family earnings which highlights the importance of agriculture in the development of UT.

Prof. Sharma also discussed about infrastructural facilities viz cold storage, gene bank, sports complex, residential blocks and parks created for the benefit of employees and students. Earlier, the national event started with garlanding 'Father of Nation' Mahatma Gandhi. The programmes was attended by all the statutory officers of the University, Head of the divisions, teaching, non-teaching staff and students of the university following COVID-19 guidelines. Proceedings of the programme were carried out by Dr. Vikas Sharma, Professor and Head, Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry.

To celebrate the 73rd Republic Day, Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Parade, Jammu organized a function in the Sabha premises, where senior member DBPS Advocate P.C.



Chairman DLSA Udhampur, Y.P. Bourne and other dignitaries during R-Day celebrations.

Udhampur) celebrated Republic Day. The National Flag was unfurled by Y.P. Bourne Pr. Distt. & Session Judge Udhampur at District Court Complex Udhampur in the presence of all the Judicial Officers, President Bar Association Udhampur, Bar Members, Court Staff and Para Legal Volunteers.