

## Amit holds interaction with Mining Lessees, reviews Dept's working

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JAMMU: Secretary, Mining, Amit Sharma on Saturday held a comprehensive interaction session with Mining Lessees of the Union Territory while reviewing the working of the Mining department at Udyog Bhavan here. There was a broad section of lessees who attended this meeting, physically as well as through virtual mode while O.P. Bhagat, Director Geology & Mining, Arun Manhas, Additional Secretary Mining, Aamir Rather, Under Secretary Mining, Nisar Ahmed and Harbans Langer, both Joint Directors Mining and all DMOs remained present.

Secretary took a detailed review from the departmental officers regarding enhancement of revenues of the department



Secretary, Mining, Amit Sharma chairing a meeting.

ment in the upcoming last quarter through maximum royalty collection, seizures and penalties so as to supersede the already set annual targets. He disclosed that in upcoming January itself, Department is planning to e-auction at least 20 new blocks in twenty districts of the UT. Apart from this, target is on towards acquiring two major mineral blocks of Limestone and Lithium from GSI in this

month which shall be auctioned by the department for the first time.

Amit gave a patient hearing to multiple issues of the lessees especially relating to smooth conduct of e-Challan transactions and directed that there should be two nodal officers henceforth to handle portal related issues in both Jammu and Kashmir Divisions so that the lessees can have more efficient working in mining sector

times to come. He also directed that a dedicated helpline should be created for facilitating public as well as lessees in conducting mining transactions through G2B2C portal geologymining.jk.gov.in in times to come.

Several other important decisions were arrived during the meeting including holding regular interaction meeting with all the stakeholders by respective DMOs, more vigorous

checking by divisional flying squads and submission of weekly progress reports to the Administrative Department, Director G&M submission of a proposal to enhance limit of Disposal Permits by the DMOs.

It was decided before the conclusion of this Meeting that Secretary Mining alongwith Director G&M shall hold similar interaction session with Lessees and all stakeholders soon in Kashmir division so that their issues can be given spot redressal soon through it.

Finally, directions were given that all kinds of efforts should be made to ensure uninterrupted supply of material for the prestigious projects of National Importance like National Highways, Outer Ring Roads, Tunnels, Airport Expansion, etc.

### Shahla Ayoub appointed Addl Dir on BoD of J&K Bank

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Bank appointed Shahla Ayoub, an Assistant Professor in Economics in Higher Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir Government, as the bank's Additional Independent Director on the bank's Board.

The decision was taken by the bank's Board of Directors on. The appointment has been made for three years.

Shahla, the communication, said has worked as an Assistant Director in Economics and Statistics, Department of Planning, Government of J&K before joining the Department of Higher Education.

"She brings to Board an affluence of Economic expertise and perspicacity," the communication reads.

"She has a yearning and yarning interest in the field of economic research, especially in the areas of conflict economics, financial inclusion and developmental economics."

### Polls in J&K soon



## Justice Rabstan flags off Lok Adalat Van; terms it step forward towards justice dispensation at doorsteps



Acting Chief Justice, HC of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Tashi Rabstan flagging off modernized Mobile Lok Adalat Van at Jammu.

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JAMMU: In its endeavors of reaching out to masses especially of far flung areas of the Union Territory, J&K Legal Services Authority under the patronage of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority on Saturday flagged off recently renovated and modernized Mobile Lok Adalat Van for holding Lok Adalats at the doorsteps of the litigants unable to reach the venue of Lok Adalats besides creating legal awareness among the masses.

While flagging off the Mobile Van, Justice Tashi Rabstan in a brief interaction with the participants especially Advocates and litigants emphasized the need of such initiatives as one of the essential elements in "Access to Justice".

The Lok Adalat Van was stationed at Gandhianagar, Satwari Chowk and Digiana Jammu for disposal of cases on the spot for which DLSA

Jammu constituted 02 benches. The first bench was headed by Rajni Sharma, Special Mobile Magistrate (Traffic) Jammu, while the 2nd bench was headed by Meyank Gupta, Special Municipal Magistrate Jammu.

In all, 116 cases were taken up and disposed of and a fine of Rs. 40,700 was realized on the spot. Besides, IEC material depicting the beneficiaries under the Legal Services Authorities Act was also distributed among the people.

The flagging off was witnessed by Sanjay Parihar, PDJ & Chairman DLSA Jammu, M. K. Sharma, Member Secretary, J&K LSA, Yahya Firdous, DLSA Jammu, Rajni Sharma, Spl. Mobile Magistrate Traffic Jammu, Meyank Gupta, Spl. Municipal Magistrate Jammu, Shafiq Ahmed, Addl. Mobile Magistrate Traffic Jammu, advocates, staff of legal services and litigants.

## 2022 proved to be best performing year for Modi Govt: Kavinder



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta interacting with party workers.

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JAMMU: Highlighting the achievements of the BJP Government in 2022, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta said that the year proved to be best performing year for the dispensation as lot has been accomplished during past twelve months under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In a statement issued to media persons, the BJP stalwart leader said that the preface of this year's achievements by the BJP Government are connected with the earlier accomplishments and therefore things are to be looked at collectively to have a comprehensive outlook. He said that one of the biggest achievements of Modi government is the construction of Shri Ram Temple as it was also in the manifesto of the BJP and the poll promise is now well on its way to being fulfilled. "PM Narendra Modi laid

the foundation stone of the Shri Ram Temple in August 2020 and it is likely to be ready by 2023", Kavinder said, adding that abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcating J&K into two UTs followed by the colossal development in the UTs of J&K and Ladakh which is a ongoing process also holds much significance in the journey of BJP Government that has transformed J&K into a progressive region with terrorism and separatism put on back burner and peace and development becoming new norms.

The senior BJP leader said J&K has seen sea change as now the people from outside J&K can buy land here, non-local spouses of J&K women get domicile status, separate flag of Jammu and Kashmir has been made defunct, stone pelters are being denied security clearance for passports, Gorkhas and other entities including WPRs given equal rights, etc.

He said that the poor strata has been given free ration since the advent of COVID-19 and the relief is extended till next year making it a big achievement for the government as this has provided much needed succor to the needy.

"As India marks its 75th year of independence the government has launched an umbrella programme "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" that is being celebrated across the country recognizing all those who contributed to India's struggle for freedom", Kavinder said, adding that another key achievement of the government is the rescue operation carried out in war-hit Ukraine whereby the BJP government safely evacuated around 23,000 students including some foreign nationals.

"Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme is also a bountiful endeavour of Modi Government to provide succor to farmers by directly transferring to farmers by directly transfer-

### New Year gift, DGP J&K approves promotion of 1347 officers

#### Armed Police Headquarters J&K Srinagar.

With the issuance of afore mentioned promotion orders, Armed Police Headquarters J&K has processed and issued the promotion orders of 2194 Police personnel of different ranks during the year 2022 which include promotion of 406 ASIs to the rank of SIs, 209 HC to the rank of ASIs, 722 SgCts to the rank of HCs and 857 Cts to the rank of SgCts besides In-situ promotions to a number of officials of different ranks.

A Departmental Promotion Committee was convened under the chairmanship of the DGP J&K at Police Headquarters Jammu and after a thorough scrutiny of the service records, promotion in respect of these officers has been ordered.

994 Assistant Sub-Inspectors of Executive Police and 353 Assistant Sub-Inspectors of Armed Police have been promoted as Sub-Inspectors.

The DGP in his message has congratulated all the officers and their families. He has expressed hope that this elevation would bring a new and positive energy among the force to work tirelessly for achieving organizational goals.

## Mayor Jammu reviews Solid Waste Management; modalities for dev of Heritage Trail in City



Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma chairing a meeting.

ments are involved in better management of Municipal Solid Waste in any city i.e. Segregation, Collection & Transportation, Processing and Disposal of the waste."

The Segregation of the MSW to be done by the households, Shops, commercial places etc. in two ways in separate dustbins, while Green color dustbin be used for Wet waste (biodegradable) and blue color dustbin for Dry waste (non-bio-degradable). "Organic Compost and liquid manure is very useful in organic farming

and it may be a replacement of chemical fertilizer which is used for the farming. Compressed Biogas can be used as cooking gas, in CNG vehicles etc" he said.

The Mayor directed the Health section of JMC to inform the general public at large regarding segregation of waste at their door steps by every household.

Meanwhile, Mayor Jammu chaired another meeting to discuss revised modalities pertaining to the development of Heritage Trail along the old Heritage Corridor of old Jammu City. It was decided to lower the level of footpaths in certain stretches and to bring them down to the level of adjacent roads. The consequent changes in material to be used for footpaths along with other issues related to drainage were also discussed.

Besides, threadbare discussion was held in the context of one-way traffic movement along the heritage trail for decongestion of various

bazaars and to make them pedestrian friendly.

It was also decided to make Heritage Trail Bazaars parking free zones. Certain observations were made by some councilors with regard to the parking of vehicles of the residents of the adjoining areas who park their vehicles on the road side in these bazaars. The Mayor directed to provide parking spaces to these people inside various multi storied parking facilities in the city on subsidised rates. Besides, he also directed to make provisions to provide commute facilities to these vehicle owners from parking facilities to their residences.

The Mayor also directed to explore the possibility of undergrounding of communication cables wherever possible to lend aesthetic look to these areas. It was also decided to hold presentation in this regard with various stakeholders including traders & residents to elicit their view for formulating a wholesome proposal in this regard.

## Jammu Administration retrieves several hundred Kanal state land across 5 Tehsils



ments retrieved state land of 8 Kanal in village Panjgwan. The Sign Boards of the state land were also installed in presence of Police authorities.

Tehsildar Pargwal conducted eviction drives in village Phagwari, Pindi and Chak Phagwari and retrieved around 145 Kanal state land including 8.10 Kanal in Phagwari, 106 Kanal in Pindi and 29.3 Kanal in Chak Phagwari.

Similarly, in Jourian, around 14.3 Kanal of state land was retrieved during the Anti encroachment drive.

## J&K Grameen Bank unveils e-Calendar for year 2023

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JAMMU: J&K Grameen Bank launched its e-calendar for the year 2023 for its customers and general public at large.

E-Calendar of the bank was unveiled by Chief General Manager, NABARD Dr. A. K. Sood at Bank's Head Office, Narwal, Jammu in the presence of Chairman J&K Grameen Bank Sanjay Gupta.

Also present on the occasion were DGM, NABARD Rahul Shashni, General Manager JKGB Suresh Chander Sharma, Chief AI&V JKGB Mr. Shiv Dev Singh and other officials of the Bank.

Dr. Sood appreciated the



CGM NABARD Dr. A. K. Sood unveiling e-Calendar for year 2023.

efforts of the Bank in providing banking services to the far flung areas and performing constructive role in financial inclusion of rural population.

Sanjay Gupta, Chairman JKGB apprised that Bank shall continue its efforts in providing smooth and hassle-free

banking services to the remotest areas of the UT of J&K and Ladakh.

Bank's e-Calendar 2023 in PDF format is available on the Website of the Bank (<https://www.jkgb.in>) as well as on Social Media Handles of the Bank.

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### In-Situ promotion to 44 SHD employees

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JAMMU: To streamline the career progression of employees of Sheep Husbandry Department Jammu, the Director Sheep Husbandry Jammu, Krishan Lal on Saturday approved/granted In-Situ Promotion to Higher Standard Pay Scale in favour of 44 Members of J&K Sheep Husbandry (Subordinate) Service.

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The land retrieved is

encumbrance free patch and sign boards of state land boards were erected on the spot in presence of police authorities.

In another drive, a revenue

team led by SDM Khour and Tehsildar Khour retrieved state land measuring around 200 Kanal at village Danwal.

Similarly, in Nagrota, a team of concerned depart-

ments retrieved state land of 8 Kanal in village Panjgwan. The Sign Boards of the state land were also installed in presence of Police authorities.

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