

# Yudhvir inaugurates medical camp, urges people to be health conscious

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President has urged the people to be health conscious and keep regularly monitoring their health to avoid any complications in future. He stated this after inaugurating a medical camp organized by Dr Rajesh Gupta, renowned Physician at Parade in Jammu city.

The camp witnessed a heavy footfall of people. Over 150 persons were examined for different ailments while fibro scan test was also conducted free of cost. On the occasion, resource persons delivered lectures on prevention, symptoms and treatment of different ailments creating general awareness among the locals who visited the camp.

Yudhvir Sethi, while addressing the people, said that awareness is the only way to prevent the complications of different diseases but unfortunately even today there are a lot of people who run for magical cure which only delays the treatment ultimately leading to complica-



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi and others after inaugurating a medical camp at Parade in Jammu.

tions. He said that people need to come forward for their routine check-ups not only in the camps organized for the purpose but also in the health institutions across this Union Territory as the government has ensured enhanced facilities in these institutions including those in the remote and far flung areas.

Sethi asserted that health camps will be held regularly in future and asked the people to visit these camps for diagnosis, treatment and awareness. He appreciated Dr Rajesh Gupta, renowned physician, for his efforts to hold the medical camp as well as imparting

awareness to the people

Dr Rajesh Gupta, while speaking on the occasion, advised the patients about the importance of exercise and proper diet besides regular monitoring of blood sugar which can prevent the long term complications in the form of Nephropathy, Retinopathy and Cardio Vascular diseases. He said that despite massive efforts on this front, majority of people in our country do not have access to proper medical care, thus compromising their quality of life. He advised people to eat healthy food besides keeping an eye on their overall health parameters.

Rahul said that the

# Chairman PHDCCI urges CMD J&K Bank to reevaluate decision of imposing commitment charges

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chairman PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI), Jammu Chapter, Rahul Sahai appealed CMD J&K Bank Baldev Prakash, to personally look and reevaluate into the matter regarding the decision of J&K Bank for deduction of commitment charges from borrowers account who are using less exposures given to them as because of this decision lot of good and big customers are shifting from J&K Bank to other options and J&K Bank is being trolled for wrong decisions as no other bank is charging these type of charges. Sahai said that the step taken by J&K Bank has created an immense displeasure and litigation amongst the borrowers. J&K Bank had started deducting charges on un-utilized loan amount of the borrowers which is called as commitment charges and it has caused immense pain among the Industrialists and traders.

Rahul said that the

traders and industrialists treat J&K Bank as its own bank which will work for the benefit of the traders, but on the other hand steps taken by J&K Bank to deduct unnecessary charges in one way or other is absolutely not acceptable by Industrial and trading community across UT of J&K.

Sahai said that J&K



Bank should instead take imperative steps for the growth of trade and industry in J& K, otherwise traders will lose their faith in the bank and may look for other options available which is very painful for the staff and customers of J&K Bank too.

# Leh Apex-Body, KDA decide not to accept High-Powered Committee



Leh Apex body-KDA members during a meeting in Jammu.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: An important meeting of Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) was held in Jammu on Saturday on the recent announcement by the Home Ministry about the formation of the High-Powered Committee (HPC) to resolve the outstanding issues of Union Territory of Ladakh and to take a decision about the participation in the subsequent meetings to be held. In the meeting Apex Body and KDA decided not to accept the formation of the High-Powered Committee and attend any meeting conducted under the aegis of the Committee as the said Committee has not been mandated to discuss issues raised by the Apex Body and the KDA. "However, it was

resolved that both the bodies will agree to participate in any meeting headed by a committee which is empowered to discuss the four issues in question, i.e Statehood for UT Ladakh; Constitutional Safeguard under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India in order to protect the interest of the Tribal People of Ladakh; Formation of Public Service Commission and Reservation of Jobs for youth of Ladakh; Creation of two separate parliamentary constituencies for Leh and Kargil," said a joint statement issued by Apex Body and KDA on Saturday evening.

The meeting raised objections to the composition of members of the High-Powered Committee representing Leh APEX Body and KDA as the

bodies felt that the govt has arbitrarily excluded and included members without consultation with the Apex Body and the KDA. The meeting urged that the MHA should include all the names as proposed by Leh APEX and KDA body in the year 2021 as per Home Ministry's instructions. Apex-KDA also decided that the agitation for the resolution of the above four issues shall continue till demands are fulfilled. "In this connection, the APEX and KDA propose to have a protest rally at Jammu on the 15th of January followed by Dharna Protest at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi in the 3rd week of February 2023. It may also be clarified that both the bodies have decided to intensify the agitation during 2023," concluded that joint statement.

# JKAACL glorifies Jashn-e-Dogra-Virasat at Mubarak Mandi



Artists performing in cultural evening 'Jashn-e-Dogra-Virasat' at Mubarak Mandi, Jammu.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), under the guidance of its Secretary, Bharat Singh in collaboration with the Directorate of Tourism Jammu and Mubarak Mandi Jammu Heritage Society (MMJHS), has organised a cultural evening at Mubarak Mandi complex celebrating coming New year. The cultural evening was the fourth in the series of cultural activities organised

under "Jashn-e-Dogra-Virasat." The key highlight of the event was Dogri/ Punjabi traditional songs by Folk Singer Thoru Ram Premi and his group a celebrated folk artist, he enthralled the audience with his songs. This followed by Dogri dances presented by the Radhika Dance group which were equally enjoyed by the audience who enjoyed every bit of the function. All the artists spellbound the audience with their power-packed performance of Dogri and Punjabi

songs. Kusum Tickoo with her art of anchoring kept the audience engrossed during the programme.

These programmes aim to revive the rich and vanishing vernacular culture of Jammu. The youth, in multitude, is highly encouraged to participate in these programmes to witness the grandeur of the regional heritage. The Cultural Academy's effort in promoting cultural sensitivities is receiving laud from the art and culture connoisseurs of the region.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Ajatshatru Singh, former Minister and Trustee J&K Dharmarth Trust along with Ranvijay Singh, Trustee on Saturday visited the Central Office of the Trust and took stock of ongoing development works of temples throughout the Union Territory.

Advocate Ajay Gandotra, President of the Trust apprised the Trustees about the works done for temples, improvement of administration and Trust properties since he assumed.

Ashok Kumar, (SSP Retd), Secretary of the Trust also apprised the Trustees regarding the requirement of renovation as well as beautification of Shri Raghunath ji Temple, Suchetgarh, in view of ongoing Beating Retreat ceremony along the International Border in Suchetgarh.

The Trustees discussed agenda points with the

# Ajatshatru, Ranvijay review functioning of Dharmarth Trust Central Office, MGSM Trust, library

President and Secretary of the Trust and took several decisions in the general interest of the Trust. Ajatshatru Singh directed the President and Secretary to complete the renovation of Raghunath ji Temple, Jammu as soon as possible. They also directed for early commencement and completion of renovation work of Ranbireshwar Temple Jammu preferably before the upcoming Shivratri Festival. They further directed to start the necessary renovation works at Raghunath ji Temple at Suchetgarh.

The Trustees also met with employees of the Trust and listened to their issues.

RK Ranvijay Singh, in his address, said that the prime focus of the Trust is to look after the temples and shrines of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He said providing hassle-free facilities to devotees visiting the shrines and temples



Former Minister and Trustee J&K Dharmarth Trust, Ajatshatru Singh along with Ranvijay Singh, Trustee during a meeting.

under the Trust's domain is another responsibility which the Trust is fulfilling since it was constituted by the Maharaja Gulab Singh, the founder of the erstwhile State of J&K. He asked the employees to work relentlessly with utmost sincerity for enhancing the image of the Trust. Later, the Trustees along with Ajay Gandotra, who is the member of Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial (MGSM) Trust, and Secretary of J&K

Dharmarth Trust visited the complex of Karan Bhawan, Shalamar Jammu and took stock of its ongoing activities. They also visited the Library, which the Hon'ble Chairman Trustee, Dr Karan Singh has opened in the premises of Karan Bhawan, Shalamar Jammu for senior citizens. They also reviewed the functioning of the library. It was unanimously decided to illuminate Karan Bhawan on the eve of Republic Day with Tiranga lights.

# Rajouri Court denies bail to 2 accused booked under NDPS Act

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: The Court of Ld. Additional Sessions Judge Rajouri, Mehmood Choudhary, on Saturday denied bail to two accused booked under NDPS Act. After hearing Mushtaq Chawan Advocate for the accused and Vijay Sudan (Addl. Public Prosecutor) Rajouri, the Additional Sessions Judge rejected the bail application of the accused namely, Tasveer Hussain Shah, son of Zulf Shah, resident of Dhangari and Tanveer Shah, son of Ashaq Shah, resident of Draj, Tehsil Koteranka District Rajouri in case FIR No. 632/2022 U/S 8/20/29/27-A/NDPS Act of P/S Rajouri.

The FIR reveals that on December 9, 2022, at 5:30 PM the accused were held with 689.99 grams of charas. While dismissing the bail application of the accused persons, the Court observed that the quantity of Charas recovered from the accused persons clearly shows that they are involved in illegal Narcotic trade.

The investigation of the case is in progress and the police have yet to unearth the source from where the accused have taken the consignment. The Court further observed that bail should not be taken as a ready dish on platter from the court by the perpetrators of such crime and a bold and deterrent message is worth requiring to be given by the court in furtherance of endeavor for eradicating this menace from the society.

The quantity of Charas recovered from the accused persons falls in the intermediate quantity for which the punishment is more than 10 years and fine of Rs 1 lakh and keeping in view the gravity of offences, its impact on the society and the stage of investigation the Court rejected the bail application.

# ADC Jammu convenes meeting with Chamber of Commerce over anti-encroachment drive

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In the backdrop of JMC's action against the encroachers at Canal Road-Jewel-Ghummat stretch aimed at making the city more accessible and encroachment free, ADC Jammu, Harvinder Singh, on Saturday convened a consultative meeting with Chamber of Commerce and Market Associations. During the meeting, it was stressed that encroachments such as illegal constructions, erecting of signboards, hoardings, illegal constructions on public premises, public roads and public lanes, which caused hindrance and interruption in free flow and movement of traffic need-



ADC Jammu, Harvinder Singh, convening a consultative meeting with Chamber of Commerce and Market Associations.

ed to be removed in the best interest of public at large and to comply with High Court's order. President Jammu Chamber of Commerce, Arun Gupta apprised the ADC Jammu regarding various issues of market associations and stressed that such initia-

tives be taken in a consultative manner and sought time to make the shopkeepers aware about the HC's ruling and motivate them to remove their encroachments from

roads, lanes and pathways on their own in the best interest of all. The chamber also assured its full support and cooperation to the Administration in making the city more accessible for all under Smart City Mission. It is pertinent to mention that JMC removed encroachments from the roadsides and footpaths which included illegal projections and pedestals in order to make way for construction of wider, continuous and uniform footpaths that would help in safe movement of Divyangjans and general public.

# Rehbar-e-Janglat employees seek pay level at par with ReT, ReZ employees

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Rehbar-e-Janglat employees have urged the Government to increase their ranking at par with the Rehbar-e-Taleem employees, as presently they have been placed at a much lower level.

Rehbar-e-Janglat employees on Saturday said, as per an advertisement issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests Kashmir, the Rehbar-e-Janglat aspirants were enrolled.

They further said that contrary to 'Rehbar-e-Zirat', the Rehbar-e-Janglat policy was linked with lowest post of level-8



Rehbar-e-Janglat employees addressing a press conference at Jammu.

with pay scale of Rs 5200-20200 and Grade pay-Rs 1900, whereas Rehbar-e-Zirat were regularized in pay scale of Rs 9300-34800 with Grade pay-Rs 4200.

They requested the authorities to provide them the same scale which has been provided to the Rehbar-e-Zirat and Rehbar-e-Taleem after regularization.

# Joint delegation of JK Lecturers, Govt Teachers Forum calls on Prpl Secy SED



Delegation of J&K Lecturer Forum / Govt Teachers Forum after meeting with Principal Secretary SED.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A delegation of J&K Lecturer Forum / Govt Teachers Forum called on Principal Secretary School Education Department (SED) and discussed a number of burning issues like regularization of Incharge Lecturers, Incharge Headmasters, Incharge ZEO, Incharge Principal, Incharge CEO, ATD of Teachers, Masters Lecturers, unadjusted Headmaster etc. The Secretary listened to every issue carefully and assured the

forum to resolve the same in shortest possible period. The delegation comprised of Niranjan Sharma (Vice-President), Naresh Kumar, Rajinder Kumar, Dharam Singh, Ajay Chowdhary, Mohan Lal, Gopal Singh, Tirath Singh, Lalit Kumar, SubashChander, Narinder Singh, Jaswant Singh, Rakesh Kumar, Rajwaj Singh, Sudesh Kumar, RoshanLal, Mohar Singh, Kotwal, Pardeep Kumar, Kuljeet Kumar, BalKrishan & others.

# JKTF, other employee unions attend NJCA meet demanding restoration of Old Pension Scheme

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A team of employee leaders including Chairman J&K Teachers Forum (JKTF) Ganesh Khajuria, President J&K Teachers Association (JKTA) Bhupinder Singh and District Chairman Udhampur JKTA Surjeet Singh attended a Trade unions meet, held under the umbrella 'National Joint Council of Action (NJCA)' at New Delhi. It is pertinent to mention here that NJCA is a collective amalgamation of several senior trade unions working for scrapping of new pension scheme and restoration of old pension scheme. The grand meet was convened by Shiva Gopal Mishra Convener National Joint Council of Action. The meeting urged for restoration of Old Pension Scheme for all Govt employees across the country. It is to note that Bhupinder Singh UT President Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Association and National convener AIRPUF is spearheading Serap NPS Movement in Jammu and Kashmir from last many years. The national and state level leaders of various constituent employees-organisations, who had come from different parts of the country, attended this important meeting to chalk out a strategy for possible ways of struggle to achieve Old Pension Scheme.



Leaders of JKTF, other employee unions from J&K attending NJCA meet.

# SOS International team visits victim families of PoJK Displaced Persons

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: SOS International chairman Rajiv Chuni along with his team today visited victim families of PoJK Displaced Persons in Dhangri area of Rajouri, who were targeted by Pakistan sponsored terrorists on January 1, resulting into death of six innocent persons and grievous injuries to nine others.



SOS International chairman Rajiv Chuni talking to reporters.

Besides conveying their condolence and grief with the bereaved families of Saroj Bala, Pritam Lal and Sat Paul, Team SOS International also held a programme at Dak Bunglow in Dhangri for paying homage to those martyred in the target killings.

While paying tributes to the martyrs and later talking to the media persons, SOS International chairman Rajiv Chuni charged the Government with failure to protect the PoJK families settled in Dhangri area after

their exodus from Pak occupied area of Mendhar tehsil in 1947. He demanded that the terrorists who carried out this heinous act of targeted killings should be traced out and eliminated.

Reminding that the Government is duty bound to provide security to its every citizen irrespective of caste and creed, Rajiv Chuni said that had the Government taken adequate measure and not taken back weapons of the VDC members, terrorists would not have succeeded to attack. However, he added,

the Displaced community will not cove down to such terror attacks and seek refuge to safe places but remain at their settlements and fight the terrorists tooth and nail.

"These families of my community were settled here with assurance that their homeland would be liberated soon. But neither the occupied territory was liberated nor these Displaced families were fully rehabilitated," he said and lamented that those DP's, who were landlords before 1947, were forced to do labour or petty jobs for feeding their

families after their exodus as the Government did not support them despite the Cabinet Committee recommendations for reservations and financial package to the DP's.

Reiterating that the Government must provide adequate security to the minority community as well as cash relief of Rs one crore and job to the each victim family, Rajiv Chuni exhorted the PoJK Displaced families to remain united for getting justice. He also appealed the community to maintain communal harmony at any cost and foil nefarious designs of the enemies of brotherhood.

Others who spoke on the occasion, included VK Datta, Ved Raj Bali, Ashok Sharma, Subash Sharma, Sushil Sharma, Yogesh Sharma, Satinder Dev Gupta, Vijay Gurm, Capt Ravinder, Sharda Devi, Rajinder Sharma, Balbir Singh, Jyoti Saroop, Khem Raj, Kewal Sharma, Pritam Sharma and Others.