

# SKUAST-J holds 11th Extension Education Council Meeting

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JAMMU: Prof B. N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-J chaired 11th Extension Education Council meeting on Monday, here. Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-J briefed the participants about the extension activities undertaken by SKUAST-J during the current year. Prof B. N. Tripathi laid emphasis on proper implementation of centrally sponsored schemes. He stressed upon the University Scientists and provisional heads of the line departments to further strengthening of coordination between the research and extension agencies for boosting agricultural productivity in the



VC SKUAST-J, Prof B. N. Tripathi chairing 11th Extension Education Council meeting.

Jammu division. He also stressed upon the participants to have more interaction for chalking out the strategies for enhancing agricultural production and economic return to the farmers of the region. Dr. Hema Tripathi, National Coordinator, ICAR, New Delhi suggested documentation of farmers experiences and

understanding their indigenous knowledge. She suggested for coordination and cooperation of SKUAST-Jammu and departments for timely transfer of technology among farmers. Emphasizing the importance of enhancing the university's visibility, she stressed the necessity of making farm literature available on the website

in Hindi and Dogri, along with showcasing success stories. She underscored the need to develop an e-extension portal for comprehensive dissemination of information, ensuring all details are uploaded to the platform.

Recognizing the significance of industry collaboration, she highlighted the linkage with indus-

tries in future. Additionally, she advocated for specialized training programs such as capsules and refresher courses for field veterinarians.

G. A. Sofi, Secretary (T), Govt. of J&K UT advocated for promotion of goat and sheep among marginal and small farmers.

The meeting was attended by three progressive farmers Baskhi Ganesh Dass, Shashi Devi and Darshan Lal. Proceedings of the program were conducted by Dr. Pawan Sharma, Associate Professor, Directorate of Extension. Dr. Jasbir Singh Manhas, Associate Professor, Directorate of Extension and Dr. Anil Bhat, Assistant Professor were reporters.

# ADGP Armed decorates newly promoted officer

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JAMMU: ADGP Armed J&K S.J.M Gillani joined by DySP Pers. APHQ J&K Ab. Hamid Dar on Monday decorated Gh. Hyder with the rank of DySP at Armed Police Headquarters J&K Jammu.

The event was attended by all gazetted and non-gazetted officers including Syed Sajad Hussain DySP (S) Pvt. Sect. to ADGP Armed J&K, Ab. Rashid SI(S) PA to ADGP Armed J&K.

ADGP Armed and senior officers of Armed



ADGP Armed J&K S.J.M Gillani decorating Gh. Hyder with the rank of DySP.

Police Headquarters J&K extended their warm greetings to Gh. Hyder on his promotion

as DySP and wished him blossoming career in the organization in future as well.

# Yudhvir Sethi calls on Advisor Bhatnagar, submits memorandum; seeks revival of Football in Jammu

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JAMMU: In a significant move towards revitalizing the football culture in the Jammu Division of the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, a delegation of All J&K Sports & Cultural Welfare Association, J&K UT, led by its Chairman Yudhvir Sethi, who is also the Vice President of the Bharatiya Janata Party, J&K, on Monday met Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor. The delegation, including Yousuf Don, General Secretary, Charanjit Singh Bagga, football player, and Raman Sharma, Mandal President, brought attention to the unfortunate state of affairs persisting in Jammu for the past six



years.

During the meeting, the delegation emphasized the urgent need for the revival and development of football in Jammu Division, particularly focusing on creating more opportunities for emerging football talent.

A memorandum of demands was also submitted to address

the key issues affecting the football landscape in the region. The delegation outlined the challenges faced by Jammu Division and proposed several actionable points for the revival and development of football.

The delegation highlighted include the lack of football fields, absence of coaches and Khelo India Centres, insufficient football academies, dearth of tournaments, and the need for financial aid to deserving football clubs.

The delegation suggested formation of government department football teams exclusively for Jammu Division, the construction of a synthetic turf stadium with floodlights, the establishment of football acade-

mies for boys and girls, and the development of additional football fields in far-flung areas to engage youth and deter them from negative influences.

Yudhvir Sethi urged the Advisor Bhatnagar to upgrade facilities such as changing rooms, substitute bench arenas, and net installations behind goalposts at existing synthetic turf stadiums.

He stressed the importance of creating opportunities for youth across all districts of Jammu Division and called for the appointment of coaches from both the Sports Council and the Sports Authority of India (SAI). He requested the Advisor to take initiative in resolving internal disputes and court cases affecting the football standards in the Union Territory. Advisor Bhatnagar gave a patient hearing to the issues put forth by the delegation and assured to take adequate steps in boosting football game in Jammu and Kashmir.

# PoJK DP's Front holds protest, projects demands

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JAMMU: PoJK DP's Front led by Captain Yudhvir Singh Chib, President, assisted by General Secretary J.P. Sharma and Secretary K.S. Chib held a protest at Maharaja Hari Singh Park, here on Monday to address long-pending issues.

DP's carrying play cards, banners, and flags tried to march towards the Secretariat but were stopped by a heavy police contingent near Dogra Chowk. After a prolonged struggle, Prime Minister Narendra Modi considered the concerns, and JPC recommended Rs. 30 Lakh per family for PoJK DP's and Rs 2000 Crores were released as part of the Prime Minister's Package for disbursement to PoJK DP's, Yudhvir Singh Chib said adding that 80 per cent of DP families have received Rs. 5.5 Lakh each. However, he added, the remaining 20 per cent awaits the balance amount of Rs. 24.5 Lakh.

He expressed gratitude



PoJK DP's raising slogans during a protest.

towards Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, Narendra Modi, Prime Minister and Amit Shah, Home minister for their attention and actions. He requested to release the remaining balance amount from the recommended Rs. 30 Lakh. He demanded for allotting retrieved land to DP's (non-camp) for constructing houses, seeking Scheduled Tribe status for refugees migrated from PoJK for educational and professional benefits, allocation of agricultural land to non-camp refugees for settlement, release and allocation of 12 out of 24 held-in-abeyance

assembly seats in J&K Assembly to PoJK refugees, allotment of evacuee property lying with the state to DP's of PoJK, per the State Cabinet order 1954.

He vowed for continuous efforts to make the government consider genuine demands for the benefit of all refugees.

Prominent individuals present were Kuldeep Singh Chib, Kulbir Singh Chib, Sakandya Devi, Kehar Singh Chib, Master Raghunath Singh, Sham Singh Chib, Hoshnaki Ram, Kamal Sharma, Thoru Ram Chib and Ranjit Singh Chib.

# Nehru-Sheikh bonhomie responsible for POJK : Rana

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RAJOURI: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Monday held Nehru-Sheikh bonhomie responsible for segregating the families along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir by enforcing ceasefire on January 1, 1949 when Indian Armed Forces were fast advancing towards Mirpur and Muzaffarabad in Pak occupied Kashmir.

Speaking at Shakti Vandan Workshop at the party Headquarters in Rajouri this afternoon, Rana said the objective behind Indian ceasefire amid India-Pakistan conflict during those most testing times by Prime Minister Pt Jawaharlal Nehru was solely to safeguard the political interests of the National Conference (NC). He said the ceasefire decision driven by emotions and personal bonhomie cost the nation in general and the Rajouri-Poonch belt in particular the most. While the country has been paying hugely for the Nehruvian blunders for the past 75 years in terms of three wars and a proxy war, the people on both sides of the LoC are also facing perpetual divide due to inflated ego of a single person, he said, adding that more importantly the move was to keep the people of this region away from any role in decision making and governance.

Rana said the united Jammu and Kashmir would have placed the Rajouri-Poonch belt and similarly placed areas at the centre-stage of the then state's politics, ending the bonhomie of the elite, who continue to believe political power as their birth right. This self-cen-



Senior BJP leader Devender Rana addressing gathering.

tric elite class did no good to the people but remained confined to myopic politics as a result of which the entire population suffered, he added.

Rana said the matter didn't end there but the NC and the Congress with their political off-shoots like PDP are continuing to create wedge between different regions for their sinister political interests.

While the BJP endeavoured to satiate the aspirations of all these segments without jeopardizing the interests of others, they tried to create fissures in a desperate bid to put one brother against the other. He cautioned against the machinations of these political chameleons, who have nothing dear than their personal interests. He also referred to the obstacles created by the so-called mainstream political parties in the implementation of Forest Rights Act, saying they remain always on toes to oppose any and every initiative aimed at empowering the people. Referring to the dawning of peace in Jammu and Kashmir, leading to new era of progress, development and buzzing economic activities, Rana said this does not suit to the politics of the Congress, NC and the PDP, which have thrived on the politics of graveyards and want to

keep the situation on boil.

"It is ironic that those whose feet were shaking in Lal Chowk due to fear of terror are now misadventuring in Rajouri and Poonch areas to destabilise the situation", he said, urging the people to keep vigil on such an ecosystem that has hugely contributed to the grim situation in Jammu and Kashmir. He said the people have realised the dividends of peace that has brought cheer and happiness in their lives in the past over four years. "A huge transformation is discernible with peace paving the way for holistic development and the people getting opportunities to prosper and progress", Rana said, adding that concerted efforts are underway to address the issues of the youth, the marginalized and weaker sections, farmers and women. He said the BJP is committed to remove the disparity between regions and sub-regions on the developmental front and opportunities for all to flourish. BJP District President Rajouri Dinesh SharmaFormer Member Parliament Ch Talib Hussain, DDC Darhal Iqbal Malik, DDC Thanamandi Abdul Qayoom Mir, Jugal Dogra, Prabhar, Atam Parkash Gupta, Ranjeet Tara and Koushal Gupta were present.

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JAMMU: Jammu Motor Vehicles LLP (an Authorized Dealership of Mahindra & Mahindra) at B C Road, Rehari, Jammu launched new Supro Profit Truck Excel series, available in Diesel.

The vehicle was unveiled by Agnivesh Garg-Area Sales Manager for Mahindra & Mahindra in the presence of Swatantar Aggarwal-Chairman of Aggarwal Group, Vineet Aggarwal, Nitin Aggarwal, other Directors & Family members of Aggarwal Group along with dignitaries from prestigious Banks, NBFCs, Customers and Staff Members of Jammu Motor Vehicles LLP.

Agnivesh Garg said, that building on the success of the Supro platform, the Profit Truck Excel series has been designed to redefine last-mile connectivity with its superior power, exceptional style, unparalleled safety, and unsurpassed comfort.

The Supro Profit Truck

Excel series offers competitive pricing, with the Diesel variant priced at Rs 6.61 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi), he added.

He further said, "Mahindra's 'Rise for Value,' a pillar of our RISE philosophy, is embodied in our latest offering - the Mahindra Supro Profit Truck Excel. This launch marks a significant stride in the sub-2-tonne segment, showcasing our commitment to empowering businesses and transforming last-mile connectivity in India. The Supro Profit Truck Excel, with its exceptional 500 km range CNG Duo variant, blends power, economy, safety, and comfort, reinforcing our mission to deliver comprehensive, value-driven solutions in logistics and transportation."

Vineet Aggarwal, Managing Partner, Jammu Motor Vehicles LLP, said, "The Supro Profit Truck Excel boasts an advanced 5-speed transmission for improved performance, a reinforced chassis with

# HC sets-aside Tribunal order, directs SMC to seal offending portion of building constructed

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JAMMU: In an appeal filed by Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) against the order of Special Tribunal, Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court on Monday set-aside the order of Tribunal and directed SMC to seal the unauthorized portion.

Vide building permission Order No. 3048 of 2018, issued by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation in terms of Sections 243 and 244 of the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Corporation Act, 2000 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Act of 2000') read with Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Corporation Building Bye-laws, 2011 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Bye-laws of 2011'), the private respondents, namely Aijaz Ahmad Baba, Manzoor Ahmad Baba and Nisar Ahmad Baba were accorded permission for execution of repairs/restoration by way of retrofitting to strengthen the existing three storeyed heritage building with attic without any change in size,

shape and height so as to keep the facade intact in its original position.

The building is located at Estate Nursing Garh, Hari Singh High Street, Srinagar. It appears that the private respondents deviated from the sanctioned plan while raising construction of the building.

Accordingly, a notice dated March 25, 2019 under Section 254 of the Act of 2000 was issued by the petitioner-Srinagar Municipal Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the 'Corporation') to the private respondents requiring them to stop the construction in question.

It also appears that when the private respondents did not comply with the aforesaid notice, a communication dated March 26, 2019 was addressed by the Corporation to the Police Station Shergari, Srinagar in terms of Section 254(2) of the Act of 2000 seeking assistance in removal of persons engaged at site.

Another notice, in terms of first proviso to Section 253(1) of the Act of 2000

dated April 2, 2019 was issued by the Corporation to the private respondents, whereafter, a notice of demolition, in terms of Section 253(1) of the Act was issued by the Corporation on April 5, 2019 against the private respondents directing them to demolish/pull down the structure within a period of seven days from the date of said notice.

Justice Sanjay Dhar after hearing both the sides observed that if we have a look at Byelaw No. 2.1.1, it defines 'unauthorised building' as a building undertaken after a building permit has lapsed or after a building permit has been revoked.

The reasoning adopted by the Tribunal that, once a building permission has been issued and is valid even if the said building is raised in contravention of the building permission, the same would not qualify to be an unauthorized building, is absolutely flawed. What byelaw No. 2.1.1 conveys is that unauthorized building is a building which is undertaken without grant of permission, meaning thereby if a build-

ing activity is undertaken regarding which there is no permission, it would constitute an unauthorized building.

To quote an example, if there is a building permission for raising three storeyed building and the person concerned constructs an additional fourth floor, the additional 4th floor would constitute 'unauthorized building'.

Any deviation from the building permission would always constitute an unauthorized construction. The Tribunal by adopting flawed reasoning which is against the logic and common sense has termed the 'unauthorized construction' of the private respondents as authorized one and thereafter set aside the sealing order. The ground on which the Tribunal has quashed the order of sealing is absolutely perverse and liable to be set aside. With these observations High Court disposed of the petition with the direction that the impugned order, passed by the Special Tribunal is set aside; the private respondents are at liberty to approach the

Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation with a petition for compounding of the deviations and if and when such a petition is made by the private respondents before the Commissioner, the same shall be considered by the said authority in the light of the building permission granted in favour of the private respondents, the relevant building byelaws, the zonal plan and all other relevant statutes and guidelines on the subject.

The offending portion of the building constructed by the private respondents shall be sealed by the petitioner-corporation till such time a decision is taken by the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation with regard to the question of compounding of deviations; and in case the deviations are not compounded/regularized by the Commissioner, the private respondents shall ensure that offending portion of the building is demolished or, in the alternative, the Corporation shall undertake demolition of the offending portion in accordance with law.