

IT, CGST Deptts hold lively interactions with stakeholders under Outreach Programme



Income Tax officers posing for a photograph with Presidents of various trade associations of J&K during a meeting.

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JAMMU: Income Tax Department and Central GST Department organised an 'Outreach Programme & Interactive Session' at ICAI Bhawan, Jammu on Tuesday to find out about expectations of people from forthcoming Union Budget besides making them aware about the various technological and other initiatives taken by Department to increase transparency and ease of compliance and to provide better services to taxpayers. The session was followed by 'Walk in Taxpayers facilitation Camp' organised by Income Tax Department at Aayakar Sewa Kendra, Aayakar Bhawan, Jammu to address the queries/grievances related to Income Tax matters. This Walk in Camp will also continue on December 1, 2021 at ASK Centre, Jammu. Similar events will be held in all districts of Jammu region, amid strict COVID SoPs, during next fortnight.

The outreach programme & Interactive Session was attended by representatives of PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Chamber of Traders Federation, Bari Brahmana Industries Association, J&K Branch of NIRC of ICAI, Tax Bar Association and Pr. Commissioner of Income Tax, (ReFAC)(AU) Jammu Mona Singh, Pr. Commissioner of CGST Mahesh Rustogi, Baljeet Kaur, Addl Commissioner of Income Tax, Range-1 &2, Jammu, Amit Sharma JCIT, CGST and other senior officers.

Welcoming all participants, Rakesh Kumar Addl CIT, ReFAC Jammu informed that the program is beginning of an open communication between Departments and stakeholders.

Mona Singh informed about the various steps taken by the Department to ease compliance like introduction of Faceless Assessment Scheme, Faceless Appeals, pre-filing of Income Tax returns, relaxation in the norms for prosecution, Tax Incentives for Start-Ups, along with steps taken to promote digital transactions etc.

In the keynote address, Baljeet Kaur, Addl. CIT, Range Jammu emphasized that the two ways of bridging the trust deficit is through enhanced use of technology in Tax Administration and through tax authorities reaching out to public and interacting with stakeholders. She appealed to the trade & industry leaders and tax consultants to spread the message to their fraternity and the public at large about the importance of paying the right taxes at right time.

Mahesh Kumar Rustogi Principal Commissioner CGST Jammu emphasized that to

become Atmanirbhar, efforts have to be there to Make in India as much as possible and to move towards digital systems. He also elaborated on composition levy scheme, e-invoice under GST, benefits for MSMEs under GST, amnesty scheme, relaxation in compliances, Budgetary Support Scheme and COVID measures. An interaction with college students and trade members was also separately held at CGST Commissionerate, OB-32, Railhead Complex, Jammu wherein issues relating to Atmanirbhar Bharat, Make-in-India, Swachhta Mission etc were discussed. On the occasion, Rahul Sahai, Chairman, PhD Chamber Of Commerce & Industry Jammu raised issue of technical glitches being faced on portal of e-filing, issues in registration of start-ups, IT exemptions, delay in realizing tax refunds and losses being suffered by industry sector in view of pecu-

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Arun Gupta, President, Chamber of Commerce & Industries raised issue of delay in completing the cases in Vivad-se-Vishwas scheme, invoking penal provisions for delay in compliance which is mostly due to malfunctioning of e-filing portal and requested for extending dates for filing of IT Returns.

Neeraj Anand, President, Chamber of Traders Federation highlighted the problems being faced by the small traders and MSMEs due to transition of J&K as UT from State. CA Vinay-Jamwal, Chairman J&K branch of ICAI, Jammu requested officers to address the issue of old refund matters and appeal effect cases which are pending with the department.

Neeraj Bhasin, General Secretary, Tax Bar association raised some very pertinent issues regarding spreading awareness especially regarding returns to be filed by senior citizens and need to merge 26AS and AIS and to provide more time for reconciliation of data in AIS. The interactive programme was conducted by Rakesh Kumar, Addl. Commissioner of Income Tax, (ReFAC)(AU), Range-1 &2, Jammu while Amit Sharma, Joint Commissioner, CGST Jammu delivered vote of thanks on behalf of CBIC and Rahul Padma, Deputy Commissioner, Income Tax, Jammu presented vote of thanks on behalf of CBDT.



Minimal access Heart Surgery started at SSH Jammu

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JAMMU: In another first of its kind, Heart Valve was replaced in a 40-year-old female patient in the Department of CTVS, GMC Jammu through minimal access method through a small incision (cut) in the crease (fold) below right breast and opening the chest in between ribs without causing any chest instability as the breast bone was left intact.

This technique causes less bleeding and thus less need of blood transfusion, besides less pain and is cosmetically superior as the incision scar is fine and hides in breast crease.

Procedure of Mitral valve replacement through anterior thoracotomy using conventional operative equipment and set of instruments, was first of its kind carried out in Govt Medical college Jammu.

The patient was sick with breathlessness and her heart beats were irregular and chaotic because her heart valve was narrowed and leaking.

Besides she had low haemoglobin of 7.6 grams and low protein.

She was optimised in Intensive care unit, SSH before taking up for Mitral Valve replacement.

The Ayushman Bharat Scheme covered the expenses for the equipment and drugs



SSH doctors along with a patient after surgery.

used during surgery and postoperative period.

The surgical team comprised of Dr Shyam Singh (Surgeon) with Dr I.A Mir (Co-Surgeon), assisted by Dr Rauf and Dr Amit Thapa.

Other colleagues Dr Arvind Kohli, Dr Mohit Arora, Dr Vivek Gandotra, Dr Javed also helped in the procedure.

Cardiac Anaesthesia was conducted by Professor and Head Dr Puja Vimesh, Dr Rasmeet Kour, Dr Vikas Gupta, assisted by Senior Cardiac Anaesthesia technologist Shiv Karan Singh, Vikas Sharma, Arif, Sumit, Saleem, Karan Singh and Abhiranjan Kotwal.

Senior Perfusionists Chananjit Singh and Roshan Lal maintained the cardiopulmonary pump during operation.

The operation theatre scrub sisters helping in carrying out the novel technique

of operation were Sapna Manhas and Vaishali and Operation theatre senior technician Girdhari Singh and OT incharge Indu Khurdi.

The intra-operative and peri-operative care in Intensive Care Unit SSH was managed by team of Cardiac Anaesthesia Residents Dr Aprajita, Dr Hitasha, Dr Sakshi, and Cardiac Surgery Residents Dr Abhishek Jasrotia, Dr Adnan, Dr Shehwar, Dr Anil, Dr Anwar with active and alert ICU sisters Neetu, Zahida, Nayeem and Sister incharge ICU Tajinder Kour.

Principal Medical College Jammu Professor Dr Shashi Chananjit Singh and Roshan Lal maintained the cardiopulmonary pump during operation. The operation theatre scrub sisters helping in carrying out the novel technique

Mongolian Government honours Sonam Wangchuk Shakspo with 'Friendship Medal'



Sonam Wangchuk Shakspo receiving 'Friendship Medal' from Minister for Foreign Relations, Government of Mongolia B. Battsetseg.

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LEH: Government of Mongolia has honoured Sonam Wangchuk Shakspo from Ladakh with the Friendship (Nairamdal) Medal, one of the highest honours bestowed upon a foreigner by the Government of Mongolia, given to those pioneered the preservation of world peace, the deepening and development of international friendly relations and cooperation, and contributed to the development of the country. 'Medal of Friendship' by the President of Mongolia Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh was in recognition of Sonam Wangchuk Shakspo's services to foster India-Mongolia friendship & relations during last several decades. He received that award on Monday from Minister for Foreign Relations, Government of Mongolia Ms. B. Battsetseg.

"I feel honoured and humbled in receiving this high honour and would like to thank H.E. the President of Mongolia, Minister foreign Relations and all the well-wishers for bestowing this honour on me," Wangchuk Shakspo said on receiving the award. Sonam Wangchuk Shakspo served as Secretary to the Indian Ambassador to Mongolia, late 19th Kushok Bakula Rinpoche, from the year 1990 to 2000, during a crucial period when Mongolia changed from communism to democracy. Since 2019 he has been working as Deputy Secretary General of Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP), the first pan-Asia Buddhist organization based in Mongolia.

Govt committed to channelise energy of youth in positive direction: Mehta

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JAMMU: The district administration on Tuesday organized C-DYTE Border Youth Festival-2021 at BSF Ground Paloura.

Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, was the chief guest on the occasion.

Divisional Commissioner, Raghav Langer, ADGP, Jammu, Mukesh Singh, IG, BSF DK Boora, DIG BSF Sudhir Kumar Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Anshul Garg besides senior district officers from concerned departments were present during the event.

Meanwhile, C-DYTE athletic meet, job fair and placement drive, awareness camp for government schemes and distribution of sanction letters among 10 beneficiaries under Be-Rozgar se Swarozgar scheme were also the part of the event.

While speaking on the occasion, Chief Secretary said that a nation with the highest number of youth in the world can become a global leader in every field as the youth with their innovative ideas can be the catalyst for change.

Chief Secretary motivated the young generation to participate in sports and extra-curricular activities and stressed on the need to create bigger platforms for young sportsmen to display their talent. He said that J&K administration is committed to channelize energy of youth in a



Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta presenting certificate to a youth.

positive direction by generating enhanced opportunities for them, whether it is sports, studies, self-employment, entrepreneurship etc. He appreciated the efforts of district administration Jammu and other concerned departments for organizing the Festival to provide a platform to young and budding talent from rural areas of the district. He also visited the stalls of departmental exhibitions established during the job fair. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner, Anshul Garg, apprised the Chief Secretary that Centre for District Youth Training and Empowerment C-DYTE, Jammu, is one of the initiatives of Jammu administration in collaboration with Department of Mission Youth towards empowerment of young minds by providing them trainings at their door steps.

He said that C-DYTE was started with an aim to equip the district youth, who desire to get entry into the Jammu and

Kashmir Police, Paramilitary and Indian Defence Forces with necessary physical and mental skills thereby facilitating their recruitment into the armed forces. It also encourage activities like sports and recreation, drug de-addiction drives, facility of libraries, reading rooms, career counselling sessions, Yoga and meditation classes. Deputy Commissioner informed that 9 centres of C-DYTE covering all the youth of border areas have been opened on pilot basis at Arnia, Suchetgarh, Phalain Mandal, Marh, Pargval, Khour, Akhnoor, Samwan and Kharaballi in which 630 trainees (70 each centre) are getting training. On the occasion, folk artist Rumalo Ram and party mesmerised the audience with their stunning performance on "Geetru".

C-DYTE Suchetgarh was adjudged as overall champion of C-DYTE athletic meet-2021.

Why observe J&K Accession Day only & not of other Princely states that acceded to India Dominion ask 'some'?

Indian leadership that mattered in power as well as outside power arena too had been keeping and is still keeping focus more on expressions, narrations and 'leadership' from Kashmir Valley where after October 1947 the percentage of local non Muslims had fallen to less than 5%. There is nothing wrong in keeping more focus on Kashmir valley people and lands but it was / is not in the interest of the affairs related to erstwhile state of J&K when the Governments 'read' the affairs and issues concerning the state only from the pages of a few 'chapters' and what a leader/ writer belonging to Kashmir valley has been saying..

6. What to talk of the anti India neighbouring countries even the Kashmir valley centric mainstream leadership cultivated more local regional controversies for their vote bank game plans to the extent that they even misused the existence Art-35A which could be otherwise used for giving extraordinary preferential treatment to Indian citizens of the class of permanent resident of J&K over other Indian citizens but the shelter of that article was used more to even harm some permanent residents of J&K simply to project Art 35A as a distancing symbol along with Art-370 where as in actual

text both were constitutionally not alien. (Any how now in August 2019 Art-35A has been in a way rescinded/shed by a Presidential Order like it had been added in constitution of India and Article -370 has been amended/ modified using the constitutional provisions thereby weakening the myths on which some leadership/opinions survived which is surely going to help in the process that the present NDA Modi led Government has initiated for medicating the ideological pollution that had grown around the innocent masses over last 7 decades..)

(7) In a way it can also be inferred that so far Indian leadership / Government of India (GOI) have not been able to even draw a clear line between the separatist and mainstream ideologies. To exemplify it could be read from the political behaviour demonstrated so far by those who have held the reins of governance like for Congress and BJP the Self Rule Framework for Resolution doctrine of PDP is within the frame work of Constitution of India even when it talks of joint control of India & Pakistan on certain affairs concerning J&K. To quote (i)



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Kashmir will have 50 members. The respective state assemblies of J&K and Pakistan Administered Kashmir shall elect 40 members. The remaining 10 members will be nominated, five each, by the Governments of India and Pakistan (ii) Clause -58 demands Autonomy for J&K from India Nation state. So is also the position / status given to those who long for future of J&K / Kashmir in Achievable Nation Hood. Some innocent people in Kashmir valley (J&K) if get carried by the separatist ideologies w.r.t accession under such type of environment how could they be tagged with 'anti national' labels (from Indian point of view) ?.

(8) It cannot be denied that after the retreat of the British the Kashmiri valley leaders have always talked of Kashmiri (Valley) aspirations (have rarely talked of J&K aspirations) and 'Delhi' too has been 'sensing' 'J&K' only in people belonging to Kashmir valley & Kashmiri aspirations to the extent of repeatedly feeling the need for "winning" the hearts of Kashmiries. Some

- J&K Accession Day (Adhimilan Divas) is observed to undo otherwise myths about J&K being 'total' India
- It was the right of the Prince of a Princely State only and not 'subjects' to Decide Accession
- 'koyibhiduniyaan ka aadminahinhai jo Jammu Kashmir ko Kashmir State ke naam se nahinjanta': Azad
- 'Valley leaders' were not checked for projecting Art 35A & Art 370 as distancing symbol
- Government of India (GOI) must atleast now draw clear line between Separatist & Mainstream ideologies
- Those who have been cultivating myth of no merger have taken advantage of the term Vilay for Accession
- Ladakh region not even reflected from the name of the erstwhile State of J&K.
- Once the myths are washed away there will be no need to observe J&K Accession day

'permanent residents of J&K' have gone to the extent of even saying that the 1947 Displaced Families from the areas of 'J&K' (1947 POJK DPs) as occupied by

Pakistan have nearly remained 'neglected' by State Governments/ Government of India because 'they' mostly belonged to areas outside Kashmir valley and most of

them were staying outside Kashmir valley after their displacement.

(9). Whenever effort has been made to understand J&K affairs government of India has always tried to find solution with the help of messages and suggestions emerging from the politicians, administrators, thinkers, historians and community leaders mostly belonging to Kashmir valley which also reflects well from what Gulam Nabi Azad 'professed' on 27th Feb 2021 while in Jammu < "... The Koyi Bhi Duniyaan Ka Aadmi Nahin Hai Ya Leaders Nahin Hai Jo Kashmir Ko Kashmir Ke Naam Se Nahin Jantaya Jammu Kashmir Ko Kashmir State (Ke Naam Se) Se Nahin Janta. Aaj Hamari Bo Pehchaan Chali Geyi Hai"> . So Government India and those who are desperately looking for meaningful way forward must plan their approach taking leads/catching strings out of such like understandings for working out the strategies/plans to handle/ deal the affairs and people in a realistic way/taking the real information to those who matter so that J&K issues are given a right way forward.

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