

Bank employees hold protest against privatisation of public sector banks

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JAMMU: A massive demonstration of Bank Employees was held at Shalamar Road in front of Punjab National Bank today, under the banner of United Forum of Bank Unions since there was no positive development in the conciliation meeting on December 14, 2021. It has been decided to go ahead with the strike on 16th & 17th Dec' 2021 to oppose privatisation of public sector banks.

The demonstration was addressed by Arun Kumar Gupta, General Secretary Jammu Province Bank Employees Federation who informed the gathering that the reason for 2 Days continuous nationwide Bank Strike by one million bank employees against the Government decision of privatization of two public sector Banks and well as bringing Banking Amendment Law Bill in this



Bank employees raising slogans during a protest.

session of parliament. Com. Gupta reminded that 14 major private banks were nationalized in 1969 and 6 more private banks were Nationalized in 1980, State Bank of India, its Subsidiary Banks, as well as the Regional Rural Banks, and the nationalized banks put together became the sheet-anchor of national economic development. Under the Public Sector Banks expansion started, reaching out to the common

masses, bank branches started to be opened in rural areas and remote villages, precious savings of the people were mobilized and brought into banking system. Hitherto, neglected sectors like agriculture, employment generation, productive activities, poverty alleviation programs rural development, health, education, exports, infrastructure, women empowerment, small scale and medium industry, tiny and micro industries, etc. became the

priority sector and focused attention of Banks. There is a wrong perception and mistaken information that public sector banks are not earning profits and are incurring losses but the fact is that Public Sector Banks are earning huge operating profits, he said. Instead of further strengthening public sector banking, the present policies are aimed to weaken PSBs, by starving them of the required capital, human resources, allowing private hands through disinvestment and proposed privatization moves, he added. Corn. Ashwani Pradhan, General Secretary, AIBOA (J&K Chapter) also addressed and demanded strengthening of public sector Banks, by adequate infusion of capital, human resources and statutory framework to recover the stressed assets.

Rizwan visits RO Kashmir, listens to grievances of members

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SRINAGAR: Regional PF Commissioner-I, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Rizwan Uddin visited Regional Office Kashmir and took stock of the conduct of the office. PF Commissioner personally listened to the grievances of the members and promptly resolved the grievances by giving appropriate directions to the officials of RO Kashmir.

In one specific case, an elderly couple from Pampore was relieved and expressed gratitude when the husband's details were corrected promptly by coordinating with Regional Office Jammu. Likewise, PF Commissioner directed Ritesh Kohli, SSA, to process the Joint Declaration of Sayima Rashid on the spot to correct her name in UAN. Similarly, father name of Sobia Rashid was missing in her UAN and the same was updated immediately.



Regional PF Commissioner-I, Rizwan Uddin along with others during visit to Regional Office Kashmir.

Rizwan Uddin visited SSM College of Engineering, Pattan and conducted an awareness programme on filing E-Nomination. He emphasized that E-nomination must be filed through UAN login by employees so that in the unfortunate event of death of member/ subscriber, the claim process can be smooth and without much paperwork. While at the College, Rizwan Uddin also conducted an interactive session

with the young students on the topic "Motivation through goal setting". Later in the evening, PF Commissioner along with Suhail Khan, Enforcement Officer, conducted an e-nomination programme at the Head Office of Comtech Info Solution Pvt Ltd. A live demonstration on the procedure of filing e-nomination was given and e-nomination in respect of one member was processed there itself. The establishment promised to file e-nomination in respect of all employees

NSS volunteers of GCET Jammu conduct door to door campaign



NSS volunteers during a drive at Jammu.

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JAMMU: The NSS unit of Government College of Engineering & Technology (GCET), Jammu on Thursday conducted door to door campaign in the adopted village of Amb and Chak in Tehsil Bhalwal as part of day two of Special Winter Camp under Clean India Campaign, an initiative of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to commemorate Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav- Celebration of India's 75 years of Independence. Principal of the college Dr. Sameru Sharma flagged off

the volunteers from the campus towards the adopted villages with best wishes. The NSS volunteers with programme officer in their door to door campaign did awareness about COVID appropriate behaviour, cleanliness drive, awareness about non communicable diseases in these adopted villages. The NSS volunteers aware the villagers about different COVID appropriate behaviours like maintain distance greet without physical contact, wear mask and about COVID vaccines. The volunteers also distrib-

uted the masks among locals. They also aware the locals about the non-communicable diseases like cancer, dengue, diabetes, heart diseases, stress, depression etc. NSS programme officer also aware the locals about healthy diet, avoiding cigarette and alcohol and also for remaining physically fit. The event was organized by NSS volunteers Mandeep Singh, Paras Gupta, Sakshi Bhat, Vijay Rathore, Pratham Choudhary, Nikansh Panotra, Sunidhi Sharma and Harserat Kour under the guidance of NSS Programme officer Dr. Raman Gupta. He congratulated all the NSS volunteers for their excellent work of awareness in this camp. The principal of the college applauded the efforts of team NSS for creating awareness of various programmes among the locals of villages which are adopted by the college.

IFFCO organises fertilizer wholesale dealer training programme



IFFCO members during a meeting with fertilizer wholesale dealers.

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JAMMU: Fertilizer wholesale dealer training programme was organized at IFFCO State Marketing office Jammu, here on Thursday. The programme was chaired by S.S Dalal, DGM, IFFCO New Delhi and attended by Joginder Paul, SMM IFFCO J&K(UT) and all the wholesalers of Jammu District. They were apprised of IFFCO Nano Urea liquid and other products like

Sagarika, WSF and other specialty fertilizers. They were also informed about the importance of IFFCO Nano Urea for the overall growth of various crops and its role in increase in crop productivity. One bottle of 500 MI IFFCO Nano urea replaces 1 bag of conventional Urea, S.S Dalal said. The programme was organized by Vivek Verma, Field officer- Jammu Division.

Ware House Traders call on VC JDA, highlight issues

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JAMMU: A delegation of Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market Jammu called on Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority (JDA), Pankaj Magotra on Thursday and submitted a memorandum highlighting various burning issues. During the meeting, Deepak Gupta, President of Federation apprised VC JDA about various problems faced by businessmen of the Mandi. Demanding ownership Rights and godowns space for warehouse, Deepak Gupta said that trading community of Ware House-Nehru Market, an oldest wholesale market of Jammu is facing huge congestion due to lack of space with an increase in business establishments since 1956. "4th generation is working in Ware House and facing a lot of problems because. We don't have any space for night stay of outside traders who come to Ware House for business activities. Thousands of



Traders delegation calling on VC JDA, Pankaj Magotra.

workers are forced to spend nights in the open because they can't construct shelters for them," said Gupta, urging VC to provide ownership rights to shopkeepers so that they can construct rooms on the first floor of shops for night-stay for labour and outsider traders. Demanding separate land for construction of godowns, he said that Walmart, Big Bazaar and Easy Day are posing a big threat to small traders and traders of Ware House are unable to compete because they don't have sufficient space for storage of goods. To meet the challenge, nearby land should be allotted to

shopkeepers to construct godowns so that they can store commodities and save edible commodities from scorching heat and rains, he asserted. Others issues highlighted on the occasion included parking of vehicles, blacktopping of roads, installation of street-lights, ensuring proper drainage system, transferring lease deeds of shops, providing space for constructing shelters for animals, etc. The delegation comprised of Munish Mahajan Senior Vice President, Abhimanyu Gupta Vice President, Sham Lal Langer General Secretary, Vishal Gupta Secretary and Amit Gupta Cashier.

NEF delegation calls on DEO



NEF delegation during a meeting with DEO Arvind Kumar.

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UDHAMPUR: A delegation led by National Educational Federation's District President, Udhampur Dr. Khemraj Sharma met District Education Officer Arvind Kumar Koul and submitted a memorandum related to the issues. In the memorandum, the organization demanded the preparation of seniority list of teachers, transfer list of teachers

soon. "Teachers have accused the department of step-motherly behaviour due to non-transfer, Sharma apprised DEO adding that officers, principals and ministerial employees are being transferred in the department, but the transfer list of teachers is in cold storage since last year. On the orders of the Director of Education, the entire process of online

transfer of teachers has been fixed. According to this, the online transfer order of teachers should have been issued on July 2021, but this did not happen and the process is being repeatedly interfered with. On this occasion District President Khemraj told that the main objective of this transfer process has been to streamline the Student-Teacher Ratio (PTR) and to provide adequate teaching staff in the schools to provide quality education to the students in government schools. However, governance has failed miserably in streamlining the transfer system. The authorities have failed to execute the process on time and streamline the posting of teaching staff including teachers in the school as per the requirement.

Immunity Booster Camp held at Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar



Medical Superintendent, Dr Arun Sharma along with other doctors at a medical camp.

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JAMMU: During this COVID period where people are getting sick and immunity is lowered and they get hold of cold, cough, fever, respiratory infections and other diseases besides COVID, Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar which is a COVID Hospital under Government Medical

College Jammu and is a associated hospital of GMC Jammu organized a Immunity Booster camp wherein Ayurvedic medicines were distributed to patients and public visiting the hospital in the OPD. This was in collaboration with Directorate of Indian System of Medicine J&K. It is pertinent to mention

here that these medicines were given to COVID Patients admitted in maternity hospital Gandhi Nagar GMC Jammu, Public and staff during the first and second wave of COVID. Dr Arun Sharma Medical Superintendent along with staff was personally present to distribute the medicines.

NC nominates office bearers for District Kathua

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JAMMU: with the approval of the Provincial President Jammu Province Rattan Lal Gupta, District President Kathua Ajeet Kumar Sharma has announced District Office bearers Kathua District. Harjit Singh, Pardeep Kesar, Piar Singh, Bawa Ditta, Balak Ram, Kuldeep Singh have been designated as Vice Presidents. K.K Bakashi shall continue District Secretary. Kamal Kishore and Mohd Shafi have been designated as Joint Secretaries and Abdul Gani was made District Treasurer. Meanwhile the District Working Committee members include Harpreet Singh Sethi, Ashpaq Ahmed, Raj Kumar Sharma, Yash Paul, Karam Din Chopra,

Mukhtiar Chand, Dhian Chand Ex-MLA, Sagar Chand Ex-MLA, Suresh Sharma, Prem Sagar Advocate, Vijay Singh Bhadwal, Captain Anchal Singh, Neelam Sharma, Kousar Parveen Bhatti, Archana Devi, Subash Chander, Janak Raj, Devinder Singh Adv, Des Raj, Rakesh Sharma and Qasim Din Wania. Shakeel Ahmed Block President Kathua, J.P Singh Block President Barnoti, Devinder Mehta Block President Lakhampur are ex-office members of the District Committee. Rattan Lal Gupta have congratulated the District team and hoped that new team shall function with close coordination to strengthen the party.

All round development of J&K top priority of Modi Govt: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Sky is the limit as far as development of J&K is concerned because Prime Minister Narendra Modi has special affinity towards the Union Territory and he has given standing instructions to ensure all-round development of the region. This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta after launching construction work of lane and drain in Bhagatpura in Ward No. 51 Channi Himmat of Gandhi Nagar Constituency at an estimated cost of Rs 8 lakh. He listened to the stakeholders about constraints specifically being faced by them with regard to civic edifice and what measures needed to be taken to ensure that things could be rectified in the best possible way. Kavinder said that all-round development and welfare of the people of the union territory is

the top priority of the Modi government. He was accompanied by BJP District President Vinay Gupta, Narinder Koki, Corporator Ward No. 51, Rajkumar Tarkhan, and Ward President Jagdish Raj Proch. During the visit to the aforesaid ward, Kavinder reviewed various ongoing development works. He also distributed E-Labour Cards in Mohalla Sandh Channi Himmat to the dwellers of the area and also visited Shishu Samadhiyan to inspect ongoing shed and allied works. Among others who were present included Vinod Gupta, Parveen Singh Balloria, Dinesh Sharma, Deep Sharma, Ramesh Kumar, Joginder Gupta, Jeevan Singh Charak, Bachan Lal Proch, Thakur Dass, Subash Chander, Bishan Kumar, Chaman Lal, Mirza Bhagat, Surjeet Kumar, Omkar Singh, Master Krishan Kumar, Kartar Chand, Kanti Sharma, Deep Raj, Manoj

Kumar, Pritam Chand, Chaman Lal, Parkasho Devi, Madam Koul, Sonu Kumar, Kewal Kumar, Krishan Lal, Surinder Kumar, Surinder Kumar Bhagat, Tarsem Lal, Balvinder Kumar, Dinesh Kumar, Jograj, Laab Singh, Bimla Koul, Robin Singh Charak, Bishan Kumar, Parimoksh Seth, Amar Nath and Sanjay Sharma. **Sub Division Marh organises awareness programme on Bhumi Poshan** **■ STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Sub Division Marh Zone Pounichak organised a training cum awareness programme on Soil Health under Bhumi Poshan Abhiyaan Scheme at Panchayat Ghar Bhadrora which was inaugurated by Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer (SDAO) Marh Dr. Ashwani Kumar Jogra. Concerned PRT's along with a large number of farmers attended the training programme. AEO Pounichak Dr. Tirath Singh welcomed the participants and briefed them about the measures to be taken for maintenance of soil health. Lectures were delivered by the experts about the methods and importance of soil sampling and its testing for optimum use of manures and fertilizers during the training programme. Dr. Jogra interacted with the field staff and advised them to address the farmers issues on priority with mission mode. He also sensitized the farmers for adoption of good agricultural practices for saving input costs and maintaining Soil fertility. Other officers present were Dr. Suman Koul and Dr. Madhu Rani.

Million Euros through launching of foreign satellites on a commercial basis, which amounts to over Rs 1,135 crore. ISRO has signed six agreements with four countries for launching foreign satellites during 2021-2023. ISRO through its commercial arm, New Space India Limited (NSIL), a Govt. of India Company under Department of Space (DoS), has been launching satellites belonging to other countries on-board Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), on a commercial basis. NSIL as on date has signed six Launch Service Agreements with customers from four countries for launching foreign satellites into space on-board PSLV during 2021-2023. A total number of 124 indigenous satellites have been put into Earth's orbit including 12 student satel-

India earning from commercial launch of foreign satellites: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS P.M.O, Personnel, Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh informed the Rajya Sabha today that India is earning from commercial launch of foreign satellites. ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) has launched 342 foreign satellites on a commercial basis from 34 countries. These satellites were successfully launched on board Indian Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), he added. The Minister, in another reply, informed the House that during 2021-2023, ISRO will be earning 132

lites. The Minister said that through launching of foreign satellites on-board Indian launch vehicles, India has earned a Foreign Exchange revenue of approx. 35 Million USD and 10 Million Euros during the last 3 years (i.e., 2019- 2021). The type of foreign satellites that were launched through Indian Launch Vehicle includes satellites primarily for Earth Observation, Scientific and Technology demonstration purposes. In another reply in the Rajya Sabha, Dr.Jitendra Singh informed that the SSLV will provide a payload capability of 500 kg to a 500 km planar orbit. The Minister said that the development of SSLV is in the final stages and the first developmental flight of SSLV is targeted during the first quarter of 2022. He said, the Government has

sanctioned a total cost of Rs.169 Crores for the development project including the development & qualification of the vehicle systems and the flight demonstration through three development flights (SSLV-D1, SSLV-D2 & SSLV-D3). Dr Jitendra said that the hardware & structures for the SSLV development project including the solid motor cases, nozzle sub-systems, mandrels for the casting of solid motors, inter-stage structures, actuator motors & fixtures will be realised through private industry. The development of SSLV has been primarily envisaged to realise a cost-effective launch vehicle with high launch frequency and quick turnaround capability in order to cater to the growing opportunity in the global launch services market for small satellites.