

Reiterating demand for OBC status, Manmohan urges Jats for united struggle

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HIRANAGAR: Appealing to the community members for a united fight, Ch Manmohan Singh, former Mayor and President All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS) on Saturday reiterated demand for granting OBC status to Jats on the lines of other states.

He was chairing a meeting of All India Jat Maha Sabha in Hiranagar. The conclave with many senior Jat leaders as participants resolved to raise the issue of OBC status with the government. They said nothing less than grant of OBC status will be accepted as this is the right of the community and no one can deny the same.

The meeting asserted that without getting this privilege, the community



Ch Manmohan Singh, President AIJMS along with others after the meeting.

cannot progress and come out of the morass which currently is backdrifting the Jats and thus OBC status is the only panacea to come out of the misery.

Ch Manmohan Singh asserted that united we stand should be the slogan of Jats as otherwise the government will not accede to the demand. He said that by showing solidarity

Jats can achieve their goal therefore unity is a must to get justice.

The Jat leader said that the aim can only be achieved by showing strength and unity of the community and fighting for the cause in one voice. He said already the Jat Maha Sabha is taking extraordinary measures to spread awareness among

the community members spread across the length and breadth of the Union Territory to stand for their right together and for this, he would continue to pursue efforts. "If Center and other state government are giving this bounty to Jats then there is no weight in J&K administration logic of denying the same to community members in

Union Territory and this is final that Jats will take away their right by all means", he said and sought support of entire community to follow pursuit.

Ch Manmohan Singh

said that he is visiting every Tehsil in the Union Territory to make up the mind of Jats to support only those entities in the ensuing polls which intend to give justice to Jats. He said that soon Hiranagar constituency will be declassified as reserved therefore it is necessary to bring a face from the community for the upcoming Assembly election as the constituency has over 12,000 votes Jats. He however said that he is ever-ready for any cause of the community members and anyone can approach him 24X7 for the same.

DC Reasi approves 370 cases under Tejaswini scheme

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REASI: District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) on Saturday approved 370 proposals under TEJASWINI scheme at its meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Reasi Charandeep Singh.

The committee held threadbare discussion on the implementation of Tejaswini scheme in the district meant for providing employment opportunities to the women-folk by starting their income generating activities in manufacturing, service, trading or small scale sector.

Highlighting the importance of the scheme, Charandeep Singh said "TEJASWINI" scheme launched under Mission Youth aims to provide financial assistance to young women entrepreneurs for setting up profitable self-employment ventures suited to their skill and training aptitude. He



DC Reasi Charandeep Singh chairing DLIC meet.

said the purpose of the scheme is also to empower and encourage young women in the age group of 18 to 35.

The DC stressed upon Assistant Director Employment to screen the remaining applications and bring more progressive women entrepreneurs under the ambit of the scheme by disseminating mass awareness. He called for bringing more and more aspiring women entrepreneurs under the ambit of the scheme.

Pertinently, the beneficiaries under the TEJASWINI scheme under Mission Youth are provided financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh under the age group of 18 to 35 years to start their business. The beneficiaries will be provided 10% of the project cost by Mission Youth.

Among others, the meeting was attended by CPO Sunita Kanekar, GM DIC Gurdev, DSW Gulshan Kumar, LDM Habib Ullah, AD Employment Naresh and officers from other concerned departments.

GDC Thannamandi organises slogan writing competition



Faculty along with students during the programme.

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THANNAMANDI: NSS Unit of GDC Thannamandi under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava organised a slogan

writing competition on Energy Conservation. The programme was organised under the patronage of Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Javaid Ahmed Qazi. A good number of students participated in the event. On this occasion NSS Programme Officer Prof. Muhammad Shoket enlightened that only by conserving energy Planet can be preserved. He also awarded the volunteers regarding energy efficiency and importance of conserving it.

The judges of the event were Prof. Raheela Mushtaq HoD Zoology, Prof. Ajaz Nazir HoD Physics and Prof. Naveen Sharma HoD Environmental Sciences. In the Slogan writing competition Ishrat Javaid of Sem. 5th secured first position and as Javaria Khan of Sem. 1st clinched second position and Saiba Khan of sem. 1st bagged third position.

Director AYUSH visits Bhadarwah, inspects ongoing developmental works



Director AYUSH Dr Mohan Singh during visit to Bhadarwah.

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BHADARWAH: To inspect and review the progress of ongoing developmental works of different projects under AYUSH, Director AYUSH Dr Mohan Singh visited Bhadarwah on Saturday morning and took stock of construction work in the premises of Institute of High Altitude Medicinal Plants (IHAMP) at Basti area.

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He also visited the AYUSH health and wellness center Drudu.

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JPDCL employees hold protest in Bhadarwah against privatisation



Power Deptt employees staying protest.

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BHADARWAH: Power sector employees including engineers sit on strike and held a protest in Jammu and Kashmir's additional district Bhadarwah on Saturday against privatization of power distribution and transmission system.

On the call of Jammu and Kashmir Power Employees coordination committee, the employees of Bhadarwah organised protest demonstra-

tions in JKPCL (earlier known as Power Development Department) Sub Divisional Office Bhadarwah under the chairmanship of AEE JPDCL Sub Division Bhadarwah K.C.Raina.

While raising slogans against privatization, the employees said that the government is hell-bent on creating private monopolies in the power sector by putting the future of employees on stake.

While coming in support of JPDCL employees, civil society also joined the strike. Advocate Majid Malik oppos-

es the proposed privatization and transfer of public assets to the private sector as this will result in a high tariff for the consumers and will become defunct.

Those who addressed the

employees includes Saleem Ahmed Tak, Sheikh Sair Hussain, Arif Butt, Nixon Kashyap, Vikas Kotwal, Mubina Kousar, Gulshan Ara and others.

Dr Mohan supervised the

Labour Deptt disburses Rs 28 Lakh as Education Assistance, Death compensation among eligible beneficiaries

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RAMBAN: Labour Department, Ramban, disbursed Rs.12, 51,500 as 'Lower Education Assistance' among 200 wards of Labour Card holders of the district.

Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mussarat Islam released the amount in favour of beneficiaries. He also handed over a cheque of Rs. 15, 12,450 as compensation amount to the family of a deceased labourer.

The DC said that the Labour Department is implementing several welfare schemes which have been launched by the Government to provide financial assistance to registered construction workers for the education of their children and welfare of their families.

According to Assistant Labour Commissioner, Angrej Singh, an amount of Rs 12,51,500 as Lower Education Assistance and Rs. 98762 as Chronic disease was transferred directly into the beneficiaries' bank accounts.

He said that a cheque of Rs. 15, 12,450 as compensation amount was also handed over to the family of a deceased labourer of Bihar. He also advised the labour card holders to get their card renewed well in time to take benefits from beneficiary oriented schemes of the department.

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