

## ASCOMS signs MOA with Artemis Cardiac Care to set up Centre of Excellence in Cardiac sciences

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences & Hospital (ASCOMS) on Tuesday signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Artemis Cardiac Care (ACC) Gurugram to set up a Centre of Excellence (CoEC) in Cardiac sciences to provide comprehensive cardiology services at ASCOMS & Hospital under the banner of ASCOMS Heart Care Center.

Artemis Cardiac Care headed by Dr. Manjinder Sandhu to provide quality cardiac services to the people of Jammu.

Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal-ASCOMS, expresses gratitude to ACC for setting up cardiac centre at Jammu, which shall be providing

**Mayor takes stock of issues of residents of Migrant Camp Jagti**

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta on Tuesday conducted a tour of migrant camp Jagti Nagrota and took stock of the problems being faced by the inhabitants.

Mayor was accompanied by Davinder Singh Bhau, Deputy Commissioner Relief Organization alongwith his staff members, Chand ji Bhatt President Displaced Distt BJP, Roop Krishan Koul Mandal President and other prominent inhabitants of the locality.

Mayor directed the Relief Commissioner to take concrete measures so that all the genuine issues may be resolved in a time bound manner and asked him to start door to door collection of garbage from each household, deploy sufficient sanitation for this purpose for keeping better cleanliness in & around the complex and all the parks may be thoroughly maintained by planting herbal plants and other seasonal saplings for eco-friendly atmosphere.

**HC upholds dowry death charges against husband & others**

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul while upholding the charges framed against husband and others in dowry death case, observed that suicide is one of the modes of death falling within the ambit of Section 304-B IPC. The expression "otherwise than under normal circumstances" would comprehend within its sweep, the death caused by burns or bodily injury or even the suicidal death.

The criminal revision petition filed by the accused in a criminal trial of FIR No.178/2014 for offences under Section 306, 304-B, 109 and 498-A RPC pending before the Court of 1st Additional Sessions Judge, Jammu ("the trial court"), is directed against the order of the trial court dated 25.02.2015, whereby the trial court has framed charges against all the accused for commission of offences under Section 306, 304-B and the case of the prosecution pending before the trial court is that on 13th October, 2014, a telephonic information was received at Police Post, Gajansoo from Police Control Room, Jammu, that a lady, namely, Pooja Sharma W/o Santosh Kumar Sharma R/o Galbaday Chak, Tehsil and District Jammu, had been brought to Government Medical College, Jammu, as a poison case for medical treatment.

The Police was informed that the lady Pooja Sharma was brought dead in the Government Medical College, Jammu and her body had been kept in the Mortuary Room of the hospital. On receipt of said information, the Police initiated proceedings under Section 174 of Cr. P. C. The Officer Incharge of Police Post, Gajansoo, along with other police officials rushed to Government Medical College, Jammu, and took possession of the dead body of the deceased in presence of her legal heirs and prepared farad maqboozgi naash on spot. After post-mortem, the dead body of the deceased was handed over to her legal heirs for last rites. Statements of witnesses under Section 175 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were recorded and on the basis of statements of witnesses so recorded, commission of cognizable offences was made out. Accordingly, FIR No.178/2014 was registered and the investigation was entrusted to Incharge Police Post, Gajansoo.

Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul after hearing Sr. Adv Sunil Sethi with Adv Sumit Nayyar for the applicants whereas AAG Aseem Sawhney appearing for the UT, while dismissing the petition observed that Courts should use their discretion to determine if the period between the cruelty or harassment and the death of the victim would come within the term "soon before".

What is pivotal to the above determination, is the establishment of a "proximate and live link" between the cruelty and the consequential death of the victim." In view of clear dictum laid down by the Supreme Court, when the evidence on record is analyzed in the context of legal position discussed above, it is abundantly clear that there is sufficient evidence on record to, prima facie, hold that soon before death, the deceased was subjected to harassment on account of dowry demand by the accused.

The other argument raised by Sethi, senior counsel that suicidal death does not fall within the ambit of Section 304-B RPC as the same is separately dealt with in Section 306 RPC, is also without any substance and is no longer res integra.

In the case of Satbir Singh (supra) followed by the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of Bhupendra, it is now beyond any pale of discussion that suicide is one of the modes of death falling within the ambit of Section 304-B IPC.

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ACC representative signing MOA with ASCOMS Jammu.

comprehensive cardiac care round the clock.

He appraised the gathering that ASCOMS has been the best gift to the people of Jammu by our president Late Dharan Vir Batra, who had only one objective of serving the society.

"The venture is based on the necessity to avoid traveling out of J&K UT to have first-class cardiac

care within Jammu," he said.

He concluded with a remark that this association shall be a great benefit to the healthcare services at Jammu.

Under the Memorandum of Agreement, ACC & ASCOMS will work together to provide better cardiac facilities for patients in J&K.

Speaking about the asso-

ciation, Dr. Kapil Mohan (Head Strategy - ACC) said, "This MOA will act as the cornerstone of a long-term collaboration to optimize healthcare outcomes for patients in J&K. This will help to optimize patients' journey beyond treatment, aiding early diagnosis for cardiac patients and enhancing the capabilities of the healthcare ecosystem by providing best in class medical facility & treatment procedure".

The president of the society Dr. Narendra Dhruv Batra and Dr. Manjinder Sandhu, Board of Directors - ACC extended their best wishes for the success of this collaboration. Manik Batra, Member of the Governing Body presented the vote of thanks.

## Sikhs in J&K disenchanted as Delimitation Commission overlooks community: Bunty Seeks 2 seats reservation for Sikhs in J&K Assembly

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chairman, Sikhs for Humanity Foundation (SFH), Surinder Singh Bunty on Tuesday questioned the criteria adopted by the Delimitation Commission in draft proposal to give 9 and 7 seats to ST and SC communities respectively and completely ignoring the Sikh community which has considerable population in both the provinces of the UT viz Kashmir and Jammu. Addressing a press conference here, the Chairman SFH said that going by the tall claims of the government with regard to giving fair deal to each and every segment of the society in the delimitation process, the Sikhs in the UT of J&K had pinned hopes this time to get justice but what has



Chairman SFH, S.S Bunty talking to reporters.

come to fore till date is quite dissatisfying as Sikhs have been marginalized again with aforesaid panel completely ignoring the community which has a track record defending borders by proving their mettle in the army and even by staying in the valley despite adverse situation due to turmoil and personal attacks on the community. He said that

looking into the contribution and role of Sikhs in strengthening the borders and remaining at forefront as nationalist population at least the community should have been given 2 seats as political reservation in J&K legislature. He, however, expressed concern over sheer neglect of the Sikh Community in the process of delimitation.

He reiterated that the Sikh Community of J&K has a formidable contribution in the progress and development of erstwhile State of J&K and has history of major sacrifices in the safety and protection of the region from foreign invasions. He said that it is agonizing that the community is being continuously marginalized politically as no one gave the due which the Sikhs deserve on merit.

He urged that still there is time to consider the just and genuine demand of Sikhs by way of giving them what they deserve on merits as otherwise the community will feel dejected and deprived, which should not be the case especially under the panel which is known for its fairness and integrity.

## MM (DU) gets highest grade 'A++' from NAAC



MM (DU) faculty members during a meeting.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University) (MM (DU)), Mullana-Ambala has been accredited with the highest grade A++ by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

NAAC gives A++ grade to an institution which has CGPA of 3.51 and more the grade has been announced after a NAAC peer team review was conducted during December 13 to 15, 2021.

This NAAC peer team included seven members from reputed Universities of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

It is worth mentioning that MM(DU) is already seen as one of the leading academic institutions of North India owing to its academic excellence, industry-oriented curriculum and record breaking placement of its students in top business

organizations including Tesla, Microsoft, PWC, etc. Elated over the development, the Chancellor Tarsem Kumar Garg said "This milestone for the MM (DU) reflects the sheer hard-work and untiring effort by all members of the MM Family including the teachers, non-teaching staff, students and other stakeholders. He also said that the improved performance was an outcome of the efforts put in over the years. I personally extend my deep gratitude to all of them and hope that we will not only maintain this grading in the future but will also keep on working hard to improve our performance in academic, research and other areas". Prof. Harish Sharma, Vice Chancellor MM(DU) told that this is the highest grade given by NAAC to an institution.

The University got a CGPA of 3.53 with highest grade of A++ valid for a period of 5 years from December 21, 2021.



Former NC Provincial President Anil Dhar talking to reporters.

Kashmir history's most horrendous chapter, he said.

Dhar expressed anguish and deep hurt over the observations of National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah while parting ways with the party, saying the utterances from the NC leadership did not instill any sense of confidence in the Kashmiri Hindu community, who have faced the worst kind of persecution, genocide and mayhem from the past more than thirty years and have lost their homes and hearths. He also reiterated that the latest statements of Vice President Omar Abdullah reflect communal overtones and at times give a feeling of his bias against the Hindus.

Anil Dhar asked the NC leadership that if their claims and blame on the former Governor

Kashmiri Pandits.

He also reiterated the reasons given in his letter to Dr Farooq Abdullah while parting ways with the party, saying the utterances from the NC leadership did not instill any sense of confidence in the Kashmiri Hindu community, who have faced the worst kind of persecution, genocide and mayhem from the past more than thirty years and have lost their homes and hearths. He also reiterated that the latest statements of Vice President Omar Abdullah reflect communal overtones and at times give a feeling of his bias against the Hindus.

Anil Dhar sought a white paper to clear the mist about actual migration, community wise, so that the truth about claims of Jagmohan having engineered the migration comes to fore.

## Court acquires then Director ULB & others in illegal appointment case

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Jammu Ritesh Dubey acquitted Mohinder Singh, then Director Local bodies Jammu, Sat Pal Saini then Administrator NAC Lakhapur and Ravi Kumar then I/C Executive Officer NAC Katra in illegal appointment case after facing trial for 16 years.

According to the VOJ (now ACB) case that a PE was conducted on the complaint lodged by Dr. Romesh Chander Sharma MLA Nowshera followed by letter No. 312 dated 24-04-2003 from private Secretary to MOS Housing and Urban Development that despite a ban on recruitment, the then Director Local bodies Mohinder Singh illegally appointed Devinder Singh s/o. Mukhtyar Singh who was later transferred along with post to Municipality Poonch. The enquiry revealed that Mohinder Singh had issued appointment/regularization orders in respect of 10 individuals named in the charge sheet, by abusing his official position, and in furtherance of a criminal conspiracy hatched with Sat Pal Saini the then Administrator NAC Lakhapur and the beneficiaries accused. Enquiry revealed that 7 out of the 10 illegal appointees were close relatives of Sat Paul Saini. These appointment orders were issued without advertising the posts, inviting the applications and conducting interviews, obviously for extraneous considerations. Also the appointments were made by the accused against non-available posts, with ulterior motive of conferring undue pecuniary benefits upon the beneficiaries and putting state exchequer to loss and the instant case was registered, and investigation was done. The beneficiaries were found engaged, and regularized first, then posted to some other district, and then brought back within a small period of 3/4 months respectively. For some of the beneficiaries, recommendations were found marked to the Director by the Special Assistant/PA to MOS H&UDD. All the 10 illegal beneficiaries did not face any interview. Some had not even applied. This clearly indicated that all these appointment were made on pick and choose basis. Investigation revealed that Sat Paul Saini the then Administrator NAC Lakhapur, Ravi Kumar the then Executive officer NAC Katra/Batote, Nanak Singh the then Executive Officer NAC R.S. Pura and Irshad Hussain, the then Executive officer NAC Nowshera, issued the engagement/ appointment orders in March, July, October and December 2002, in respect of illegal beneficiaries, in different local bodies of Jammu province without any available vacancy, in view of extraneous considerations willfully, and in violation of various Government orders/notifications/ SROs mentioned in the charge sheet.

Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Jammu Ritesh Kumar Dubey after hearing Sr. Adv Abhinav Sharma, Advocates SC Bali, AP Singh and Ajay Bakshi for the alleged accused persons observed that the fact that beneficiaries were regularized in short span of time after their initial appointments. Though the same may appear to be little unusual yet the same again cannot be said to be by way of criminal misuse of authority in view of the established facts and circumstances such as no illegality was found in initial appointments, no rules or practices governing such cases have been established by the prosecution, and Government Orders including SRO 64 have been observed herein before as not applicable to present appointments. If the prosecution basis its claim on the wrongfulness of regularization, it ought to have established the reasons for the same. But except for a submission as to application of SRO 64, the prosecution has not been able to prove why the aforesaid regularizations were not valid. It is noted again that the non-removal of appointees/regularized officials from said service, itself supports the defence submission that there was nothing wrong in the same.

Court further observed that there is no doubt that the appointments, on their face, may not appear to be done in a very healthy manner. But the trials and the judgments are not to be based on suppositions and assumptions, and prosecution case does not get proved on the face of its accusations. And the prosecution has to establish and prove its case by leading cogent evidence. The evidence as could be tendered in this regard was to present exact rules, procedures, regulating appointments in the local body institutions. But that has not been done by the investigating and prosecution agencies. Further, the conduct of the accused herein could have been criminal if the same was a deviation from the practices followed in the appointments in Local Body Institution. It is noted again that no such deviation is established in the present case in view of the lack of evidence to establish such practice. Without proving the practice, obviously the deviation could not be established, Court said. It is further noted again that no breach of the relevant Government Orders/SROs regarding regularization, ban etc, is found committed by the accused.

With these observations, Court is not convinced that the prosecution has been able to remove the element of doubt from its accusations against the accused as well as the charge framed by this court, by such strong evidence as could lead to one and only one hypothesis pointing to the guilt of the accused and ordered that the accused are acquitted of the charge for the offences under sections 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2) PC Act Svt. and 120-B RPC, framed by this court. The Challan is dismissed.

### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONST. DIVN. NO. II, JAMMU SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. 182/2021-2022/Div-II Dated 18-12-2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/ Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of footpath in front of CPO at Office Jammu	PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu	4.62	600	Rs. 100/- Security deposit on notarized affidavit	7 months	8 (1300 Hrs) on or after 25-12-2021	A.R.C & D

Position of AAA - Accrued Technical Sanction - Under Process

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website <http://tenders.jk.gov.in> as per below schedule :

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	18-12-2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 18-12-2021 to 26-12-2021 upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	-
4	Bid Submission Start Date	18-12-2021
5	Bid Submission End Date	24-12-2021 up to 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	25-12-2021 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender documents in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. / Sr. No. of work and name of work duly crediting to 8059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. II Jammu uploading a copy of treasury challan / receipt Treasury receipt must be between the period of downloading and submission of tender documents. Bid Security Declaration as mentioned in the bid documents. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, Bid Security Declaration and Correctness of Information on the notarized affidavit and e-stamp paper which must be between the period of downloading and submission of bidding documents, also e-NIT No. / Sr. No. of work or Name of work should be mentioned on affidavit and e-stamp paper for Bid Security Declaration and Correctness of Information and relevant documents of L1 to be submitted to the Executive Engineer P