

# IT Deptt's outreach programme 'Mulaqaat' held at Ramban, Poonch Districts

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POONCH/RAMBAN: In continuation to their outreach programmes across the UT of J&K and Ladakh, Taxpayers Awareness Campaign, 'Mulaqaat' was continued on Wednesday in the twin districts of Poonch & Ramban of Jammu Province.

In Poonch, the Outreach Programme & Interactive Session was organised at Conference Hall, PWD Dak Bungalow, Poonch. The programme was attended by Sunil Kumar Gupta, President, Beopar Mandal, Poonch, Pawan Anand, President, Cross LOC Traders Association, Poonch and Paranjeet Singh Mintoo, President, Main Bazar Beopar Mandal, Poonch.

The prominent businessmen Rajeev Tandon, Naresh Phool & DDOs from different departments alongwith college students actively participated in the programme. The outreach programme was conducted by Hardeep Singh, Dy. Commissioner, CGST, Jammu and Anjesh Bharatiya, ITO and other Officers/officials from Income Tax & CGST Department.

The public was made aware of the various technological initiatives undertaken by both the Departments for



Officials attending an outreach programme 'Mulaqaat'.

ease of compliance and better taxpayer services.

Income Tax Department's Tax Payers Charter, provisions related to capital gains, special exemptions available to Senior citizens and features of the new Annual Information Summary (AIS) report were also explained to them.

In Ramban district the Outreach Programme & Interactive Session was organised at Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Ramban.

The programme was attended by Vikash Gupta, Representative from Beopar Mandal, Ramban, Sachin

Verma, President, Swarnkar Sangh, Ramban, The prominent businessmen Gopal Krishan Raina, members from the Trades Association & others, DDOs from different departments, College and ITI students also participated in the programme.

The outreach programme was conducted in the presence of M.K. Rustogi, Pr. Commissioner, CGST, Jammu along with Ajay Rana, ITO and other Officers/officials from Income Tax & CGST Department.

The function was chaired by M.K. Rustogi, Pr. Commissioner, CGST, Jammu and presided by Rajinder

Sharma, ADDC, Ramban.

The participants were motivated to contribute to the task of national building as honest and proud taxpayer.

The officers from the CGST department also explained the various facts of the GST regime including the ease of compliance initiative undertaken by the Department.

Sachin Verma, President, Swarnkar Singh, Ramban, Gopal Krishan Raina, prominent businessman and other members of the Traders Association raised various concerns regarding delay in receipts of Refunds, Slow working of the e-filing portal, e-way bills, Cash Payment limits and requested for increase in income tax exemption limits.

The College and ITI students also thanked the Departments for including young students like them in the outreach programme and expressed their views on the issues raised during the programme. Various queries raised by the attendees were also promptly answered by the Departmental officers and it was assured that the feedback received on budget expectations, suggestions, queries & representations received will be communicated to the relevant forum.



## Mudgal assesses development works, achievements of Cooperatives



Secretary, Cooperative Department, Yasha Mudgal, chairing a meeting.

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Congress leaders during a public rally at Akhnoor.

said.

He said the Congress leadership gave supreme sacrifices for the country and fought against poverty, hunger, illiteracy and unemployment but BJP is busy in fighting farmers, opposition and creating division and hatred in the society for vote bank politics. Prominent leaders who addressed include Mula Ram, Raman Bhalla, Kanta Bhan, Ravinder Sharma, Yogesh

Sawhney, Thakur Balbir Singh, Manmohan Singh, Rajnish Sharma, Hari Singh Chib, Kuldeep Verma, Uday Chib, Gurdarshan Singh Shashi Sharma, Manjot Jatt, Suresh Dogra, Karan Bhagat besides several prominent local leaders. Former minister Raman Bhalla lashed out at BJP for its anti farmers, anti poor, anti youth and anti common man policies. He said that Congress built the strong

nation while BJP is destroying everything built in sixty years of previous governments. He said that poor, job seekers, educated youth, small businesses class, farmers, transporters and all others are suffering while BJP claims India Shining.

Ravinder Sharma highlighted the betrayals of BJP with Refugees, small and marginal Farmers, unemployed youth,

residents of ALC areas and asked people to fight for their rights. The bureaucratic regime is accountable to none except BJP leaders.

Former Minister Yogesh Sawhney also recalled the long services of Madan Lal Sharma and said that party would always remember his contributions. He asked party cadres to unitedly fight against the BJP's anti people policies and bring back congress to get rid off the BJP wrong policies.

Th Hari Singh Chib District president Jammu Rural welcomed the leadership and workers and appreciated Satish Sharma and his team for the successful convention and said that people want change as they are fed up with BJP Government's policies.

## Congress enjoys rubbing salt on Sikh wounds, why Channi, Sidhu silent: Chugh

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JAMMU: National BJP General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Wednesday decried the Congress for making fun of Sikh sentiments and rub salt on their wounds.

Taking strong exception to the appointment of Ajay Maken as chairman of the Punjab Congress Screening Committee, Chugh said the Congress has been deliberately rewarding Congress leaders involved in 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken many steps to bring the

accused Congress leaders to book, the Congress high command has been giving them respectable positions be it Sajjan Kumar and Kamal Nath. He said now Ajay Maken has been sent to Punjab to remind the Punjabis that Congress can do Operation Blue Star and engineer riots.

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## Expedite installation of Smart meters, AB cables to reduce losses: CS directs PDD

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JAMMU: A dynamic, responsive, efficient, and people-friendly power department remains the objective of the government. This was stated by the Chief Secretary Dr. Arun K Mehta here on Wednesday. He was chairing a meeting to review the power sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary Power Development Department, Shiv Tayal, MD Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited, Basharat Qayoom, MD Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited and Chief Engineers attended the meeting. Further, the Department implemented tight enforcement and crackdown on power theft. Over the past few months, it conducted 5434 inspections resulting in 41781 disconnections, 2276 connection regularization. Subsequently, the Department recovered Rs. 44.38 crore as penalties and fees. Additionally, transformer repair workshops were modernized and preventive repairs were carried out to ensure standardized trans-

former health. The Chief Secretary asked the Department to focus on enhancing the billing efficiency through the expeditious installation of pre-paid/ smart meters and prioritized metering of non-metered areas, besides intensifying the inspection drives. The Department was advised to devise an installation strategy to streamline the metering of non-metered areas through spare meters from the areas being covered by the pre-paid/smart meters. Dr. Mehta emphasized the reduction of AT&C losses to below 25% through the time-bound installation of smart meters and aerial bunched cables (ABC). He asked the Department to draw up a strategy for installation of 8 lakh meters in both capital cities and major towns and ensure 24X7 reliable electricity supply to the metered.

The Department was also directed to explore the possibility of informing the public about the scheduled power cut through text messages in the future. He also directed the initiation of IEC campaign for raising awareness on adherence to agree.

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## CCI delegation meets LG Sinha

## Seeks change in Smart City dominion, limit for constructions near defence installations



CCI delegation during meeting with Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha.

therefore making it smart by uprooting traders on one pretext or the other is in no way justified therefore it is advisable to create a new Jammu city under the smart city on the pattern of Raipur Project that provided for creation of new city without disturbing the existing city in Chhattisgarh.

The CCI delegation also appealed to LG Sinha for asking JDA and Housing Board to develop new residential areas and commercial sites as the same have not been established for over last three decades.

It was also demanded that expired Lease Deeds of some allottees in Sabzi Mandi and Fruit Mandi Narwal should be renewed after charging the minimum possible premium.

Similarly, issue of some commercial shops in Bahu Plaza area which were

allotted to some persons but the possession was not given to allottees and no lease deeds have been executed was also raised and it was sought that the same be sorted out amicably.

The CCI also sought revival of The Citizens Cooperative Bank Ltd. Jammu.

The apex body of traders has asked for establishing new Public Sector Undertakings in Railways and Defence sectors on the pattern of other states to generate employment avenues in J&K.

The President Arun Gupta also sought change in land titles in J&K as large chunks of land in Jammu have been declared as "Gair Mumkin Khud" by Revenue Department despite the fact that no water body is passing through these lands.

It was said that registration and con-

struction activities on these lands are barred therefore there is the need to redefine the "Kism" of this type of land and also a Policy should be formulated to allow the commercial and construction activities on these land chunks.

Besides CCI demanded ownership rights for Industry/ Warehouse, incentives to existing industries also on the line of new policy, incentives to small entrepreneurs under new industrial policy by necessary amendments, and VAT and Power Amnesty Schemes.

The CCI also took up the matter of cancellation of lease deeds and eviction of allottees in Industrial areas.

The delegation said there are some plot holders in industrial areas who have obtained provisional registration but due to some reasons no effective steps were taken by them to start their units.

It was demanded that their provisional registration be revalidated and should be provided one last opportunity to start their units under time bound manner within one year.

The CCI also reiterated the demand of restoring the livelihood of Single JKEL-2 Liquor License Holders, who have lost their source of income. The LG Sinha assured that all the demands will be looked after and addressed on priority.



AAP Ladakh Convenor addressing media.

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LEH: The Aam Admi Party (AAP) Ladakh

accused the Bhartiya Janata Party Ladakh of playing dirty politics to weaken Ladakh's unity by weakening Apex-KDA, and diverting people of Ladakh from the core demand from time to time.

It also hit out at the Union Government for the delay in inviting leaders from Leh and Kargil to the Constitution of India to safeguard Ladakh's cultural identity and job security, and later Apex Body of People's Movement for Sixth Schedule for Ladakh was formed under the leadership of Skyabje Khandro Rinpoche.

Addressing a press conference on Wednesday, AAP Ladakh Convenor Tsering Phuntsog, Retd IGP, said that Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh is disempowered today and local representatives have no stake in the development process.

He reiterated Ladakh's demand for Statehood with constitutional safeguard in the line of Sixth Schedule of the Constitution as demanded by Apex Body of Leh and Kargil Democratic Alliance.

"Initially our youth staged protests and strikes to demand Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India to safeguard Ladakh's cultural identity and job security, and later Apex Body of People's Movement for Sixth Schedule for Ladakh was formed under the leadership of Skyabje Khandro Rinpoche.

After this Government of India invited Ladakh leaders for talks and promised dialogue on the constitutional safeguard within two months but it never happened," he narrated, demanding that

Ladakh leaders be invited for talks by the Home Ministry without further delay.

He also reminded that the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Nitayanand Rai, during his visit in Ladakh in August had also promised for an early start of dialogue with Ladakh leaders.

AAP convenor alleged that in the last two years most of Ladakh's demands didn't get fulfilled so easily.

"Whatever we achieved were achieved only through protests and agitations, be it CIBS students' certificate issue or issuance of Resident Certificate to Ladakh residents," he added, recalling protest staged by CIBS students for their issue, and Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance jointly serving an ultimatum to the Union Government for notifying Resident Certificate.

He asked the people of Ladakh to support the Apex Body of People's Movement for Sixth Schedule for Ladakh led by its chairman Thupstan Chhewang. "Thupstan Chhewang's selfless contribution to Ladakh since 1989 is huge.

We are fortunate that we still have leaders like Thupstan Chhewang," former IGP added.