

## Public money swindled by high & mighty would be recovered with interest: Khatana

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KANGAN: MP Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana declared that money meant for the welfare of common people especially Gujjars, Bakkerwal, OBC and other social caste swindled and misused by high and mighty in Jammu and Kashmir would be recovered with interest and delinquent public servants and politicians would be tried in the court of law.

Addressing a huge gathering at BJP workers convention organised by BJP ST, Minority and OBC Morcha at Kangan in district Ganderbal here on Wednesday, Er. Khatana alleged that huge funds sent for the welfare of common people by the successive cen-



MP Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana addressing a gathering.

tral governments were swindled and diverted for personal use by the successive rulers belonging to Congress, national Conference and PDP.

He said that Bhartiya Janata party led NDA govt has vowed to bring transparency and accountability in the system in Union

Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and money swindled by the high and powerful would be recovered with interest.

He further added that dynasts jumped from party to party and exploited the gullible people by using their status as peers and fakirs. While they and their cohorts

enjoyed lavish living, the common people are still struggling for water, electricity, better healthcare and shelter.

Khatana further said that Gujjars, Bakkerwals, Pasmandas, Gaddis, Sippies are still living in primitive age and only a few elites are gobbling up all the benefits of state and centre sponsored schemes. The elites have managed to acquire properties worth several thousand crores, palatial houses not in J&K but Delhi, Bangalore and other cosmopolitan cities of India but abroad also while tribals, nomads and other socially backward classes are still living a life of penury, he said.

Khatana declared that the days of loot and plunder are

over now under the regime of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and rule of law has been enforced not only in Jammu and Kashmir but all over India and no case of communal riots has been reported anywhere in country.

He said that a surgical strike has been launched against the money launderers, corrupt, scammers and next in line are those who have swindled and misused public money.

Others who participated in the programme were Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, State President MM, Choudhary Roshan Hussain, Sheikh Rashed, Sajad Hussain, Junaid Ahmed State Vice-President, Lal Hussain Lodha, Ishtiyaq Ahmed, Rabia Rasool and Fareed Ahmed Thakri.

## Innerwheel Club Jammu Sampark welcomes IIWC President

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JAMMU: Innerwheel Club (IWC) Sampark, Jammu Club on Wednesday welcomed International Innerwheel Club (IIWC) President Zenaida Farcon here. Fourteen members participated in the ceremonial welcome ceremony. President of the Club and social activist, Reva Raina, in her welcome address, said that the visit of IIWC President has boosted the

## Pushp Enclave Welfare Society felicitates Dy Mayor



Pushp Enclave Welfare Society members honouring Dy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria.

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JAMMU: A felicitation ceremony was organised at Pushp Enclave of Ward-56 in Gangyal by Pushp Enclave Welfare Society to honour Baldev Singh Billawaria for getting elected as Deputy Mayor. The President of Pushp Enclave Welfare Society R C Thakur along with other members felicitated Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria with a shawl and bouquet. On the occasion, locals put forth several issues related to Jammu city. The Deputy

Mayor assured public that many developmental works are going on in Jammu city under Smart City Project and soon all works would be completed. Expressing gratitude, Deputy Mayor said that he will always be grateful for the love that people have given him. Billawaria said that JMC would leave no stone unturned to get all the developmental work done, which are still pending. "I am here to talk about the smart city initiative that our city is embarking upon. As many of

you know, our city is taking steps to become a more sustainable, efficient, and technologically advanced place to live. A smart city is a city that uses technology to improve the lives of its citizens. We are working hard to make sure that our city is ready to take advantage of latest advances in technology," he added. Mandal President Ranjeet Singh, Harbans Choudhary, Rakesh Sangral, Sunil Sharma, Surjeet Kumar and Suresh Mishra were also present on the occasion.

IWC Jammu Sampark members posing with IIWC President Zenaida Farcon at Jammu.

## DSS holds protest against HUDD, demands action

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UDHAMPUR: Activists of Dogra Kranti Dal led by its secretary Pawan Singh on Wednesday held a demonstration and burnt the effigy of Principal Secretary Housing and Urban Development to protest against the total mayhem in Udhampur town area.



DSS activists raising slogans during a protest.

Housing and Urban Development department has been petitioned to improve the conditions as pandemic like dengue, malaria are lurking around the corner but no action has been taken by the department.

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Raising slogans against Dheeraj Gupta, the protestors alleged that whole Udhampur town has been turned into a dumping ground with all roads, lanes and drains dug up, garbage dumps in every ward. They said that time and again

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PIL regarding dog menace: DB directs SMC to file affidavit within week

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JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) about menace of dog bites particularly, those having rabies, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey and Justice Puneet Gupta, directed commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) to file affidavit within weeks. When PIL came up for hearing, DB observed that petitioners-Mohammad Rafeeq Rather and Mohammad Raza who are representing Centre for Public Interest Litigation and Legal Aid Centre, University of Kashmir, are present in person and in terms of order passed on 08.07.2022, the Court while noticing concern highlighted by petitioners pertaining to menace of dog bites, particularly those

having rabies, with details collected from different sources that almost 90,000 of stray dogs are roaming in Srinagar City only and have also made reference to instances about deaths of some minor children attacked by stray dogs and particularly dog bites as also the spread of rabies. It shall be indicated in the status report as to whether public advisories have been issued in Print and Electronic Media, indicating the Dos and Don'ts, in order to avoid dog bites. Commissioner, SMC, shall mention number of available animal birth control and Anti-rabies Centres and how many sterilization are undertaken on each working day. He shall also submit the action plan about the setting up of animal birth control and Anti-rabies Centres. The Commissioner, SMC, shall ensure that the produce of energy rich garbage is controlled mainly contributed by the poultry waste

which is energy rich. Principal Secretary to the Government, Health and Medical Education Department is directed to file an affidavit, indicating the availability of Anti-rabies vaccines and human rabies immunoglobulin injections in all the dispensaries and hospitals throughout the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Respondents shall also indicate the steps taken for dealing with the complaints filed by the various persons/social activists/victims about the dog bites.

During the course of hearing Moomin Khan, counsel for Respondent sought some time to file an affidavit on behalf of Commissioner, SMC after which DB directed that the needful be done within a week, with copy advance to the other side, who shall file response to the same by or before next date of hearing.

## Plus Two PSC Lecturers Association calls on Alok Kumar, highlights issues

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JAMMU: A delegation of PSC Lecturers' Association Jammu led by its President Manjeet Chib met Principal Secretary Alok Kumar at Civil Secretariat Jammu and highlighted several issues of +2 cadre. The delegation sought personal intervention of Principal Secretary and urged him to address long pending demand of Non functional/ Time bound promotion. The delegation apprised Principal Secretary the core issues of +2 cadre and provided him a detailed feedback regarding the overall educational scenario of J&K UT. As per a press statement, Manjeet Chib discussed the latest developments with

regard to the long pending demand of non functional/ Time bound promotion of +2 lecturers. Chib informed Principal Secretary that the association has already submitted a proposal in this regard. He said that there is no provision of TBP/NFP for +2 lecturers which is a matter of concern that needs to be addressed on priority basis. Principal Secretary said that proposal would be forwarded to GAD in due course of time. The delegation requested Principal Secretary to re-allocate/ transfer 2015 batch lecturers

who have been serving in far-flung remote areas for last so many years. In response, Principal Secretary assured that those would be transferred on priority basis when the process of auto ATD is initiated. The other demands/ issues discussed include non-vocational status to principals, implementation of Govt order No 743 in letter and spirit, regularization of +2 lecturers, refresher courses for those masters/ teachers to be placed as I/e lecturers, entertaining genuine degrees for promotion, enhancement of grade pay of +2 Principals

and placement of lecturers as senior lecturers.

While sharing updates, Manjeet Chib said that it was first meeting with Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary since he assumed the charge. He said that the meeting was very fruitful and positive outcome is expected in coming days. We have got very patient hearing from Principal Secretary and have detailed discussion on the issues including quality education. The PSC appointed lecturers in general and the association in particular is committed to extend every

## CBC organises outreach programmes at Paloura, Udhampur to commemorate BSF Raising Day

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JAMMU: As part of outreach activities, Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of I&B Govt of India Jammu organised two separate theme based cultural programmes through its empanelled PRTs at BSF Paloura Jammu and BSF Udhampur.

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Students presenting a cultural programme at Jammu.

and expressed that the information received on Agniveer Scheme was very fruitful.

To mark the Raising Day of Border Security Force, the cultural troupes at Paloura Jammu performed cultural activities based on Dogra and Kashmiri cultures besides the outreach theme like AKAM, EBSB.

The programme was attended by a large number of Jawans and officers who appreciated the coordination by the CBC Jammu

especially BSF for guarding the nation.

The troupes during their performance also touched the themes like EBSB, AKAM, and other central Government schemes being publicised through CBC.

Similarly the PRTs engaged for Udhampur programme displayed a colourful show depicting the grandeur of security forces

## JKGB accords farewell to AGM Hardev Chib



JKGB officials according farewell to AGM, Hardev Singh Chib.

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JAMMU: J&K Grameen Bank (JKGB) accorded farewell to Hardev Singh Chib, Assistant General Manager (AGM), who retired from the service on Wednesday after serving the bank for more than 37 years.

Sanjay Gupta, Chairman JKGB presented memento to Hardev Singh as token of appreciation for his glorious contribution to this organization. J&K Grameen Bank wishes him the best of health, happiness and peace for his post-retirement life.

## JKEEGA urges Prpl Secy PDD to fulfill commitments; resolve burning issues

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JAMMU: A delegation of Jammu and Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA) led by its President Sachin Tieko and flanked by Executive Council members Ashok Kumar Dubey, Rajeshwar Jamwal (Sr. Vice Presidents), Sunil Gupta, Jahangir Ahmed, Gulshan Bhagat, (Vice Presidents), Yash Paul, Vishal Singh Chib (Provincial Secretaries), Ankush Sharma, Rohit Gupta, (Organizing Secretaries), Ankush Gupta, Vijay Sharma, (Secretaries Media & Grievances), Parshotam Lal Sharma and Vipul Sharma (Treasurers) called on H Rajesh Prasad, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department

to highlight that most of the commitments made by Administrative Department as a pre cursor to the deferment of mass casual leave protest notice, are still unfulfilled. The delegation brought to the notice of officer that the scores of posts at all levels from Junior Engineer to Managing Director level are lying vacant since last more than six months and must be expeditiously filled. At present there are nearly 300 posts of JE, 150 of AEs, 100 of AEE, 25 of XE, 17 SEs, 4 CEs and 3 Executive Director and 2 MDs which are lying vacant since months thereby badly affecting administrative efficiency as one Engineer is manning three charges on additional charge system. "The regularization of serving

Engineers needs a fillip as current lot of all the Engineers including the Executive Director is Assistant Engineer on substantive basis and none of the Working engineers is above the grade of Assistant Engineer, therefore all the impediments and hurdles need to be cleared in order to regularize the services of the serving engineers and adhere to the State Administrative Council Decision Dated-22.10.2019 which had stipulated that the process of regularization be completed before November 2019," said members

JKEEGA also sought a transparent transfer policy to be put in practice as it is

being witnessed that those languishing in harsh locations for years are not being repatriated and are

approaching association and department for redressal of their genuine grievance. Further the delegation also brought to notice of Principal Secretary that more than 75 percent of the 1199 feeders are being manned by Feeder Managers who are all Tech-III or even Tech-IV. The association also urged that Recruitment (Gazetted) Service in Power Development Department be notified as the same had been recommended by the committee constituted for the same. The members appealed to Principal Secretary to kindly resolve all burning issues at an earliest so that a renewed zeal is infused among fraternity which is reeling under additional charge system.

## DB directs ensuring all facilities to inmates as per Jail Manual

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JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking farm of new jail manual for J&K and condition of inmates, Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey and Justice Puneet Gupta directed that the Under Trial Review Committee in every district should meet every quarter and the first such meeting should take place and the Member Secretary of the State Legal Services Authority of every State will ensure, in coordination with the Secretary of the District Legal Services Committee in every district, that an adequate number of competent lawyers are empanelled to assist under trial prisoners and convicts, particularly the poor and indigent, and that legal aid for the poor does not become poor legal aid.

It was also added that the issue of health, hygiene, food, clothing and rehabilitation of prisoners be prioritized and the Ministry of Home Affairs will ensure that the Management Information System is in place at the earliest in all the Central and District Jails as well as jails for women so that there is better and effective management of the prison and prisoners. Ministry of Home Affairs was also directed to conduct an annual review of the implementation of the Model Prison Manual for which considerable efforts have been made not only by senior officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs but also persons from civil society.

When PIL came up for hearing, DB on perusal of compliance report revealed that the Home Department has already notified Jail Manual in terms of S.O. 381 dated 17.08.2022 and Training Manual in terms of S.O. 382 dated 17.08.2022.

DB satisfied that the object for which these PILs were entertained has been achieved and the directions passed from time to time have been implemented. In that view of the matter, there is no need to continue with these PILs, as such, same shall stand closed. "However, the respondents are directed to ensure that the facilities available under the provisions of the Jail Manual are provided to the inmates. It is also directed that the directions contained in the judgment passed by this Court as also by the Supreme Court dealing with the management of the jails for providing basic facilities to the inmates be also implemented in letter and spirit," the Court observed.

It is worthwhile to mention here that earlier Division Bench directed the respondents shall update the status quo the directions passed by the Apex Court. The Apex Court directed for overcoming of overcrowding, delay in trial, torture and ill-treatment, neglect of health and hygiene, insubstantial food and inadequate clothing, prison vices,