

HC launches campaign ‘Speak-Prevention Drive against Sexual Predation through Empowerment, Awareness, Knowledge’

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JAMMU: A vigorous campaign of special awareness drive on Gender Sensitization and Sexual Violence Prevention with special emphasis on sexual harassment of women at work places with the caption "Speak -Prevention Drive against Sexual Predation through Empowerment, Awareness and Knowledge" was launched on Saturday at Nari Niketan, R. S. Pura Jammu by Justice Sindhu Sharma, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Chairperson, Sexual Harassment Probe



Justice Sindhu Sharma, Judge HC of J&K and Ladakh and other dignitaries releasing a brochure.

Committee. Member Secretary, Legal Services Authority J&K, Nanda, Prem Sagar, Member Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare, Sehzaad Azeem, Director Judicial Academy, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, M K Sharma, Sexual Harassment Probe

Jammu’s Residency Road will now be known as Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak Marg Sham Lal honours Councilor Narottam for moving resolution in JMC meeting



Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma and others felicitating Councilor Narottam Sharma.

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JAMMU: Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma on Friday felicitating Jammu Municipal Corporation Councilor Ward No 3, Narottam Sharma for passing a resolution in the general house meeting of JMC

with the cooperation of all councilors that Jammu Residency Road should be named as Pandit Uttam Chand Shastri Pathak Ji Marg. A felicitation ceremony was organized on behalf of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim

Vedic Sanathan Trust .

Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma, the chief guest, said that it is a great thing that for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir a road has been named after a Sanskrit scholar.

With such efforts, the morale of Sanskrit servants will increase and with such efforts it is possible to re-establish the extinct Sanskrit religion-philosophy in the UT, he added. Lalit Khajuria, Rakesh Gandotra, Yash Seth, Sukhjeet Singh, Sanjeev Lambha, Sanjeev Khajuria, Tarsem Gupta and Rakesh Singh were also present on the occasion.

JMC passes resolution, recommends ‘Bharat Ratna’ for Pt Prem Nath Dogra



Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma chairing General House Meeting of JMC.

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JAMMU: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) unanimously passed the resolution moved by BJP senior leader and JMC Councillor Ward-41 Sanjay Kumar Baru that in view of immense contribution in civil society and work for integration of Jammu and Kashmir in to Indian union, recommendation "Bharat Ratna" for Sher-e-Duggar, Late Pandit Prem Nath Dogra. The resolution seconded by

former JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta and other Councillors.

Speaking on the Resolution in the house, Sanjay Baru said that Prem Nath Dogra, was a leader from Jammu and Kashmir who worked for total integration of the state with India. He is commonly referred to as "Sher e Duggar".

Baru thanks all the JMC Councilors for their consent and support for passing this Resolution.



General Lok Adalat held in J&K, 30,925 cases solved

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JAMMU: As a part of the calendar of activities for the year 2022 framed by J&K Legal Services Authority, a General Lok Adalat was organized on Saturday throughout the U.T of J&K, today under the patronage of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice (Acting), High Court of J&K and Ladakh & Patron-in-Chief and Executive Chairman J&K Legal Services Authority.

As per the information received from the districts, out of a total number of 34,240 cases taken up by 112 Benches in the day long Lok Adalat at various courts across the UT of J&K, 30,925 Cases were disposed of and an amount of Rs. 13,67,83,490/- was awarded as compensation/ settlement amount in civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills cases, Land Acquisition, Family matters,

cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery cases.

M. K. Sharma, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority thanked all the participants including the Judicial Officers, Secretaries, DLSA's, Advocates, representatives of insurance companies & banks, staff of the courts & Legal Services Institutions & litigants for their pragmatic approach in settlement of cases in such a large number.

MVD intensifies drive against violators of traffic rules

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JAMMU: A team of Motor Vehicles Department headed by Regional Transport Officer, Jammu Pankaj Bhagotra laid special Naka at different locations of Jammu City on December 15 and 17, 2022 for violating the various visible offences under Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989.

During the Commencing week, the Enforcement Drive was carried out at different locations of Jammu Pathankot national highway. Nearly 160 vehicles, which include Buses, Tipplers, Trucks and School Buses, were checked for various offences viz. Route Permit violations, Overloading, Over speeding, protruding of Rods and without SLID, out of which 54 vehicles were challaned/Compounded.

An amount of Rs. 2.20 lakh was realised on spot and Rs 3.18 lakh is expected to be recovered for the remaining challans.

The enforcement team comprising of Esha Chib ARTO(P), Pawan Sharma ARTO(G), Tara Mani Sharma, ARTO(Flying Squad), Motor vehicles Inspectors Rajeev Kundal, Anupam Gandotra and Ranjeev Bhasin.

Army, JKP will bring justice to Alfa Gate victims: Raina



J&K BJP Chief Ravinder Raina attending last rites of deceased in Rajouri.

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J A M M U / R A J O U R I : Jammu and Kashmir BJP Chief Ravinder Raina on Saturday said that none of the guilty in the firing outside Rajouri Army gate that killed two civilians and injured another, will be spared, even as the police has assured to get the matter probed by a Special Investigation Team (SIT). "I have spoken to Home Minister Amit Shah, who has taken a very serious view of the incident," said Raina, while talking to media persons after attending the last rites of the deceased in Rajouri.

On Friday morning, Kamal Kumar and Surindar Kumar, both locals, were killed and Anil Kumar from Uttarakhnad was injured in firing at Alpha gate in Rajouri district, leading to massive protests.

"I have talked to Home Minister Amit Shah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who have viewed this

incident very seriously. Director General of Police, Dilbagh Singh has assured that a special investigation team will conduct an in-depth, time-bound probe into the incident," said Raina.

He said that Army is protector of the countrymen and the top Army officials have assured that whoever is found guilty, will be given strict punishment.

Raina further said Indian Army is one of the best Army in the world which keeps very high SOP even at very difficult and tough time and We all are proud of Our bravehearts and said that Jammu and Kashmir Police and Indian Army will definitely bring justice with the victim families.

J&K BJP General Secretary Vibodh Gupta, SC Morecha State President Neelam Langheh, BJP District President Dinesh Sharma were also present at the time of cremation and expressed deep Condolences with the affected families.

Feeling of insecurity behind China's aggression against India: Tibetan leader Penpa Tsering

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JAMMU: The president of the Tibetan government-in-exile, Penpa Tsering, on Saturday said China's aggression against India is the outcome of its "feeling of insecurity" and aimed at establishing its hegemony in Asia.

The Tibetan leader was in Jammu as the chief guest at a two-day national working committee meet-cum-seminar of the Bharat Tibet Sangh, organised in collaboration with the Department of Buddhist Studies at the University of Jammu.

"China's aggression against India is the reflection of its feeling of insecurity...China's aim is to contain India so that there is no powerbase to challenge its hegemony in the Asian region," Tsering told reporters on the sidelines of the seminar.

He was responding to questions on the clashes between India and

Chinese troops along the Line of Actual Control in Galwan Valley of Ladakh in 2020 and Tawang sector in Arunachal Pradesh on December 9.

"They are engaging in unprovoked belligerence against India despite the fact that these places are not inhabited by people. They are taking such actions to irritate the Indian government...," he said.

Terming the Chinese aggression the outcome of "wishful thinking", the Tibetan leader said such actions are not going to help anybody and it will take many years for the Chinese government to regain the trust of the Indian government and the people of India.

Asserting that Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama has always supported good neighbourly relations between India and China, he said China is opening the wounds of the 1962 Sino-India war by their aggressive actions.

"If China continues to think that India is as weak as India used to be in 1962, then they are wrong. India has developed so much over the decades and it cannot be browbeaten," he said.

He said India has always been a peaceful country which never believed in aggression. "We have seen Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi trying to reach out to the Chinese government and visiting the country twice," he said. He said the people of Tibet respect India as "we consider ourselves as an extension of one part of Indian culture. We are part of ancient Indian wisdom."

Asked about the Congress criticism of the Indian government's handling of China's intrusions, he said, "Politicians may have different views and the job of the opposition is to oppose. Constructive criticism is always welcome in a democracy."

"But I believe the Indian leadership has taken a very strong position that unless there is a disengagement from all sectors where Chinese have intruded there will be no more normalisation of relations...India is standing its ground and that is where the respect comes in. Chinese will never accept any weak power."

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday claimed that China is preparing for war and accused the government of trying to "ignore" this threat, saying it was "asleep" and not ready to accept the situation.

Gandhi's attack on the government drew a sharp response from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which accused the Congress leader of trying to create a misconception in the country and demoralising Indian soldiers while asserting that it is not Jawaharlal Nehru's India of 1962.

DC Jammu releases evaluation study on achievements under PMAY-G

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JAMMU: District Development Commissioner, Avny Lavasa, on Saturday released the report of the Evaluation Study conducted by District Statistics and Evaluation Office Jammu on Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) being implemented by the Rural Development Department.

District Statistics and Evaluation Officer Rupinder Kaur; Chief Planning Officer Yoginder Katoch; District Informatics Officer Jammu Sanjay Gupta; Tehsildar

Headquarter and other staff members of District Statistics and Evaluation Office were present at the release ceremony.

The Evaluation Study was assigned by the District Level Technical Committee on Evaluation headed by the District Development Commissioner. It was conducted to evaluate the extent of achievement of the objective of the scheme which was to provide housing for rural poor in the country and address the housing needs of the Below Poverty Level (BPL) households.

The study was conducted in eight blocks of the district wherein 592 beneficiaries and 40 knowledgeable persons were selected randomly for collecting the primary data by door to door field investigation by the officials of District Statistics and Evaluation Office Jammu which was later tabulated and comprehensive report thereof was prepared. As per the findings of the study, 96% of the beneficiaries reported upliftment of the socio-economic status with the implementation of the scheme which is quite

remarkable and commendable. While releasing the study, the District Development Commissioner appreciated the efforts of the District Statistics and Evaluation Officer and the staff involved in conducting and finalizing the Evaluation Study report. She highlighted the findings of the study and pointed out the suggestions for consideration by the Rural Development Department for better implementation which included mass awareness regarding the loan facility available under the scheme, its conver-

gence with other schemes and enhancement of the financial assistance being provided under the scheme.

J&K Bank reaches out to Valley's high net-worth clients

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SRINAGAR: Reaching out to its clients with large credit exposure for their feedback and suggestions, J&K Bank on Saturday organised a maiden Customer Meet with its High Net-worth Individual (HNI) clients of recently set-up Large Credit Units (LCU) from Kashmir Division.

MD & CEO, Baldev Prakash chaired the interactive meet with the valley's top HNI customers in presence of Bank's Executive Director Sudhir Gupta, General Manager (Credit) Ashutosh Sareen, General Manager IAPM Syed Shujaat Hussain Andrabi, Divisional Head (Kashmir) Syed Shafat Hussain Rufai and other senior officers.

Thanking all the participants for gracing the occasion, MD & CEO said, "J&K Bank is your bank and you hold special place in our hearts. Your accomplishments are our success stories as we have remained with each other through thick and thin of times. As guardians of public trust, we may be here for years but you are here for decades."

"However, last six months have seen lot of



MD & CEO J&K Bank, Baldev Prakash chairing an interactive meet at Srinagar.

fundamental changes in the Bank's operational structure and the same is being done for the betterment of our clients like you. We have upgraded on the technological front with one of the latest available platforms i.e. Finaele 10. You have remained with us through thick and thin. Transition has led to some teething issues but I assure you that all the changes are well thought out and we will live up to your expectations", he added.

While putting forth their concerns and grievances, the customers thanked MD & CEO Baldev Prakash along with the management for conducting the first-of-its-kind meet. "We thank you for this meeting and making us believe that we belong to you. We have a say. This

is a positive sign and augurs well for the business community that Bank is making concerted efforts to listen to us. We have a lot of expectations from the Bank and J&K Bank has traditionally played an immense role in our economic progress." The participant clients said in unison.

After listening patiently to the concerns of HNI clients, MD Baldev Prakash asserted, "We have to ensure timelines are met invariably. As far as channel financing is concerned, we have devised a platform that will be ready within two months' time. Such meets will be held more often in the future and I am hopeful we will have a good number of industrialists as part of those meetings." Earlier, General

Manager (Credit) Ashutosh Sareen gave an overview regarding the conceptualization of the new structure in shape of Large Credit Units.

"All customers are important to us but the level of professional attention requires a certain sense of proportion with the quantum of client's exposure. It is with this objective these LCUs were established to provide specialized and highly personalized services to HNI customers under one roof. We believe that our Bank's success hinges on your progress and prosperity. Therefore, we need to take extra care of our most valuable clients like you," he said.

Deputy General Manager Credit Nishikant Sharma gave a welcome address to start the proceedings.

