

IGP Jammu Zone felicitates officers/officials for working out Highway robberies cases in Jammu Province

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JAMMU: Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, on Tuesday visited Police Station Akhnoor and felicitated officers/officials who worked out number of Highway Robbery cases that took place in Jammu Zone.

The officers/officials were awarded with Appreciation letter and Commendation Certificate Class-1st in a function organized at Police Station Akhnoor.

The officers/officials who were awarded include Mohan Lal Sharma, SDPO Akhnoor; Insp. Hilaal Azhar, SHO Thannamandi (the then SHO Akhnoor); Insp. Zaheer Mushtaq SHO Akhnoor; PSI Pankaj Katoch, I/C Police Post Chowki Choura; PSI Arun Kumar, I/C Police Post Sidhra; HC Karan Singh of P/S Akhnoor; HC Kuldeep Singh of PP Chowki Choura; Ct. Sanjay Kumar of P/S Akhnoor; Ct. Vijay Kumar, of SP Office (Rural) Jammu; Ct. Rahul Sharma of SDPO Office Akhnoor; Ct. Sunny Sharma of SDPO Office Akhnoor; Ct.



IGP Jammu Anand Jain felicitating a police official.

Yashpaul of PP Chowki Choura; and SPO Akshay Choudhary of P/S Akhnoor. Special Team headed by Mohan Lal, SDPO Akhnoor was constituted to investigate one of the highway robbery cases registered under FIR No. 281/2023 under Section 392-IPC P/S Akhnoor.

During the course of investigation of the case, the other robbery cases registered in other Police Station of district Jammu viz P/S Domana, Jhajjar Kotli, Nagrota and Gangyal were also thoroughly scrutinized by this Special Team in order to find out the Modus operandi of these robbery

cases.

The consistent resulted into identification of all accused persons, their apprehensions and recovery of vehicles and weapons used for committing crimes in many districts which ultimately earthed dozen of such robbery cases in Jammu Zone which FIR No. 280/2023 P/S Domana; FIR No. 368/2023 and FIR No. 380/2023 P/S Nagrota; FIR No. 88/2023 P/S Manjakote (Rajouri); FIR No. 430/2023 P/S P/S Nagrota; FIR No. 281/2023 P/S Akhnoor; FIR No. 317/2023 P/S Domana; FIR No. 339/2023 P/S P/S Jhajjar Kotli; FIR No. 110/2023

P/S Gangyal; FIR No. 437/2003 U/S 392 IPC P/S Nagrota; FIR No. 149/2023 P/S Vijaypur (Samba).

The team so constituted for the purpose had worked with great dedication, devotion and in a professional manner to identify the robbers for which a comprehensive plan was made.

The CCTV footages from all the places of incidents as well as connecting roads to the places of incidents and Fast-tag data of all the tool plazas in between the places of incidents also helped in the apprehension of accused persons involved in these robbery cases.

The team has also analysed data of the last 10 years to find out the suspects in similar nature of incidents committed in the past. During the course of investigation, breakthrough was obtained by the team members as a result of which one habitual criminal namely Mohd Kabir was arrested along with one bike and sharp edge weapons and on his disclosure, 02 more accused were arrested and one car was also recovered.

It is worthwhile to mention here that continuous raids were conducted at different locations i.e Bari Brahmana, Khanna (Punjab), Neerojal, Thanamandi (Rajouri), Bathandi, Jammu and after screening of more than fifty houses ,one house was identified and raided which led to arrest of two more accused persons.

In these robbery cases, 05 accused persons were arrested, out of which 04 belong to district Rajouri and district Doda and recoveries were made which include 02 Vehicles, 02 Bikes, 03 sharp edge weapon of offences (Tokas), 02 Mobile phones of the victims etc.

IGP Jammu Zone , Anand Jain, has informed in this function that good work done by the Police shall be lauded and highlighted in future also in order to boost their morale.

Shakti Pathak, DIG JKS Range, Vinod Kumar, SSP Jammu, Rahul Charak, SP Rural, Jammu and Mohan Lal, Dy. SP SDPO Akhnoor was also present in this function.

Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal to contest Lok Sabha elections in J&K: Adv Ankur

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JAMMU: Advocate Ankur Sharma, National President of Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal (Earlier IkkJutt Jammu), while addressing press conference here on Tuesday, informed that after the name change approval accorded by the Election Commission of India, the party is ready to contest Lok Sabha Elections across the length and breadth of country in all States and UTs.

Sharma on the question of J&K informed that Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal (Earlier IkkJutt Jammu) will contest two parliamentary seats from J&K.

The party will field 2 different candidates from Jammu-Samba-Reasi and Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituencies.

In total, more than 400 MP candidates will be fielded by the party in the country on one common symbol.

Advocate Ankur Sharma also informed that the name change process from IkkJutt Jammu (Sub Regional) to Ekam Sanatan Bharat (National) was initiated by the party in the month of April 2023 and was completed on 5th December 2023 when the



National President of Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal, Advocate Ankur Sharma addressing press conference.

Election Commission of India gave it a go ahead.

Pertinent to mention here is that IkkJutt Jammu had become Pan India in April 2023 and its first convention was organised at Haridwar where more than 2000 Founder members covering 28 States and all UTs joined hands.

Following this, State Steering Committees in all states of India were notified. Elections to the post of State President were thereafter conducted and state working committees were also formed.

From the central office of Ekam Sanatan Bharat at Delhi, the official Flag of the party along with Constitution and a new website www.ekam-sanatanbharat.org was also unveiled. The official flag of the

party comprises of three colours namely Yellow, Red and Blue, Aknur said adding that the flag has a Bhagwan Garud's image inscribed on it.

A heptagon manifesting Sapt Sankalpas of the party also forms part of the flag.

BARU's represents speed and aggression whereas Blue, Yellow and Red represent Shaivism, Vaishnavism and Shaktism. Image A on the flag represents Bhagwan Ganesha's form, he added.

Ankur Sharma urged everyone to vote and support Ekam Sanatan Bharat Dal in the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha Elections so that the war for political empowerment of Sanatana Sanskriti and Civilisation can be tough effective my through Parliament and other Legislatures.

Use electricity and pay as per usage; KPDCL to Consumers

Staff using crude heating gadgets faced criticism from citizens

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SRINAGAR: On the directions of the administration, to the officials of the KPDCL to constitute checking squads and curb the use of crude and banned gadgets by consumers. The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir had instructed that a comprehensive campaign be initiated against the use of crude and banned gadgets by consumers.

Following this, the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) constituted teams and checking squads as well. These teams were tasked with investigating and addressing the menace of crude and banned gadget usage by consumers and appropriate action "under relevant rules and laws" should be taken against violators.

In the past few days, the KPDCL carried several drives and seized the crude gadgets from the houses of consumers. The Kashmir

Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) also shared the action taken during the drives on their social media handles as well.

However, the revelation wherein KPDCL staff was found using banned gadgets has led to criticism by the citizens.

"When such gadgets are found in consumers' houses KPDCL department claims to legally punish the consumers but now what action the department will take against the officers who allow using banned gadgets by employees on duty at receiving stations," said local residents.

In a recent incident ,during inspection the on duty KPDCL staff at a receiving station in Baramulla district was caught using banned crude heating gadgets.

Although the department has banned for consumers the usage of crude gadgets. The late night inspection of the

Receiving Station in the Watergam area of Baramulla district was conducted by the Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore.

The inspection was conducted to check whether the electricity schedule was being followed by the KPDCL in the metered and non-metered areas. However, as the ADC Sopore reached the receiving station Watergam, the employees on duty were caught using a heater which has been banned by the department recently and warned the consumers of strict action for using such gadgets.

The revelation has raised questions on the KPDCL and the efficacy of its policies. This was not the first time that the KPDCL staff was found using crude gadgets for heating purposes but such revelation came to fore a few weeks ago from the central Kashmir and Ganderbal district area as well.

VBSY undertaken across country to attain saturation of flagship schemes of Modi led Govt: Randhawa

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Vikram Randhawa leader attended Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Office RS Pura.

On the occasion, Seema Parihar, SDM RS Pura, Sham Choudhary Former Minister, Satpal Pappi Ex President MC, Akash Chopra, HS Pammy, Ravi Saini, officers and staff of different departments, beneficiaries of different schemes along with general public were present. While speaking, said that Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is being undertaken across the country to attain saturation of flagship schemes of the Modi led Government by ensuring that the benefits of these schemes reach all targeted beneficiaries in a time-bound manner. Addressing the gathering, the Former Legislator informed that more than 1.5 lakh beneficiaries have received their experiences during this journey. He mentioned the bene-



Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa and others taking pledge.

fits of a permanent house, tapped water connection, toilet, free treatment, free ration, gas connection, electricity connection, bank account being opened, benefits under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, PM Fasal Bima Yojna, PM Swanidhi Yojana, and PM Swamitra property cards among others. He noted that crores of families in villages across the country have received the benefit of some scheme of the government without having to visit any government office again and again. He underlined that the government identified the beneficiaries and then took steps to extend the benefits to them. "That is why people say, Modi Ki Guarantee means

the guarantee of fulfillment", he added.

"Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has become a great medium to reach the people who have not been able to connect with the government schemes till now", senior BJP leader remarked. He informed that the journey of VBSY has reached more than 40 thousand village panchayats and many cities in less than a month where more than 1.25 crore people have connected with 'Modi ki Guarantee' vehicle. He acknowledged the gratitude of the people for welcoming the 'Modi ki Guarantee' vehicle. He also noted the several activities taking place before the commencement of the program and mentioned

cleanliness drives being conducted, Prabhat Pheris being taken out to create awareness, children discussing developed India during prayer meetings in schools, rangolis being made, and lamps being lit at the door of every house.

Randhawa expressed happiness that the Panchayats have formed special committees and taken up the important role of welcoming VBSY. He also lauded the participation of school children as well as the elderly and expressed contentment that VBSY is reaching every corner of the country.

He underlined the government's endeavor to ensure that every person in the village must reach the 'Modi Ki Guarantee' vehicle when it arrives so that the resolution of saturation of government schemes can be fulfilled. Observing that the impact of the government's efforts can be witnessed in every village, Randhawa informed that nearly 1 lakh new beneficiaries have applied for free gas connections under the

Ujjwala scheme, more than 35 lakh Ayushman cards have also been given on the spot, health checkup of lakhs of people is being carried out, and a large number of people are now heading to Ayushman Arogya temples and for various tests.

"We have established a direct relationship, an emotional bond between the central government and the people of the country", Randhawa remarked.

The Former Legislator emphasized that the oaths taken during this Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra should become life mantras. "Be it government employees, public representatives or citizens, everyone has to unite with full devotion. India will develop only with Sabka Prayas", he concluded.

While speaking, the beneficiaries briefed about the benefits being procured by them from various Modi led Government. They expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for launching various flagship schemes for the benefit of the poor people. In the end, SDM RS Pura Seema Parihar expressed gratitude to one and all for attending the programme and making it a grand success.

CUJ inaugurates UGC-MMTTC for NEP 2020 Sensitization and Orientation



A dignitary lighting a ceremonial lamp.

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JAMMU: The Central University of Jammu (CUJ)-UGC Malviya Mission Teachers Training Centre (MMTTC) inaugurated its first FDP on the theme: Holistic Multidisciplinary Education to conduct Orientation and Sensitization Programmes for the faculty members of Higher Educational Institutions on core NEP 2020 themes.

As a part of the Malaviya Mission 111 institutions have been identified. The programme was conducted under this centre as per the guidelines of UGC. Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain expressed hope that in alignment with the Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat, the centre will facilitate the transformative journey reflecting on the profound impact educators have in shaping our future.

Prof. Jain emphasised that Central University of Jammu committed to nurturing a cadre of inspired and empowered faculty

members who will lead the charge in realizing the aspirations of NEP 2020.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Dr. Asit Mantry, Head Department of Educational Studies stated that teachers will play a leading role in nation building.

He said that teacher fulfil the dreams of Vikshit Bharat realising the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Neelika Arora, Director, CUJ-UGC-MMTTC centre apprised that the centre is mandated to offer various programs to improve the quality of teaching and empower faculty members through training, induction, refresher and short-term programs to ensure their continuous professional development. The centre shall be organising a series of Faculty Development Programs (FDC), this being the first in the series.

Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean Student's Welfare, Central University of Jammu, was the resource person for the first session. She spoke on the topic: Holistic Development as enriched

in epics and man making education.

In the second session Dr. Richa Gupta, IIT Kharagpur delivered her lecture on the topic: Human values and their importance: Perspectives from Indian Knowledge

2nd meeting of Sub- Committee of UT Level Coordination Committee held

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JAMMU: The 2nd meeting of the Sub- Committee of Union Territory Level Coordination Committee was held in PHQ at Jammu regarding Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) cases which was presided over by Arun Kumar Chowdhary, Special Director General Of Police Crime Branch J&K.

The meeting was attended by Javid Iqbal Matoo, DIG Crime Branch J&K, Laeeq Ahmad Joint Director Prosecution Crime branch J&K, Villy Koul, Special Secretary to Govt Law Deptt, Imtiyaz Hussain Mir, SSP CID Hqrs.(TMG) J&K, Rakesh Kumar, Addl Secretary, Finance Deptt. and Maheer Thakur, Information Officer. Besides, the Regulator(s) from Reserve Bank of India, Registrar Companies & SEBI that include Haamid Bukhari-ICLS, ROC J&K, Amit Manai, Asstt GM SEBI Delhi, Sudesh Kumari, Manager RBI, Shail Bhardwaj Asst. Manager RBI, and Varun Gupta Asstt. Manager RBI also participated in the said

systems. More than 100 participants from different institutions across the country participated in the program.

Dr. Akshay Kumar, Deputy Director, MMTTC centre presented the formal vote of thanks.

meeting. During the meeting, the NBFC cases on the basis of Marketing Intelligence, were discussed & in addition the directions passed on 10th of March, 2023 in 33rd UTLLCC meeting were also deliberated upon in the meeting.

All the stake holders were advised to lay emphasis upon the general awareness among the public about the unregulated NBFC & NIDHI companies in the market & to involve other institutions like Panchayat(s) & Educational institutions in this mass awareness campaign. Documentaries & short clips about awareness shall be circulated on social platform & others mediums and modes of publicity & publication.

The regulators were advised to further activate market intelligence & to take necessary action of any such case of unregulated NBFCs is noticed & refer complaints/ inputs to Investigating Agency for cognizance.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all participants of the said meeting.

Bali, Shamsher, Ex-Mayor JMC & Former Finance Minister evicted from Govt. Accommodation Estates Department submits Fresh Status Report in HC

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JAMMU: In a major development in a PIL No. 17/2020 seeking eviction of Former Ministers/ Legislators from Ministerial Bungalows/ Govt. Accommodation, the Estates Department today in its latest compliance report submitted pursuant to Orders of the Division Bench of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh dated November 15th, 2023 informed that four Ex-Legislators/Political persons namely Shamsher Singh Manhas (Ex-MP), Chander Mohan Gupta (Former Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation), Bali Bhagat (Former Minister) and Abdul Rahim Rather (Former

Minister) were evicted/vacated Government accommodation provided by the Estates Department. It is further submitted in the Compliance Report that Quarter No.RC-3, Partap Park (order issued in the name of Muzaffar Hussain Shah) has been allotted as office accommodation in favour of Awami National Conference and Quarter No.J-53 (issued in the name of Vikram Randhawa) has been allotted as office accommodation in favour of BJP.

The Compliance Report further says that the remaining 8 persons (Ex-Legislators/ Political Persons) were also issued similar notices seeking details/ information as to

whether they possess any alternate accommodation at Jammu or Srinagar and the names of said Political Persons are Yasir Reshi (Ex-MLC), Sofi Yousuf (Ex-MLC), Reyaz Ahmed Mir (Political Person), Sonaulah Lone (Political Person), Sunil Sharma (Former Minister), Payaz Ahmed Mir (Ex-MP), Mohd. Amin Bhat (Ex-MLA) and Bashir Ahmed Dar (Ex-MLA).

It is worthwhile to mention herein that a PIL is sub-judice in the Jammu Wing of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh where in the petitioner has prayed for evicting the former Legislators from the Govt. Accommodation.

GDC Marh hosts live telecast of PM's Viksit Bharat@2047

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JAMMU: Government Degree College Marh enthusiastically participated in the live telecast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, initiative, "Viksit Bharat@2047: Voice of Youth under the guidance of college Principal Prof (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Koul.

Addressing the participants, the Principal of the college emphasized the significance of the Prime Minister's vision, which seeks the active engagement of the youth in shaping the nation's plans, priorities, and goals. He stressed that students need to work hard and come with their innovative ideas to solve the problems of society.

The event was organized for faculty and students in the Conference Hall of the college where the live streaming of the formal launch of the Viksit Bharat @2047 by Prime Minister was witnessed. After witnessing the launch of Viksit Bharat @2047 by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, an interactive Session and panel discussion was also organized among the Principal, Faculty and students. The post event

Session was thrown open by the Principal of the College. He provided a holistic overview of the forthcoming journey of the country in attaining the feat of a developed nation by 2047. He interacted with the students and responded to many questions ranging from the future of India vis a vis new trends in technology, future of AI, need of skill - based courses. The problems of the rural areas such as solid waste management, its proper collection, transport, treatment and disposal was also discussed. Youth should come up with inventive ideas for major challenges such as waste management, cleaning of local water bodies which are a key aspect to achieve environmental sustainability and social progress.

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BJP organises Booth Level Program in Old City Jammu

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JAMMU: In continuation of its series of booth level programs, Bharatiya Janata Party held Booth Jan Sampark Abhiyan in Ward 3, Old city Jammu wherein BJP workers of booth Nos 85, 87 and 90 participated.

The program was organised by Narotam Sharma, former Councillors JMC Ward 3.

Yudhvir Sethi Vice President of J&K BJP unit presided over the program and Arun Parbhat attended the program as Chief Guest. While addressing the gathering, Arun informed the participants about various pro people schemes and programmes of the Union government.

He asked the Party workers to reach the people and help them to avail benefits of the schemes of the Union govt. Narotam also addressed the party workers and assured the senior leaders present in the program that his team of Ward No 3 would remain committed to spread the message of PM Modi to every house.

The prominent people who attended the program include Vidya Devi, Sarooj Gupta, Booth president Pawan, Amzad Sheikh, Rajinder Raj, Ashu Sharma and Rattan Kumar.