

Nodal officers should ensure effective saturation of public welfare schemes during VBSY: Sham

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JAMMU: Designated Nodal officers and other concerned officials should make dedicated efforts to achieve hundred percent saturation in the public welfare schemes, Sham Lal Sharma, Vice-President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, said this while he appreciated the decision to undertake "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government.

Sham Lal Sharma said that the Modi government has taken a nationwide campaign to raise awareness for the public welfare schemes under the "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra", which will ensure more reach of such schemes to the needy. However, at the same time, he emphasized that the effort will



Vice-President BJP J&K, Sham Lal Sharma listening to public issues.

not yield full results unless the entire involved government machinery puts dedicated and collaborative efforts involving all the segments of the society as well to reach every needy person in society.

Former Minister & J&K BJP Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma and former JMC Mayor & J&K BJP Vice-

President Chander Mohan Gupta accompanied by party secretary Vikas Choudhary and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan BJP Incharge Dil Bahadur Jamwal listened to a number of grievances put forth by visiting individuals and deputations at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Individuals and deputations

of people from various areas of Jammu & Kashmir like Budgam Srinagar, Talab Tillo, RS Pura, Samba, Subhash Nagar, Manohrama Vihar, Bishnah, New Plots, Paddu Kathua, Handwara Kupwara Srinagar, Uri Baramulla, Arnia, Ploura Bohri, Nowshera, Ware House Jammu had reached Trikuta Nagar office to meet these leaders with their grievances.

Issues related to the shifting of relief office from residential area, JDA land issue, installation of transformer, old age pension, promotion, subsidy, repair of lanes/drains, EWS certificate, realignment of PHE pipe from fields, construction of link road at Arnia, repairing of hand pumps, repairing of tube wells etc. were presented before the senior

party leaders. Chander Mohan Gupta said that the BJP leaders make sincere efforts to sort out the issues presented by the people by taking them up at the appropriate platforms. He added that the public grievances camp is proving to be of major help in solving the day-to-day issues of people of the UT.

Vikas Choudhary said that the senior BJP leaders patiently listen to the problems presented by the people, which are then taken up with the concerned officials stressing for early resolution.

Dil Bahadur Jamwal said that dozens of deputations visited the BJP office to present their issues. He informed that many of the presented issues were resolved providing relief to the public.

DES J&K organizes workshop on 'Market Survey of Consumer Price Index'



DG Economics & Statistics, J&K Satvir Kour Sudan speaking at a workshop.

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JAMMU: Directorate of Economics & Statistics (DES), J&K organized training programme on Market Survey of Consumer Price Index (CPI) under the patronage of Director General, Economics & Statistics, J&K Satvir Kour Sudan.

In her address, Satvir Kour emphasised on the importance of training programme and expressed

her trust that the field functionaries will collect reliable coherent and quality data.

Joint Director Surveys Ashiq Hussain Bhat welcomed the participants and encouraged them to take full benefit of training so that quality data could be obtained for the preparation of CPI.

The training was devoted to the discussions on concepts, definitions, method-

ology and schedules on CPI.

The training was imparted by Rajesh Kumar and Sunil Khar, Senior Statistical Officers, NSSO, FOD, RO, Jammu.

The training was attended by the DSEOs of Jammu division along with their field staff and other Officers/officials of DES. Vote of thanks was presented by Assistant Director, Survey.

Vi and EaseMyTrip sign strategic partnership to extend propositions around travel & international roaming

Vi consumers will now be able to book flight tickets, hotels & holidays via Vi App

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JAMMU: Vi, the leading Indian telecom operator partners with EaseMyTrip.com, one of the largest online travel tech platforms, in continuous endeavor to build more value for its users.

In this partnership, EaseMyTrip will offer Vi customers exclusive deals in flights, hotels, trains, buses, and cab bookings on the Vi App.

With this partnership, Vi aims to bring more convenience and best offers for Vi users. As an introductory offer, there will be zero convenience fees on all flight bookings. Additionally, the users will soon be entitled to

get offers on domestic & International hotels, holidays, buses, activities and cab bookings.

As part of the association, the users will also be able to avail exclusive benefits on travel-related services such as activities, experiences and holiday packages on the Vi App. In future, users will have access to other value-added services like free airport pick up/drop on flight and hotel bookings at a minimum booking value.

Commenting on the launch of Travel Section on Vi App, Avneesh Khosla, CMO, Vi said "At Vi, it's our continuous endeavour to bring the best for our customers, be it on the teleo front or any cat-

egory that consumers are engaging with. Travel is one of the high demand categories and is only growing with time, whether domestic or international. EaseMyTrip in many ways is at the forefront of this phenomenon. We are extremely excited with this partnership and hope our consumers will appreciate what this partnership will bring out for them to make their travel bookings more delightful."

Commenting on the association, Rikant Pittie, Co-Founder, EaseMyTrip, said, "Vi is one of India's leading telecom service providers and is at the forefront of developing infrastructure to introduce newer and smarter

technologies and offering world-class tech-driven experiences to customers. We share a common ground with Vi of being a digital-first brand and believe in servicing our customers with nothing but the best. Our unique association will go a long way in providing exceptional services to our and Vi customers ensuring travel bookings become easy and seamless for them through the Vi app."

Vi offers exclusive services like Vi Music, Vi Games, Vi Jobs & Education and VI Movies & TV on the Vi App. The partnership with EaseMyTrip will add another new service Travel on the Vi App.

Residents of New Rehari Welfare Association members hold meet

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JAMMU: The members who had remained in forefront in working for Residents Welfare in a well knit Association of New Rehari held a meeting in which Residents active in social field & Voluntary sector mainly took part -dr prem Sharma founder life member & ex secretary samaj kalyan kendra[NGO FORMED IN YR1980] was main deliberator; who deliberated in detail about voluntary service for welfare & charitable cause of public." The release stated. "The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Advisor in the matter Daya Sagar; renowned journalist of national fame; Dr. N.N Dogra advisor , Surinder Singh Advisor; Virender Bhasin Advisor. " "The meeting was convened by residents to discuss the inputs of the grievances of the residents through the Advisory committee & individual residents in which office office bearers namely Dr Prem Sharma (President), Vinay Raina (Senior Vice President), Ravinder Singh Bobby (Vice President), Sumit Nayyar (General Secretary), Naresh sharma

(Secretary), and Gurcharan Singh (Joint Secretary), Brij Mohan Sharma (Treasurer/Cashier) and Puneet Mahajan (Co- Treasurer) was arrived at to start documentation work like required in NGO or any Society set up is required, besides them the Executive members namely Dr Alkshay Sharma, Atul Sharma, Vipin Verma, Dr Vipin Gupta, Rajeev Abrol, Sunil Sharma, Puneet Chawla, Raman Sharma, S K Mehta, Shiv Shambhu Sambyal and Shiv Chander Sharma were requested to give consent to who consented to help the relevant work regarding implementation of requisite duties as & when called for," the release added. "The main deliberations of the meeting revolved round the J& K Cooperative Societies Registration Act No 10 of 1989; Societies Registration Act 1998 and the circular issued vide April month 2021 by Registrar of Societies JK UT" that said "Societies registered under Jammu and Kashmir Societies Registration Act-1998 before 31 Oct. 2019 in J&K shall apply for re-registration under the Central Act within 45 days, now applicable in J&K

or face action," the circular directed

"It is hereby directed that the societies registered before 31 Oct 2019 under J&K Societies Registration Act 1998 apply within 45 days both with hard copy & soft copy along with documents audit report etc 2019-20 for re-registration under Societies Registration Act 1860 applicable under Re-organization Act 2019; in the light of above it was decided to seek information for registration to proceed ahead in the matter for registration of NGO/Welfare & Charitable Society detail information on rules of memorandum of Association & byelaws; rules of membership, statutory requirements like affidavit submission apart from period of validity of society. Other general problems such as stray dog menace in the area, lack of fixed time schedule of water supply, traffic hazards, parking of outside vehicles in lanes etc. were also discussed.

"The deliberations implored upon the residents too to voluntarily to put joint efforts sought to update the infrastructure like repair of lanes, drains etc to meet welfare requisites" the press release stated.

IWC Samparak imparts self defense training to girls



IWC Sampark members posing with girls.

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JAMMU: Inner Wheel Club (IWC) Samparak team led by its President Reva Raina visited

Sunrise Public School adopted by the club itself and imparted training to 30 girls students by club member Arshi Nad who is

herself International coach of Judo techniques under Sports Authority of India under the theme "Strong the Women Stronger the World" under the aegis of club banner.

President Reva Raina said the theme under which the training to girls students imparted itself indicates that strong is the women, the stronger is the world.

Refreshment was given to girls students getting training. Secretary Anila Mengi, Asha Devi, Pinky Malhotra, Radha Gupta, Neha Arora, Divya, Sonia, Ritu Gupta and Rashi were present.

Div Com, IGP review arrangements for Republic Day 2024

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police, Anand Jain on Thursday chaired a meeting of the Heads of Departments to review the preparations for the celebration of Republic Day-2024.

The Div com discussed in detail the arrangements to be made for smooth conduct of the National event. He stressed on close synergy among the concerned departments in the process of making available all required logistics well in advance.

The meeting held threadbare discussions on selection of contingents, finalization of cultural presentations, provision of Transportation, sanitation,



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and IGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain chairing a meeting.

cleanliness, face lifting of the venue, decoration of stage, seating arrangements. The stakeholder departments were allotted different tasks with strict instructions of accomplishing the assignments with precision and planning.

The Divisional Commissioner asked Director School Education and

Secretary J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages to immediately furnish the lists of student contingents and cultural presentations, while BSF, Army, Police were also told to share the lists of respective contingents.

Asking the stakeholders to finalize the cultural items, he stressed on starting the rehearsal at the earliest.

The JMC functionaries were told to ensure sanitation, water tanker, and mobile toilet facilities at the main venue and venue for rehearsals.

Necessary directions were

issued to the concerned departments for selection of contingents, cultural programmes, rehearsals, transportation facilities for participants, traffic management, security and other important arrangements for smooth conduct of the event.

The Div Com asked Deputy Commissioner Jammu to visit the venue to assess the works required to be done before the event like face lifting, white-wash etc and also finalise the commentators in consultation with the Information Department.

The Div Com also directed Departmental Heads to appoint nodal officers of their respective departments for coordinating and finalising the arrangements. The Div Com asked for establishment of a Control room at the venue comprising officers of all the concerned departments for finalizing arrangements. He issued strict directions to ensure presence of officers

from all concerned departments.

Meanwhile, the Div Com and IGP also reviewed arrangements for Republic Day celebration in the districts. The DCs instructed to ensure smooth celebrations at Tehsil, Block level also.

IGP instructed SSPs to ensure adequate deployment at Block levels also.

The meeting was attended by DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua, Shakti Pathak; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; SSP Jammu, SSP Security Jammu, SSP Traffic besides senior officers of Police, Army, CRPF BSF, SSB, Air Force, Traffic, Jal Shakti, JPDCL, PWD, JMC, Health Services, Information, Education, Cultural Academy, Youth Services and Sports, Hospitality and Protocol, JKRTC and other concerned departments while Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of Jammu division participated through video conferencing.

Reservation of one seat a cruel joke with 17 lakh people of PoJK community: Chuni

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JAMMU: S. O. S. International—an organization for PoJK Displaced Persons on Thursday strongly opposed to the decision of the Union Government to reserve a seat for the displaced PoJK people, saying it has "humiliated" and "insulted" the entire community having a population of 17 lakh people.

On behalf of the entire community, the organization while making a fervent appeal to the Centre to reconsider its three major demands including reservation of eight seats in J&K legislative assembly and grant of ST status to all the people of PoJK community cautioned that it would be compelled to launch a vigorous movement before Lok Sabha polls in case its demands are not met.

On Wednesday, the Lok Sabha passed the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to nominate two members from the Kashmiri migrant community including a woman and one representing the displaced persons from PoJK to the UT Legislative Assembly.

"The Lok Sabha passed the J&K Reorganization (Amendment) Bill and the PoJK DPs, who had been demanding eight seats in J&K legislative assembly since decades and strongly recommended by various Commissions and



SOS International Chairman Rajiv Chuni talking to reporters at Jammu on Thursday.

Committees over the years, have been given just one seat which is a cruel joke, a big humiliation and insult to them. The decision has rubbed salt into the wounds of PoJK people," the SOS International Chairman Rajiv Chuni stated in the presence of Prof. N. N. Sharma, V. K. Datta, Amarjeet Singh, Ved Raj Bali, Bhai Ram Singh, Jorawar Singh, Daleep Chib, Jagjit Singh, Daleep Kumar, Dalbir Singh Raina, Ajit Sharma, Dharamvir Gupta, Satinder Dev Gupta at the office of S. O. S. International in Bakshi Nagar Jammu told reporters here. Chuni said the recommendations of different Commissions and Committees constituted by the Government of India over the years were a strong evidence for the present dispensation at the Centre wherein they (government panels) recommended eight seats for the displaced PoJK people in J&K assembly on the basis of

their population in the Union Territory and outside J&K.

"In 1957, a total of 25 seats were reserved for the displaced PoJK community. One of the seats was taken away from us while the remaining 24 seats are still reserved. The Wadhiwa Committee as well as Interlocutors report while considering the genuine and legitimate demand of PoJK DPs for reserving eight seats for them in J&K assembly. The K C Pant-led Interlocutor panel and later a panel composed of M M Ansari and Radha Kumar as Interlocutors also made similar recommendations. Thereafter, the European delegation while assessing the plights and sufferings of PoJK people in the camps also favoured reservation of seats for us," Mr Chuni said.

The senior PoJK refugee leader said, "A parliamentary standing committee headed by former vice president of India Venkataiah Naidu, in its report submitted in December 2014, also recom-

mended allotting eight out of the 24 seats reserved for PoJK community to the displaced people from PoJK living in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure their political empowerment even if it requires amendment in J&K Constitution. Recently, the Delimitation Commission has also advocated for an adequate number of seats for PoJK refugees for their political empowerment".

Chuni expressed dismay that the PoJK community was denied their legitimate rights in the Parliament despite that a number of recommendations were made in their favour.

The senior PoJK refugee leader demanded that the Government of India should religiously and in principle fulfill the package announced for PoJK refugees before the formation of the BJP-led government at the Centre in 2014.

"The package announced for PoJK DPs included Rs 25 lakh compensation for each PoJK community family; reservation in professional and technical colleges of the country for our youths and a provision of creation of 8500 jobs for the youths belonging to PoJK community. The BJP leadership in Jammu and Kashmir has never bothered to utter a single word about this package," Mr Chuni said.

He also voiced his concern over the denial of Scheduled

Tribune (ST) status to the PoJK DPs staying in Jammu, Samba, Reasi, Udhampur & Kathua districts. "Our people (PoJK) DPs living in Rajouri and Poonch districts have been given ST status under Pahari quota but the same is being denied in Jammu district and other parts of the country. How can the government justify this disparity if a section of the community gets some benefits and others are deprived of it? An attempt has been made to create a wedge within the community," he said.

Terming the disparity as a "cruel joke", the refugee leader held the Union Minister in PMO and local MP from Udhampur Dr Jitendra Singh, BJP state president Ravinder Raina and BJP general secretary (organization) J&K Ashok Koul responsible for the miseries being faced by the people of PoJK community.

"We don't blame the Central government for failing to address our genuine aspirations. The trio (Dr Jitendra Singh, Ravinder Raina and Ashok Koul) have never bothered to give a sincere and holistic feedback to the Centre. They have always favoured the rights of the Kashmiri migrant community but overlooked the PoJK refugees who have been deprived of and overlooked by successive regimes for decades," he said.

Modi Govt did justice to all sections in J&K: Raina



BJPJ&K President, Ravinder Raina talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government has done justice to all the sections in Jammu & Kashmir; said Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, while addressing a Press Conference at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar; here. Surjit Singh Salathia, J&K BJP Vice-President, Adv. Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary, Dr. Devinder Kumar Marwal, General Secretary and former Dy. Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria accompanied Ravinder Raina on the occasion.

Ravinder Raina lauded the Modi government and thanked the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah for the historic decision to nominate MLAs in J&K Assembly, which has been passed in Lok Sabha. He said with this historic step, women, Kashmiri Displaced and PoJK refugees

would be nominated as MLAs in the Assembly of Jammu & Kashmir.

"Several communities faced injustice in the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir; but their voices remained unheard over the decades. Now the Modi government has empowered these communities as now the nominated MLAs would be able to represent their community issues in the Assembly of Jammu & Kashmir", said Raina. Ravinder Raina said that these communities faced innumerable difficulties during the course of the time including displaced communities from either PoJK or Kashmir and now the Modi government has provided justice to them.

"The Modi government has sincerely worked for these neglected communities, for which we thank the PM Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The Modi government believes in the mission of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwaas' and has worked for

every section, has done justice to them", said Raina.

Raina further said that the women would feel more empowerment here with the 33% reservation. PoJK refugees feel empowered now. The Gujar-Bakerwal, Gaddi-Sippi are given forest right Act, SC ST Atrocities Act, and political reservation has been given. In 2009, NC, Congress & PDP conspired against these people and brought ban on inter-district recruitment ditching Gujar-Bakerwals. The Pahari community received justice with the efforts of the Modi government. He stressed that their reservation will not snatch any other community's quota, making clear that there will be no dilution of the 10% reservation of Gujar-Bakerwals.

The OBC community, which includes nearly 40 sub-castes, will also receive justice, which earlier received criminal injustice for 70 years by NC, Congress and PDP governments. Similarly, the Valmiki community would also get justice now with the strong will of the Modi government.

He said that the Modi government has made it clear that PoJK is ours and 24 seats have been reserved for the region in the Assembly of Jammu & Kashmir. He also shared that PoJK Bhawan is also coming up in the area.