

EPFO Jammu, RO Kashmir hold 'Nidhi Apke Nikat'

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JAMMU: The monthly outreach programme of Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Jammu 'Nidhi Apke Nikat' was organized on Thursday at EPFO Regional Office, Jammu from 10:30 AM to 5 PM for all stakeholders.

As per a press statement issued here, EPFO is servicing entire working area from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with regard to settlement of claims, redressal of grievances and facilitating them in this regard. Considering large number of grievances and to ensure service delivery at doorsteps, various online initiatives of EPFO such as balanced enquiry, filing of online claims including transfer and COVID-19 advance claims and members' basic details were explained a team of officials of PF Commissioner Rizwan-uddin with hands on demonstration during the programme. A num-



PF Commissioner Rizwan-uddin listening to employees' issues.

ber of employees were present during the programme and highlight their grievances, majority of which were redressed on the spot.

Prominent among those whose issues were resolved during the programme included Aminder Pal, Veena Devi, Arvind Naaz, Neetu Pandita, Vinod Kumar Zutshi, Davinder Singh, Radha Devi, Saurav Singh, Ajay Kumar, Vishnu Singh Chuanha, Gulshan Kumar, Haneefa Sheikh, Tilak Raj, Muneer Ahmad, Ghulam

Mustafa Khan. The officials of EPFO Jammu who helped in smooth conduct of 'Nidhi Apke Nikat' programme included Pranav Gupta ASO, Kanchan, Pramod Kumar EO, Sanjeev AO and Mukesh Kumar.

A similar programme was also organised by RO Kashmir to resolve the issues of stakeholders. The endeavor of 'Nidhi Apke Nikat' programme has always been to redress maximum number of cases/ grievances on the same day or at the earliest.

Dr Jitendra updates Rajya Sabha about lateral entry appointments in administration

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh, who is also Minister Incharge DoPT (Department of Personnel & Training), on Thursday updated the Rajya Sabha about lateral entry appointments in administration during the last three years.

The Minister stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, DoPT had appointed 10 Joint Secretaries and 19 Directors through lateral entry.

This is in keeping with the provision of Lateral recruitment at the levels of Joint Secretary, Director and Deputy Secretary in the Government of India, for appointment of persons for specific assignments, keeping in view their specialised knowledge and expertise in the domain area, the Minister stated.

In reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha, the Minister stated that the

selection was undertaken by the Union Public Service Commission on the basis of transparent process, inviting applications through open advertisement for these posts.

Candidates from private sectors are appointed on contract basis and those from the State Government/UT Administration/Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs)/Autonomous Bodies/Statutory Organisations/Universities/Recognised Research Institutes on deputation basis, for a term of three years.

Ten candidates appointed as Joint Secretary through lateral recruitment (seven selected in 2019 and three selected in 2021), are in positions in various Ministries/Departments.

Further, nineteen candidates have been selected in 2021 for appointment to the post of Director on lateral recruitment basis.

NSUI slams VC Kashmir University for betraying students



NSUI President, Sunny Parihar talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Flaying Vice Chancellor Kashmir University for betraying students, the J&K

President, National Student Union of India (NSUI), Sunny Parihar has urged the varsity administration to fulfill all genuine demands of students.

While addressing media at a press conference, Sunny Parihar said that on February 7, 2022, students held a protest against KU's administration and highlighted demands including conduct examinations online for B.Tech, B.Sc Nursing, PG programmes, UG pro-

grammes etc.

"After protest, the KU administration approached agitating students and assured them by signing a memorandum to hold online examinations," he added.

Parihar further said that both Universities have been framed under same act but it is unfortunate students of Kashmir University are being harassed by authorities by denying online conduct of examination unlike University of Jammu. Sunny Parihar urged LG to intervene into the matter for providing justice to students besides directing VC Kashmir University to fulfill all genuine demands of students.

Others present during the press conference included Nipun Gandhi, Irshad Khatana, Sourav Verma, Manas Gandhi, Zia Choudhary, Vishu, Harsh and Rakshit.

Sangram Sena distributes blankets among needy persons



Sangram Sena President, R.K Raina distributing blankets among needy persons.

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JAMMU: Sangram Sena Jammu & Kashmir on Thursday distributed blankets and quilts to the poor and needy families living in Kamini Nagrota area of Jammu District.

Similarly, the same posts were re-advertised after two years in 2021 leaving a substantial number of aspirants ineligible under the new advertisement.

He reiterated his appeal to the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to intervene into the matter and listen to the demands of protesting aspirants and compensate the affected border battalion aspirants adequately.

Arun said that youth are the backbone of the country and their issues have to be accorded topmost priority.

He said that the posts were advertised in 2019 after the announcement by then Home Minister Rajnath Singh but due to callous attitude of officers sitting at the helm of affairs the process for filling these posts were not completed despite conducting the physical tests and verification.

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