

EPFO Jammu, RO Kashmir hold 'Nidhi Apke Nikat'

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JAMMU: The monthly out-reach 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 balance 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 number of employees were present during the programme and highlight their grievances, majority of which were redressed on the spot.



PF Commissioner Rizwan-uddin listening to employees' issues.

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 Chuahan, 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.

Karan Bhagat calls on AICC Incharge J&K Rajni Patil



Chairman SC Department of JKPC, Karan Bhagat calling on AICC Incharge J&K Rajni Patil in New Delhi.

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JAMMU: Karan Bhagat, Chairman SC Department of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee called on AICC Incharge Jammu and Kashmir Rajni Patil (MP) in New Delhi and apprised her about the various issues of SC community in JK UT. He said that there is delay in implementing of all the schemes launched by UPA for the upliftment of SC community. Scholarship for SC students is not reached for the last 3

years. The Govt keep its eyes closed on oppression and cases of Dalit atrocities are on high rise. There is major fall in release of SCSP funds in last five years. Karan Bhagat also discussed various ways and means to strengthen the Congress Party at all levels in Jammu and Kashmir. He requested the party high command that due representation should be given to SC people in the organization at all levels including Wards, Blocks, Districts and PCC.

Baru highlights encroachment on Govt land VC JDA orders registering FIR against encroachers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Vice Chairman of Jammu Development Authority Pankaj Magotra along with JDA officials on the request of JMC Councillor and BJP senior leader Sanjay Kumar Baru visited Wazir Lane and Durga Nagar area of Talab Tillo where encroachment on JDA land was done by some miscreants. VC JDA has directed the authorities to lodge FIR against all those who have encroached upon JDA land unlawfully. He also asked the people to vacate the encroached land at the earliest and has warned for an anti encroachment drive to retrieve the same if they didn't vacate the land at their own. Speaking to the



VC JDA Pankaj Magotra interacting with Councillor Sanjay Baru during a drive.

mediam Sanjay Baru said that in past he has also highlighted the issue in front of the concerned authorities and he has too requested the Encroachers to vacate the land but when they didn't agreed to do it, there was no option left other than to call upon VC JDA for inspection. He said that such kind of encroachment would not be tol-

erated at any cost and strict action should be taken to restore the law of land.

Vice Chairman JDA extended gratitude towards the Corporator Sanjay Baru for his concerns to safeguard the Government Properties.

On the occasion social leader Ashok Wazir, Wazir lane Youth welfare Committee President Jatinder Khajuria, Mohinder Gupta, Gresh Sharma, Sanjay Sharma, Ashish Gupta and permanent citizens were present.

Ikkjutt leader alleges misbehavior by Munshi PS Janipur



Youth President Ikkjutt Jammu, Ajay Saini talking to reporters.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Youth President, Ikkjutt Jammu, Ajay Saini, who took an accused to Police Station Janipur on call of Deputy Superintendent of Police for counseling, was slapped by Munshi of Police Station Janipur. After the incident, party workers gathered outside Janipur Police Station and held a protest seeking action against Munshi. While talking to reporters, Ajay Saini said that at behest of DySP City West, he took a youth to police station but as soon as he reached there, Munshi B A Bande started beating the young man badly, who has came with him. Ajay further said that when he was busy in talking with Sub Inspector Anil Kumar posted in police station and showing him something on phone, regarding some other case, Munshi Bande thought that he was making his videos. "Munshi came to me shouting and pushed me outside Police Station. Even the Sub Inspector told Munshi that I was not making his video but showing something else on phone, Munshi Bande did not listen to him and slapped me," said Ajay, adding that soon the incident was reported to President Ikkjutt Jammu, Advocate Ankur Sharma, who spoke to senior officers regarding the same. Speaking over the issue, Adv Ankur said that the matter has been resolved with timely intervention of senior officials and at the same time, SDPO City West Rahul Nagar has also asked for settlement between two parties. It is reported that both parties have made a compromise over the issue.

Dr Jitendra updates Rajya Sabha about lateral entry appointments in administration

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
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 / U T 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.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Playing 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.

Minor's rape case: HC issues notice to accused in revision petition

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar of J&K High Court has issued notice to one Varun Chandan of Rajouri, who is convicted in kidnapping of a minor (name withheld). Earlier, Sessions Judge Rajouri has acquitted him but Adv Aseem Sawhney filed a revision petition against acquittal order, on behalf of minor victim.

While pleading the case, Adv Aseem Sawhney urged that statement of victim is clear and beyond any shadow of doubt that gang rape was committed with her at relevant time and it is also proved that she was kidnapped by accused, using a WagonR car. The accused was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment for kidnapping but in rape and other offences, Sessions Judge acquitted him without taking into consideration victim's statement.

Some portion was video-graphed by accused and put on internet, which went viral across Rajouri and Police has also seized CD etc. Challenging the statement, Adv Aseem Sawhney filed the revision petition after which Justice Sanjay Dhar issued notice to Varun Chandan and directed for listing the case for arguments on March 13, 22.

number of candidates who have become over aged and the government must also adequately compensate such candidates, he added.

Arun Prabhat urged the government to adjust the first lot of Border Battalion aspirants who have cleared physical test in 2019 while the government must also continue with the 2021 notification so that the youth of Jammu and Kashmir may not be discriminated.

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

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.

Dr Tahir hails Govt move for delegating powers of medical college principals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Hailing the move of Jammu and Kashmir government led by Lieutenant Governor Sh. Manoj Sinha for delegating powers of medical college principals, the J&K BJP's spokesperson and senior leader Dr Tahir Choudhary said the decision will prove beneficial for the people as well as improve the healthcare system across the Union Territory.

Dr Tahir Choudhary said that the decision will strengthen the role of the principals as the academic head of the institutions and enable them to devote more time to Health Care, Academics & Research.

He informed that earlier the head of medical institutions were also assigned to



look after administrative matters as well as issues of employees and with this decision the principals are relieved from these duties and now, they can focus healthcare and research work.

He also said that BJP government under leaders Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed to provide better facilities to citizens.

"Since the abrogation of special status of Jammu and Kashmir, the government has adopted people centric approach and taken several initiatives for the well being of people," Dr

Tahir Choudhary said.

Senior BJP leader, Dr Tahir also said the development is also expedited across the Union Territory as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has personally connected to the people of J&K.

Dr Tahir Choudhary said that due to the people friendly policies adopted by the government has encouraged investor to invest in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The Jammu and Kashmir has received investment of several crores as the new era of development ushered for the Union Territory under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Dr Tahir said.

Power shutdown

informed that the power supply to Jogpur, 17 Miles, Swankha Morh, Najwal, Gho Brahmana, Raika, Rara shall remain affected on February 11 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to partial area of Sarore, Channi, Reor, Nihalki, Dolian, Tanda, Dhiansar, Kabir Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 11 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Barwal, Uttari, Kumari, Katherar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 11 and 12 from 10 am to 3 pm.

CEC launches Ladakh Heritage Mobile App in Leh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: The Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson on Thursday launched the 'Ladakh Heritage Mobile App' for the listing of Heritage/Historical sites of Ladakh in Leh.

Executive Councillor for Archives/IT/Art & Culture, LAHDC Leh, Stanzin Chosphel; Executive Councillor for Minority Affairs, LAHDC Leh, Ghulam Mehdi Ashoor; Technical Director, NIC Leh, Puncchok Paldan; Dy Secretary, Ladakh Academy of Art and Culture Leh, Tsewang Paljor; and Superintendent, Antiquities, Archives & Museum, Leh, Khadim



CEC LAHDC, Adv Tashi Gyalson chairing a meeting.

Hussain, were present during the event.

Technical Director, NIC Leh, Puncchok Paldan along with his technical team gave a brief presentation and demonstration on the operational features of the Mobile App.

He further stated that the Panchayat Secretaries and Block Development Officers play a very active role and requested them to ensure

active participation. Dy Secy, LAAC Leh, Tsewang Paljor, and Registering Officer, Antiquities, Leh Khadim Hussain, also emphasised the importance of listing heritage/historical sites of Ladakh during the meeting. CEC Gyalson urged concerned officials at the grass-root level to exercise on the listing of important heritage sites in the UT of Ladakh.

Sangram Sena distributes blankets among needy persons



SS President, R.K Raina distributing blankets among needy.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
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.

Though it is not a big work done by the Sangram Sena but it is something for the needy people who were in bad need to protect themselves from the shivering and chilly cold time. "We appeal to the general publicity to come forward and help the needy people

by donating/giving them warm clothes, blankets, etc." they said.

Office bearers of Sangram Sena participated in the programme namely R.K. Raina, President, Capt RS Langleh General Secretary, Rajesh Banathiya, Chief Organizer, Raja Jamwal, Sudhir Padha, Chairman Divine Touch and Member Sewa Samiti, Brij Mehra, President Jammu Pragati Manch, Jammu and Kuldeep Singh, Sangram Sena Vice President.

CISF detects foreign currency worth over Rs 31 lakh at IGI Airport

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on Thursday apprehended a passenger carrying a high volume of foreign currency worth Rs 31,66,340 at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in Delhi.

Akhilesh Kumar Shukla, public relations officer of CISF, said, "On February 8, 2022 at about 3.40 PM, during Pre-Embarkation Security Check (PESC) through X-BIS machine at International Security Hold Area (SHA) of Terminal 3, IGI Airport, New Delhi, CISF personnel detected 37,700 USDs worth approximately Rs

28,16,340 and Indian Rs 3.5 lakh from the handbag of a lady passenger. She was supposed to travel to Tel Aviv by Air India flight No. AI-139 (STD-1720 hrs) along with her parents. On enquiry, she could not produce any valid document to carry such amount of foreign & Indian currency. The matter was informed to Senior officers of CISF and Customs officials."

Later on arrival of Customs Officials, the said lady passenger along with the recovered foreign & Indian currency worth approximately Rs 31,66,340 was handed over to them for further action in the matter.

Mayor Jammu conducts election campaign, meetings at Batala

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BATALA: On the directions of party high command of BJP, Mayor Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta on Thursday held series of public meetings and door to door election campaign in favour of local BJP candidate Fateh Jung Singh Bajwa at Batala (Punjab).

Addressing the various election rallies at Batala, Mayor Jammu said that people should not miss the chance to install double-engine Govt. in Punjab by giving absolute majority to BJP as earlier the funds given to this state have been cleverly misused by those steering the congress Govt. here, thus leaving the poor and needy people in lurch for even the mere basic amenities.

He appealed to the all section of society to come forward and vote for the BJP candidate who is very dedicated, honest & hard worker so that he can be able to provide equal justice to the citizens of Batala irrespective of any colour, caste or creed.

criticizing the present Congress Govt in Punjab, he said that many centrally sponsored schemes such as Ayushman Bharat and others such schemes have not been implemented in the state till date and people should have faith in BJP candidate and give the party full mandate so that this region which is under drug menace and other evil deeds since long can be stirred out of morass created by the congress. He further told that during the lockdown period the free ration given by the Modi Govt to the entire nation but the same has not been disbursed among the eligible beneficiaries in Punjab due to casual approach of the congress Govt.

Nand kishore Sharma Senior BJP leader of Batala, Sanjeev Aditya president of Valmiki Samaj along with other prominent representatives of Valmiki Samaj Batala were also accompanied the Mayor Jammu during the election campaign.