

Priya Sethi opposes decision of J&K Govt for annulling all referred posts

‘Delay in selection process was not fault of aspirants’

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader, Special Invitee NEM and former Minister Priya Sethi strongly opposed the decision of J&K Government for annulling all posts including gazetted and non-gazetted referred to JKPSB/JKSSB prior to 31st October 2019, for which selections to several government posts have not been finalized till date.

In this regard, a delegation of aspirants for the posts of Assistant Professor, Tourism & Travel in Higher Education on Tuesday met Priya Sethi and sought rescinding of recent government order directing for annulling all recruitment process prior to October 31, 2019.

While interacting with the former minister, the delegation apprised her that the selection process for the posts of Assistant Professor, Tourism and Travel in Higher Education Department notified vide circular No. 12-PSC (DR-P) of 2014 dated May 29, 2014



Delegation of aspirants presenting memorandum to former Minister, Priya Sethi.

and Notification No. 10-PSC (DR) 21 2017 dated October 27, 2017 against which the selection interviews were held during December 29-31, 2021 which was notified by JKPSB vide Notice 08 dated December 8, 2021 has been completed and they were awaiting the release of final list but the aforesaid government order has dashed their hopes and therefore it is appealed to intervene and ensure justice.

The delegation apprised the senior BJP leader that JKPSB advertised 5 vacancies of Assistant Professor

(Travel and Tourism) vide its notification to 12-PSC (DR-P) 2014 dated 29-2014.

"This was the first time ever that positions in the discipline of Travel & Tourism were notified. After a period of 3 years, the then JK PSC forwarded a letter to Department of Higher Education, Government of Jammu and Kashmir seeking the details regarding the equivalence of degree of applicants. In this regard, a letter was sent to University of Jammu on 3-1-2017 for clarification", they informed the former minister adding that after so many hiccups

finally the selection process was completed and they were expecting the release of final list which was prepared prior to the aforesaid order annulling all recruitments initiated prior to October 31, 2019. They appealed to the former minister Priya Sethi to intervene and save their career because many of them are on verge of crossing the upper age limit.

After listening to the plight of visiting delegation, Priya Sethi assured that she will project their case before LG Sinha asking him to deliver justice. She was convinced that the case of the aforesaid aspirants is genuine and needs to be given special focus as the delay in selection process was not their fault.

The former minister urged the Lt Governor to do justice with the youth of Jammu and Kashmir who are facing hardships due to order issued by the J&K GAD and ensure order annulling recruitment process doesn't impede justice.

ABVP protests against Tamil Nadu Govt, many arrested

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JAMMU: Many Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) activists on Tuesday arrested by police while they staging protest against Tamil Nadu Government on suicide of class 12th student after forced conversion.

Lavanya, a student of Sacred Hearts High School in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu, died due to the intolerable torture she received from two nuns of the School who pressurised her for converting to Christianity on January 24.

Seeking strong action against the culprits behind the incident, a large number of ABVP activists including girls held a strong protest near Press Club Jammu and burnt the effigy of Tamil Nadu government seeking justice for Lavanya.

50 ABVP activists including State Secretary Mukesh Manhas who were protesting peacefully were forcefully removed from protest site and were arrested by Police.

Mukesh, while talking to media, said that Tamil Nadu government has crossed all



Police arresting protesting ABVP activists at Jammu.

limits of barbarism.

"The government is desperately trying to suppress the voices demanding justice for Lavanya but ABVP is committed to fighting for the cause," he said.

"We will continue to fight till Lavanya gets justice and will request the government to make a law against forceful conversion and ensure that no student has to face such a heinous and dastardly act," he said.

He further said that while demanding justice for Lavanya outside Tamilnadu CM office in Chennai, ABVP National General Secretary Nidhi Tripathi and scores of karyakartas were arrested by the Tamil Nadu police.

ABVP demanded that all the Karyakartas should be immediately released.

ABVP Jammu Mahanagar Secretary Chahat Anand said that the Tamil Nadu Government is appeasing the forceful conversions by not cooperating in this case but every ABVP Karyakarta is committed to fight till Lavanya gets justice.

Others present in the protest include Ramnik Sharma, Ravail Parihar, Nitesh Dalmotra, Hariom Sharma, Mithali Sharma, Shriya, Kannu, Anubhav, Abhishek Sharma, Vikrant, Arun Hans, Sakshi, Dhruv, Ashita, Priya, Manik Goswami, Ayush and Yudhveer.

Ex-CPFWA urges Central Govt to fulfill demands



Ex-CPFWA Jammu members addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: Highlighting a number of long pending issues of ex-central paramilitary forces personnel, the Ex-Central Paramilitary Forces Welfare Association (CPFWA) Jammu has urged the Home Ministry to initiate necessary measures for fulfilling all their pending demands.

While addressing a press conference, Shashi Kumar Sharma, President of the

association and other members said that a number of ex-central paramilitary forces personnel are suffering since long as their long pending demands have not been fulfilled till date.

Major demands highlighted by members included framing separate Armed Forces Service & Pension Rules instead of CCS Rules and exempt from New Pension Scheme (NPS), implementing One Rank-one pension

(OROP) similar to defense Forces, extending all postretirement benefits similar to defense personnel, compassionate appointment for dependants, granting 2 pc reservation for wards of CRPF, BSF, ITBP, SSB personnel in Government jobs and in educational institutions, formation of statutory Paramilitary Welfare Board and appointment of High level committee headed by retired judge to study and recommend the entire problems faced by CPWF Serving /Retired CPWF personnel by making appropriate act, rules and regulations through appropriate platform.

Those present on the occasion include Darshan Kumar Chauhan General Secretary, Noor Mohd, Yash Paul, K.S. Bist, Harbans Lal and Chamil Singh.

JMC holds training for auto-drivers regarding waste collection



JMC officials interacting with auto drivers.

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JAMMU: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) on Tuesday organized an awareness training session at the Transport Yard of JMC at Manda.

The aim of the training session was to educate the Municipal Waste collection vehicle drivers with the concept of 100% Door to door collection of segregated Municipal waste.

Moreover, Health Officer

JMC-Sanjogita Soodan emphasized the basics i.e roles & responsibilities of auto drivers, importance of punctuality and consistent efforts for assigned responsibilities.

The training session was focused on Solid waste collection where the drivers were trained to collect Dry and wet waste separately and to know the importance of Route plan for primary collection of waste including

Starting point, Start time, Waiting points & End point.

The training concluded with a pledge where a formal promise was made by the drivers to follow the basic instructions and help Jammu Municipal Corporation achieve a better ranking in Swachh

Survekshan.

The dignitaries present in the event included Health Officer JMC - Dr. Sanjogita Soodan, Sanitation officer (Zone 3) - Rajinder Kumar and Chief Transport Officer - Talat Mehmood in the presence of Commissioner JMC - Avny Lavasa.

People looking towards NC with hope to steer J&K to peace, prosperity: Gupta



NC leaders welcoming Thakur Gaja Singh Katoch in party fold.

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JAMMU: Thakur Gaja Singh Katoch Senior leader BJP and Social activist District Ramban Joining the party at Sher I Kashmir Bhavan, Jammu here today said that Jammu and Kashmir was passing through a most difficult phase. NC is the only political party to help the people.

Welcoming Gaja Singh in the party fold National Conference Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta exhorted the cadre to shoulder the responsibilities of steering it to peace and political stability.

He said that the people were looking towards National Conference with hope and therefore it is incumbent upon the cadre to meet their aspirations and expectations.

"National Conference has done a lot in empowering the people politically since its inception by providing a vibrant platform to public spirited people the decision making at all the levels" he said, adding that joining of the dedicated activist will further strengthen the party bastion and help in reaching out to the vast mast of people for mitigating their difficulties.

Those who were present on this occasion included: Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, Pyare Lal Sharma, District Secretary Ramban Arif Mir and Harnam Singh Block President Kanthi Neera.

Refresher Course for Veterinary Officers concludes at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: Under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, Prof. J.P. Sharma, a nine days refresher course for Veterinary Officers of Animal Husbandry Department, Jammu division on "Animal Nutrition Interventions & Innovations for Doubling Farmer's Income: Theory to Practice" concluded on Tuesday.

The course was organised by Division of Animal Nutrition in collaboration with Animal Husbandry Department, Jammu funded under National Livestock Mission to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, R. S Pura. Dr. M.S. Bhadwal, Dean, FVSc & A.H and Chief Guest during the occasion thanked Sagar Dattatray, Director, Animal Husbandry for sponsoring a good number of training programmes for field vets to be conducted by SKUAST Jammu to update field vets knowledge on regular basis.

He further said that in recent years though the pro-

gressive dairy farmers have started feeding silage to their animals for better productivity but the preparation of silage by small and marginal dairy farmers at their farms is yet to be adopted.

He congratulated the veterinary officers for participating in this refresher course as this is a part of continuing education which will help them in technology dissemination to the end users.

At the outset, Dr. R.K. Sharma, Course Director and HoD, Animal Nutrition heartily welcomed the chief guest. He informed the gathering about the detailed activities (theory and practical classes) and field visit to Krishna Dairy Farm, Swanjhana, Jammu, owned by a progressive dairy farmer.

Kulbhushan Khajuria, conducted under the refresher course.

Dr. Sharma apprised the chief guest and the audience that Division of Animal Nutrition has devised the interventions for formulation of balanced and economic rations by use of locally available feed resources such tree

and shrub leaves, olive cake, maize cobs, kinnow-mandarin fruit waste, spent marigold flower meal, potato peel waste etc. He further informed that the technology of Condensed Tannin Fortified Multi-Nutrient feed Block (CT-MNB) developed by SKUAST Jammu has already been commercialized and another technology of Densified Complete Feed Block (DCFb) has good potential for commercialization. He stressed upon the trainees that the learnt techniques about silage making and ration balancing during the refresher course should reach to the needy farmers.

During the valedictory function, a compendium was also released and given to the participants as well as course completion certificate distributed among the trainees. Participants also provided feedbacks which were very positive and satisfying. Proceedings of the programme were coordinated by Dr. Ankur Rastogi and vote of thanks was extended by Dr. A.K. Pathak, course coordinator of the refresher course.

Space technology, drones to survey 6 lakh villages: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh on Tuesday said that under the Modi Government's SVAMITVA scheme, Space/Geospatial technology along with Drones will survey all the over 6 lakh Indian villages. At the same time, pan-India 3D Maps will be prepared for 100 Indian cities, which will be a game-changer, he added.

Speaking as chief guest commemorating the 1st Anniversary of the "Release

of new Geospatial Guidelines", the Minister said that the Trinity of Geospatial Systems, Drone Policy and Unlocked Space Sector will be the hallmark of India's future economic progress.

He said, this is in line with the strategic push by the Government of India for adopting these sunrise technologies across national mission-mode projects to achieve the vision of the \$5 trillion economy.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed that Geospatial Policy will be announced soon as the liberalisation of the guidelines has yielded very positive outcomes within one year's time. He said, open call for empanelment of Geospatial companies by Survey of India for mapping

6 lakh villages under the SVAMITVA scheme and the launch of pan-India 3D Maps Program by Genesys International for 100 cities, based on the concept of Digital Twins are historic and revolutionary in nature and will be a game changer decision. T

he Minister also drew attention to the launch of Indo ArcGIS by Esri India to address the need for ready-to-use GIS-based solution products and content in the areas of Forest Management, Disaster Management, Electrical Utilities, Land Records, Water Distribution, and Property Taxation.

Dr Jitendra said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi believes in breaking the taboos of the past and he is

known for taking out-of-the-box and bold decisions be it the unlocking of Space sector for private players, joint ventures in Atomic Energy or Drone Policy.

He said, the focus will be to strengthen the Innovative Start-ups ecosystem with huge financial implications and job generation. The Minister assured the stakeholders that a synergy will be brought about in all these sectors to have a multiplier effect.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, in an era of knowledge explosion and rapid technological changes, India has to live up to the Global Benchmarks. He said, the era of working in status quoistmode is over as PM Modi's arrival heralded a new work culture of moving

with dynamism of the world. In his concluding remarks, Dr Jitendra Singh said that open and easy access to Geospatial information has helped in maximising the use and reuse of data within a single year of its launch. We hope to see many more innovative solutions and new business models in the coming times building value upon existing resources.

He said, the Department of Science and Technology has truly triggered a systemic change within the Geospatial ecosystem with these guidelines. The Minister appreciated the efforts of DST and AGI in bringing together all stakeholders today to discuss the impact so far and the way forward with a reformed outlook in mind.

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JAMMU: Superintending Engineer O&M Circle Jammu, JPDCL on Tuesday informed that the power supply to IIM, Bakshi Nagar, SMGS, CD, Psyett Hospital, Resham Ghar, B.C. Road, Rajeev Basti, Kabir Basti, Kattal Battal, Panjgrain, Nariana and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17 and 20 from 9 am to 3 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Canal, Khour, Gigrayal, Khour MC, Medical, Muthi, Udaywala, Gajansoo, Talab Tillo and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17 and 20 from 10 am to 3 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Muthi, MES, Maalpur, Bathera and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 18 from 10 am to 3 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Roop Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 18 and 20 from 10 am to 3 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Domana and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17 and 19 from 10 am to 3 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Simbal, Kullian and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17 from 12 noon to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Near Shop Factory, New Tara Vihar, Thater Mohalla, Dream City, Lower Darmal, Lower Barnai, Sharda Colony, Halkuan, Garhi, Floura, Nagbani, Domana Machine, Raipur Domana and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17 and 19 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Gagansoo Market, Galwade, Pratap Morh, Lahori Chak, Chibey Chak and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 20 from 9 am to 3 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Gujral Mohalla, Vijay Nagar, Ajit Colony, Vikas Nagar, Patoli Chowk, Sarwal, Laxmi Nagar, Lower Shiv Nagar, Rajpura, Shakti Nagar, Parshuram Temple, Gujral Basti, Domana Police Station, Pukhoo Camp, Baazigar Basti, Swaran Vihar, Rajinder Nagar, Pattian, Laxnupuram, Keeran, Dhattrayal, Karloop, Chatta, Shanti Nagar, Asha Gas Agency, Subash Nagar and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 18 and 20 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Janipur, Daily Excelsior, Lakramandi, Indira Colony, Naseeb Nagar and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17 and 20 from 9 am to 3 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Ram Mandir, Sardar Mohalla, Bathera and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17, 19 and 21 from 9 am to 3 pm. Likewise, the power supply to

DGP sanctions Rs.2.04 cr as Special Welfare Relief for NoKs of martyrs

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JAMMU: Continuing with its endeavour to provide financial assistance to the families of the police personnel/SPOs who have passed away while in service, the Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Tuesday sanctioned Rs 2.04 crore as Special Welfare Relief for NoKs of martyr; deceased Police personnel and SPOs.

The DGP sanctioned Rs 22 lakh each out of Contributory Police Welfare Fund as special welfare relief in favour of dependents/ legal heirs of martyrs HC Ali Mohammad Ganie, Sgts. Mohammad Sultan and Constable Fayaz Ahmad who attained martyrdom in terror attacks.

The special welfare relief of Rs 22 lakh each out of Contributory Welfare Fund has also been sanctioned in favour of dependents/legal heirs of deceased

Deputy Superintendent of Police Ajay Kumar Sharma, ASI Farooq Ahmad, HC Ayoub Hussain, HC Shabir Ahmad, Sgts. Rohit Kumar and follower Mohammad Altaf who passed away due to illness/ natural death while in service.

The DGP also sanctioned Rs 6 lakh as Special Welfare Relief in favour of NoKs of deceased SPO Subash Chander who passed away during the course of his engagement in the department.

Rs 1 lakh each for NoKs of deceased/martyred police personnel and Rs 50000 for NoKs of SPO has already been paid as immediate relief for their last rites through their concerned Districts/units.

JU VC inaugurates FDP at Computer Science & IT Deptt

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JAMMU: Five-day Tech Saksham Faculty Development Program in collaboration with Microsoft, SAP India and Edunet Foundation was inaugurated at the Department of CS&IT, University of Jammu.

Prof. Manoj Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, JU was the Chief Guest on the occasion, who encouraged the participants to grab on to this grand opportunity with an open mind and work hard to be the next innovative scientists, academicians and technologists of the country. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Dean, Faculty of Mathematical Sciences, JU

was the Guest of Honour, who emphasized that this FDP will serve as one of the main objectives of the new National Education Policy (NEP) which is Skill Development in Higher education learning. He also acknowledged the efforts of Microsoft, SAP India and Edunet Foundation for taking up this initiative with the Department of CS&IT. Mohammad Asif, Project Manager, Microsoft India urged them to be innovative and contribute enthusiastically during the entire program.

Sandeep Kaur, Sr. Programmer, Edunet Foundation wished the participants for an engaging and

fruitful learning session. Earlier, Prof. Pawanesh Abrol, Head of the Department and Convener of the FDP, apprised the members that the participants shall work on the latest topics of computer science.

Dr. Shubhmandan S. Jamwal, Organizing Secretary of the FDP concluded the inaugural session with a formal vote of thanks. Dr. Alka Gupta conducted the proceedings of the programme. Prominent persons who attended the FDP include Prof. Vinod Sharma, Prof. Lalit Sharma, Jasbir Singh, Dr. Suresh Rao, Dr. Palak Mahajan and Dr. Sawinder.

Power shutdown

Subash Nagar, Bharat Nagar, Education Board and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 19 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Meanwhile, the power supply to Channi Himmat and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17 and 19 from 9 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Shant Nagar, Pawan Enclave, Part of Pandoka Colony, Amba Theatre and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17 from 10 am to 1 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Peer Mitha, Peer Kho and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17 from 10 am to 4 pm. However, the power supply to Babliyan, Bathindi, Pandoriya Rehal, Hakkal, Channi, Trikuta NagarCompany Bagh and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17 and 20 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Bathindi, Shastri Nagar, Diagana, Hakkal, Chowala, Paper Mill, Simbal, Badyal, Kullian and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17 and 19 from 9 am to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Trikuta Nagar, Channi, Sainik Colony, Transport Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 18 and 20 from 9 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Beerpur Complex, Sainik Colony, Kanachak and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 18 from 9 am to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Greater Kailash, Old Sarore, Hakkal, Trikuta Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 19 from 9 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Sainik Colony, Railway Complex and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 20 from 9 am to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to KV Guru Public School, Patta Paloura, Kailash Nagar, Sangrampur, Gajey Singhpura, Patniyal and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 18 and 20 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Railway Station, JK Bank Head Office, Panama Circle (Ambedkar Circle) and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 18 from 10 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to New Bishnah and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17, 18, 19 and 20 from 10 am to 11 am and 3 pm to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Dhamesh Nagar, Parts of Babiliana and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 18 from 9 am to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Bahu Fort and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 17 and 20 from 9 am to 2 pm.