

Provide adequate parking space for shops along Akhnoor Road: CCI

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JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, General Secretary CCI on Monday appealed to R.K Singh, Executive Director NHIDCL Jammu to provide adequate parking space for the shops situated along Akhnoor Road stretch between 0 Km to 6 Km.

Chamber's Gen Secretary led delegation of Akhnoor Road traders called on Executive Director NHIDCL Jammu and projected number of issues which this business community was confronting due to construction of flyover.

Gaurav asserted that there are approximately 500 traders who have been affected due to road widening and flyover work and therefore it is first and foremost requirement that adequate parking slots be provided for those who want to have business dealings with the traders in the aforesaid stretch as with the changed scenario parking has become a big



CCI members interacting with Executive Director NHIDCL Jammu.

issue. He advised the NHIDCL official to utilize the space underneath the flyover by developing the same as designated parking so that the need to go for specific parking building gets eliminated and the concerned people can utilize the space in the best possible way.

The Chamber's General Secretary said that developing parking between the pillars of flyover like the case in Delhi and Ludhiana, will resolve the issue to a large extent and no extra cost will be incurred to change the space into parking slots.

After giving a patient hearing, the Executive Director NHIDCL was impressed by the idea and he readily accepted the same for execution.

It is pertinent to mention that the CCI President Arun Gupta had called on Divisional Commissioner Jammu Dr Raghav Langer about three days ago and discussed the aforesaid issue for finding an early resolution as the construction work on Akhnoor Road was creating hindrances in the businesses of the local traders having shops in the vicinity.

As a panacea, the Divisional Commissioner has assured the CCI President that he will arrange a meeting of the Chamber with the NHIDCL officials to sort out the issues regarding the Akhnoor Road traders. Today's meeting was the follow up of the aforesaid interaction of CCI President with Dr Langer.

Valley artisans suffering due to malpractices of vested interests

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SRINAGAR: As per data available, there are about 8 lakh artisans in Jammu and Kashmir, indulged in more than seven types of handicraft works, which included Pashmina, Carpets, Papier-Mache, Wood Carving, Crewel, and Copper Antique. Despite several steps taken by administration to strengthen handicrafts and other allied sectors in Kashmir, the situation of the same has not improved much as condition of Pashmina, Carpet-making, Paper-Mache and other related works is deteriorating day by day.

Kashmiri artisans, who kept the handicrafts trade alive despite facing numerous challenges, are facing the most difficult times but the Government has not come forward to mitigate their sufferings during last several decades due to unrest and thereafter pandemic, which affected the already suffering class to great extent. Those who are associated with these sectors are claiming that administration has also started GI tag system to ensure good quality of each handicrafts besides promoting them to international markets, but it is really unfortunate to say that there are a number of vested-interests who are cheating people in name of

Kashmiri brands, due to which Kashmiri craft is facing huge losses and causing financial burden on ground level workers, majority of whom are daily-earners and completely dependent on the sector.

Kashmiri Pashmina shawl artisans are facing worst-ever times as they are struggling a lot to make their both ends meet.

Local artisans said that Kashmir-made Pashmina shawl possess unique identity across the world however due to intervention of few vested interests, it is losing its identity. "Few locals are duping outsiders in name of Pashmina and selling them fake material for petty gains," they alleged, adding, "Pashmina is made by hand, however some people dupe customers by selling them machine-made shawls as an outsider customer hardly knows difference between real and fake."

According to Pashmina artisans, the malpractice has devastated the livelihood of thousands who were earning handsome livelihood in past. They appealed to LG to direct the concerned authorities for taking some action against all such elements who deceive customers in name of handmade Pashmina, as with this trend in place, the future of trade is unsecure.

Juvenile in conflict with law acquitted in BOPEE scam case

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SRINAGAR: Srinagar Court acquitted a juvenile in Conflict with Law (JCL) in a Board of Professional Entrance Examination (BOPEE) paper scam case of 2012. After hearing prosecution and defence counsel, Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) Srinagar presided over by Principal Magistrate Touseef Ahmad Magray and Members Dr Khair-ul-Nissa and Dr Asima Hassan said that nothing incriminating has been brought on record against JCL. The charge-sheet in the case was submitted before Court in 2014 and JCL got acquittal after trial of around Seven Years. "Keeping in view the facts and circumstance and keeping in view the fact that there is no incriminating evidence against JCL on record, which can be put to them, the examination of JCL under Section 342 CrPC (power of court to examine accused with

respect to incriminating evidence) is dispensed with," the Court directed, adding, "Juvenile in Conflict with Law are accordingly acquitted of charges with respect to commission of offences under Section 5(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 420, read with 120-B RPC." The court added that the bail and surety bonds furnished on behalf of JCL stand cancelled and discharged. It was last juvenile in BOPEE scam case who was acquitted.

Earlier, JJB has acquitted five juveniles in the case. Of total 60 accused in case, six juveniles were tried by Juvenile Justice Board headed by Touseef Ahmad Magray and other 54 faced trial by Special Anti-Corruption Court, Srinagar, out of which 46 were convicted and eight were acquitted by Special Anti-Corruption Court, Srinagar in 2018.

CME & workshop for ultrasound-guided regional blocks held at GMC Jammu

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JAMMU: A two-day CME and Workshop for ultrasound-guided regional blocks was organized by the Department of Anesthesiology & Critical Care under the aegis of Indian Society of Anaesthesia at GMC Jammu.

Principal GMC Jammu, Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, inaugurated the CME cum Workshop which was attended by over 70 delegates from across J&K. The CME cum Workshop was conducted under the guidance and supervision of Dr Smriti Gulati, HoD Anesthesiology and ICU as Chairperson. Prominent senior faculty who deliberated and interacted with participants during the event included Dr Kulbhushan Gupta HoD Radio-diagnosis & Imaging, Dr Jyoti Khanna, Dr Anju Jamwal and Dr Anita Vig.

Dr Rajesh Mahajan, senior consultant was Organizing Secretary while Dr Naine Bhadrala was Joint Secretary and Dr Shruti Gupta conducted proceedings.

Eminent faculty from AIIMS New Delhi Prof (Dr) Jyotsna Punj, Prof (Dr) Renu Sinha and Prof (Dr) R Pandey were resource-persons. The CME will enhance the capability of the Department and Institute resource in regional blocks for anesthesia and pain medicine, enabling patients to get high-quality facilities in pain management. The CME was attended by a number of faculty members, senior residents and post-graduates.



Organisers presenting bouquet to Principal GMC Jammu, Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma.

Parliament resolved on 22nd Feb 1994 demanding Pakistan must vacate PoJK & it was for GoI to execute

► 1947 PoJK DP families have remained for 75 years without receiving claims of properties left behind

► Narendra Modi did make a fair use of Art-370 in 2019 - Hope he also executes 22nd Feb 1994 Parliament Resolution

► Unless that is done return of peace & stability in 'J&K' may not be there for some more decades

■ DAYA SAGAR

When the Instrument of Accession was signed on 26th Oct 1947 by the Maharaja of Indian princely state of J&K with India dominion the Pakistani 'raiders' had already launched open attack since 22nd October 1947 on the J&K borders on Pakistan side, India had just attained independence in August 1947 and the Indian defence forces were still under the 'half commands' of the British officers and like must be kept in immediate focus while studying the odds of the circumstances under which Indian army / air force had to fight after being despatched to Kashmir on 27th October 1947 where PVC Maj Som Nath Sharma (1st PVC) made extreme sacrifice to defend Srinagar/ Badgam Airport thereby enabling Indian troops to still save large part of Kashmir Valley (72%) & Ladakh Region (59%) and PVC Naik Yadu Nath Singh (2nd PVC) too made extreme sacrifice that enabled the Indian troops to save around 72.5% of the Jammu Region from Pakistani occupation. In the interest of common peace (both India & Pakistan having just become independent dominions) through letter dated 1st January,1948, addressed to the President of the UN Security Council the Representative of India to UN had conveyed a complaint against Pakistan saying < that Government of India had instructed him to transmit to him (President of Security Council) the complaint , as received via telegraphic communication , the para -1 of which said <"1. Under Article 35 of the Charter of the United Nations, any member may bring any situation whose continuance is likely to endanger the maintenance of interna-

tional peace and security to the attention of the Security Council. Such a situation now exists between India and Pakistan owing to the aid which invaders, consisting of nationals of Pakistan and of tribesmen from the territory immediately adjoining Pakistan on the north-west, are drawing from Pakistan for operations against Jammu and Kashmir; a State which has acceded to the Dominion of India and is part of India. The Government of India request the Security Council to call upon Pakistan to put an end immediately to the giving of such assistance, which is an act of aggression against India. If Pakistan does not do so, the Government of India may be compelled, in self- defence, to enter Pakistan territory in order to take military action against the invaders. The matter is, therefore, one of extreme urgency and calls for immediate action by the Security Council for avoiding a breach of international peace" >.

After the 1st January 1948 complaint and ceasefire of 01-01-1949 there was 1965 Pak initiated Indo -Pak War and then was again 1971 Indo -Pak war where in Indian forces did enter Pakistan and although a new republic of Bangla Desh was created out of Pakistan by the then Prime Minister of India Mrs Indira Priyadarshani Gandhi (Pride of India) but Pakistan Occupied areas of Indian State of J&K (PoJK) still remained unrecaptured / freed from Pakistan, may be India still valued the role of UN.

Pakistan continued ill activities for destabilising development process and disturbing peace in J&K through indirect means/ methods by supporting the anti India elements / militancy in and

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cuted / got executed by Executive/ Government of India.

As far as declaring that The State of

Jammu & Kashmir has been, is and

shall be an integral part of India it can-

not be taken as resolution for execution

since it was just reiteration of Art-1 of

Constitution of India / Section-3 of J&K

Constitution

No doubt the resolve that all attempts

to interfere in the internal affairs of

India will be met resolutely too was for

GOI to execute but it was not necessary

involving some direct material action.

Once again it was a war initiated by

Pakistan in 1999 along Ladakh region

of J&K that did end in only throwing

out the Pakistan intruders/ forces from

areas intruded in 1999 and 1947

PoJK areas still remained unrecaptured.

But as regards "Pakistan must vacate

occupied areas" even after 22-02-1994

no wherein record GOI has even formally asked Pakistan to vacate PoJK

by a particular date. Even UN has not

been able to get occupied areas J&K

vacated from Pakistan and the position

has not changed even when we have now landed in 2022.

Many of the leaders/associations/

societies talk of the Parliament

Resolution every year on 22nd

February and are observing it regularly

as a 'day' after 2010 or so, where too

most of them introduce the resolution

more as Parliament resolving that The

State of Jammu & Kashmir has been, is

and shall be an integral part of India

where as that day it was reiterated that

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Art-1 of Constitution of India / Section-



NC, Congress, PDP did injustice with Tribals: Ravinder Raina

Open Gym near DRDO Hospital glaring example of funds misuse by JMC

Monstrous garbage piles, uneven leveling, lack of esthetics galore but Municipality remains unmoved

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JAMMU: There could be no better example of draining public exchequer than the money spent on so-called development work of constructing an open gymnasium near DRDO Hospital in Bhagwati Nagar where the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has shown the Jammus its expertise in wasting government money to the hilt.

The place which the civic body has chosen for the purpose against the will of locals is marred with so many deficiencies that a resident will never dare to visit the place which is filthy, accident prone due to absence of leveling exercise, and can be termed as the ugliest spot in the vicinity. The arbitrariness of the JMC has reached new heights while dealing with this so-called development project that it ignored the repeated requests by the local Corporator to at least fence the area to stop stray animals from venturing out there. It was nobility of the aforesaid Corporator that out of his pocket he managed to raise the fencing but the other issues still haunt the open gym as the filth in the vicinity is unbearable and the uneven surface is inviting accidents day in and day out.

The equipments which have been placed in the aforesaid gym are eight in number but without laying tiles and mechanism to clean the surface it is likely that the half-hearted initiative will go in vain with JMC



of this open gym in Bhagwati Nagar; the people living in the adjoining localities will get a lot of convenience. People of adjoining localities Puran Nagar, Gol Colony, Bhavani Nagar, DC Colony will be able to exercise and walk here. Due to the casual approach of the Engineering Wing of Jammu Municipal Corporation this could not be possible.

Sucha Singh, Corporator of Ward Number 31, rued that JMC officials have not taken him into confidence while executing the work on the aforesaid gym. He said that he had promised the people that along with laying of tiles the open gym would be set up with steel or iron fencing but the same is missing. "I spent nearly Rs 17,000 from my pocket and got the iron fencing done to avoid any untoward incident and also executed other works", the Corporator said, adding that JMC's unprofessional approach in the matter is uncalled for and still there is time to mend ways and do the needful in ensuring proper facilities in the aforesaid gym.

With the proper construction

3 of J&K Constitution) where as the day is to remind GOI that Pakistan must be asked to Vacate the occupied areas by an appointed date is the real operative part of Feb 22nd 1994 resolution.

Some may be even alleging that The political leaderships have been using the 22nd Feb 1994 Parliament resolution more to 'trumpet' that they are very much 'concerned' about the erstwhile State of J&K as Indian territory. Very pointed questions have been asked in parliament (Rajya Sabha unstarred question NO.2957 <Measures Taken To Liberate PoK > for 21-03-2018; Lok Sabha Q* NO.32 < Illegally Occupied Areas > of December 12, 2018; Lok Sabha unstarred Q. No 2977 on 11-03-2020) but no material worth understanding that in view of UNO having failed to execute the Indian complaint against Pakistan as of 01-01-1948 and in terms of Parliament having asked Pakistan through a resolution on 22nd Feb 1994 to vacate occupied areas government of India has moved ahead asking Pakistan to vacate the occupied areas by an appointed date.

Still the common man keeps on hoping that one day India will surely set a firm date before Pakistan for vacating the PoJK 1947 areas. It is more so since the present NDA-III government did make a fair use of Art-370 in 2019 and has the mandate & moral support of the Indian people to make a decision regarding executing 22nd Feb 1994 Parliament Resolution. Not only that even the 1947- times displaced families belonging to areas of J&K occupied by Pakistan (PoJK DP families) who might have grown from about 40000 units to atleast 1,50,000 family units by now have remained for nearly 75 years without receiving claims of the properties left behind since as per government of India policy their properties in PoJK are to be restored to them by making their return to ancestral lands possible (GOI pleads "POJK" is a part of India so any action to register DP's properties for claims could give rise to the feeling that GOI has given up the hope for return of territory illegally held by Pakistan). Unless 22nd Feb 1994 Parliament resolution is executed in some form by GOI the return of peace and stability in "the J&K" may not be there for some more decades. Some solution has to be arrived atleast now through direct call on Pakistan since UNO has failed to facilitate the return of Indian territory and PoJK DPs to their ancestral hearths.

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